

regulations for this Act issued by the Department of Justice and the Department of Agriculture requires recipients of RBS, RHS, RUS, and FSA's program assistance to collect information on the race/national origin of the beneficiaries of their specific programs. This information is used by the RBS, RHS, RUS, and FSA for compliance review and monitoring purposes for Title VI.

b. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (as amended) ("Title VIII). Section 808a of Title VIII (42 U.S.C. 3608a (1988)), in pertinent part, requires the Secretary of Agriculture to collect racial and ethnic data on beneficiaries and recipients of USDA housing programs. Furthermore, the implementing regulations issued by the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and adopted by the RBS, RHS, RUS, and FSA, requires recipients and other participants in RHS's housing programs affirmatively to further fair housing by providing housing and the opportunity to acquire housing in a non-discriminatory fashion. One way to demonstrate compliance with Title VIII is to prepare affirmative fair housing marketing plans, and to collect and maintain data to reflect compliance with the requirements of that plan. Furthermore, under the Memorandum of Understanding between HUD and USDA, many complaints of fair housing violation by USDA recipients will be processed by HUD. The collection and maintenance of these data will assist in this enforcement effort.

c. Executive Order 11246. The implementing regulations issued by the Department of Labor (DOL) and adopted by the RBS, RHS, RUS, and FSA, require recipients of Federally assisted construction contracts of \$10,000 or more to maintain goals for hiring minorities and females, and to submit employment utilization reports to the DOL's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs.

The information collected and maintained by the recipients of certain programs from RBS, RHS, RUS, and FSA is used internally by these agencies for monitoring compliance with the civil rights laws and regulations. This information is made available to USDA officials, officials of other Federal agencies, and to Congress for reporting purposes. Without the required information, RBS, RHS, RUS, FSA and its recipients will lack the necessary documentation to demonstrate that their programs are being administered in a nondiscriminatory manner and in full compliance with the civil rights laws. In addition, the RBS, RHS, RUS, and FSA, and their recipients would be

vulnerable in lawsuits alleging discrimination in the affected programs of these agencies and would be without appropriate data and documentation to defend themselves by demonstrating that services and benefits are being provided to beneficiaries on an equal opportunity basis.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Recipients of RBS, RHS, RUS, and FSA's Federal financial assistance, loan, and loan guarantee programs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 19,565.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 5.40.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 533,017.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Richard Gartman, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, at (202) 720-9745.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Rural Development, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agencies' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Richard Gartman, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Ag Box 0743, Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 20, 1998.

Jill Long Thompson,

Under Secretary, Rural Development.

Dated: April 4, 1998.

August Schumacher, Jr.,

Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

List of Warehouses and Availability of List of Cancellations and/or Terminations

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of publication.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Farm Service Agency has published a list of warehouses licensed under the United States Warehouse Act (7 U.S.C. 241 *et. seq.*) as of December 31, 1997, as required by section 26 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 266). A list of cancellations or terminations that occurred during calendar year 1997 is also available. Interested persons may obtain a copy of either list from the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Fry, Farm Service Agency, Warehouse and Inventory Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0553, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0553; e-mail requests may be sent: Judy—Fry@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.; telephone 202-720-3822.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on April 24, 1998.

Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL

Foreign Agricultural Service

Types and Quantities of Agricultural Commodities Available for Donation Overseas Under Section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as Amended, in Fiscal Year 1998

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On April 6, 1998, the Secretary of Agriculture determined that 10,500 metric tons of nonfortified nonfat dry milk packaged in 25 kilogram bags are available for donation overseas under section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, during fiscal year 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ira Branson, Director, CCC Program Support Division, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-3573.

Dated: April 28, 1998.

Christopher E. Goldthwait,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade and Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees for Trade Meetings

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade (APAC) and the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees for Trade (ATACs) will hold meetings during the period of May 1, 1998–December 20, 1998. The meetings will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. agricultural trade policy that include, but are not limited to, issues concerning GATT accession negotiations with various countries; U.S./Mexico bilateral agricultural trade issues; U.S./Canada bilateral agricultural trade issues; international sanitary and phytosanitary barriers to trade; and WTO Uruguay Round Agreement implementation issues.

Pursuant to section 2155(f)(2) of title 19 of the United States Code, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that these meetings will be concerned solely with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the United States Government of trade policy priorities, negotiating objectives, bargaining positions. Accordingly, these meetings will be closed to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenues, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250 unless an alternate site is necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pate Felts, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative at (202) 395-6120 or Paula Thomasson, Joint Executive Secretary, Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, at (202) 720-6829.

Dated: April 28, 1998.

Lon Hatamiya,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Champaign (IL), Eastern Iowa (IA), and Enid (OK) Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc. (Champaign), Eastern-Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Eastern Iowa), and Enid Grain Inspection Company, Inc. (Enid), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, at 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the December 1, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 63513), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Champaign and Enid to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by December 30 1997. Champaign and Enid, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

In the December 17, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 66051), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic area assigned to Eastern Iowa to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by January 15 1998. Eastern Iowa, the only applicant, applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Champaign, Eastern Iowa, and Enid were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on them.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Champaign, Eastern Iowa, and Enid are able to provide official services in the geographic areas

for which they applied. Effective June 1, 1998, and ending May 31, 2001, Champaign is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the December 1, 1997, **Federal Register**. Effective August 1, 1998, and ending May 31, 2001, Eastern Iowa is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the December 17, 1997, **Federal Register**. Effective July 1, 1998, and ending May 31, 2001, Enid is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the December 1, 1997, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Champaign at 217-398-0723, Eastern Iowa at 319-322-7149, and Enid at 405-233-1121.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 27, 1998.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resource Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, New York State Office.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices, Section IV of the New York State NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS to issue a series of new conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These new standards include; Agrichemical Mixing Facility (NY702) and Record Keeping (NY748).

DATES: Comments will be received on or before June 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to Richard D. Swenson, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 441 S. Salina Street, Fifth Floor, Suite 354, Syracuse, New York, 13202-2450. Copies of these standards are available by request from the above individual.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agricultural