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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 7, 2008.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Processed Fruits and Vegetable and Related Products—7 CFR 52.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0123.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(h) requires and directs the Department of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out voluntary inspection and grading services of processed fruits and vegetables on a fee for service basis. The Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Processed Fruit and Vegetables and Related Products (7 CFR part 52) authorizes the collection of information to assure that the products sampled, inspected, graded and certified are actually the products requested to be sampled and inspected.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) uses the data collected for grading and certification purposes and for hiring licensed samplers. The following forms are used by AMS for information collection: FV-159, *Application for Inspection of Unofficially Submitted Samples of Food Products*, the information collected is used to determine the purpose for which the inspection is desired for unofficially submitted samples. FV-356, *Application for Inspection and Certificate of Sampling*, the information is used to fill in the respondent's name and address, and to describe the containers, the location code marks and the number of containers in the lot. FV-468, *Application for License to Sample Processed Foods*, the information collected is used to hire prospective employees desiring to become licensed to sample processed foods and to certify as to the identification, location, kinds and condition of containers of processed products that are sampled.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1,406.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 642.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Organic Assessment Exemption under Commodity Research and Promotion Programs.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0217.

Summary of Collection: Under the 2002 Farm Bill, Section 501 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIR Act) was amended on May 13, 2002. The FAIR Act amendment covers research and promotion programs established under the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 or freestanding legislation. Any person that produces and markets solely 100 percent organic products, and does not produce any conventional or non-organic products, is exempt from paying assessments.

Need and Use of the Information: To be exempt from paying assessments, applicants must submit form AMS-15 to the applicable board or council prior to or during the initial applicable assessment period, and annually thereafter, as long as the applicant continues to be eligible for the exemption. The information collected will include name, company name, address, type of operation, list of commodities produced, a copy of the applicant's organic farm or organic handling operation certificate provided by a USDA-accredited certifying agent.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 2,465.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,233.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1902-A, Supervised Bank Accounts.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0158.

Summary of Collection: 7 CFR 1902-A, Supervised Bank Accounts, prescribes the policies and procedures for disbursing loan and grant funds, establishing and closing supervised accounts, and placing Multi-Family housing reserve accounts in supervised accounts. Supervised accounts are accounts with a financial institution in the names of a borrower and the United States Government, represented by Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service, or Farm Service Agency (Agency). Section 339 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S.C. 1989 and Section 510 of the Housing Act of 1949, 42 U.S.C. 1480 are the legislative authority requiring the use of supervised accounts.

Need and Use of the Information: The agency's state and field offices will

collect information from borrowers and financial institutions and use the information to monitor compliance with agency regulations governing supervised accounts, such as establishing, maintaining, and withdrawing funds. In addition, the information will be used to ensure that the borrowers operate on a sound basis and use the loan and grant funds for authorized purposes.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 26,953.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2007-0047]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), are sponsoring a public meeting on January 16, 2008. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the 8th Session of the Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters (CCNMW) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Lugano, Switzerland on February 11-15, 2008.

The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 8th Session of the CCNMW and to address items that will be on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 1A001, FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), Harvey Wiley Federal

Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. Codex documents related to the 8th Session of the CCNMW will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The Acting U.S. Delegate to the CCNMW, Dr. Henry Kim, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: Register electronically to the same e-mail address above. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building and its parking area. If you require parking, please include the vehicle make and tag number, if known, when you register. Because the meeting will be held in a Federal building, you should also bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 8TH SESSION OF THE CCNMW CONTACT: Henry Kim, Acting U.S. Delegate to the CCNMW, Office of Food Safety, CFSAN, FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway (HFS-317), College Park, MD 20740, Phone: (301) 436-2023, Fax: (301) 436-2651, e-mail: henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Edith Kennard, Staff Officer, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 720-5261, Fax: (202) 720-3157, e-mail: edith.kennard@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters (CCNMW) was established by the Commission as a regional Codex Committee, but has since been allocated the task of elaborating worldwide standards for natural mineral waters and bottled (packaged) water other than natural