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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 23, 2012.

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) 720-8958.

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.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Debt Settlement Policies and Procedures

OMB Control Number: 0560-0146

Summary of Collection: Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) of 1996 and 4 CFR 102, Federal Claim Collection standard and other applicable regulation require each Federal agency to collect debts owed it, and to employ a cost effective and efficient procedures and methods to identify, report and collect debts. Provisions under the Federal Claims Collection Standards and the DCIA allow the debtor upon receiving a notification letter and unable to pay debt owed to the Federal Government in one lump sum, to forward a written request and financial statement to Farm Service Administration (FSA) and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for establishing an agreed repayment plan in the promissory note using form CCC-279, *Promissory Note*.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information on the debtor's assets, liabilities, income and expenses when a debtor requests to enter into an installment agreement to settle their debt. Based on that information a determination can be made on whether the debtor can pay the debt in one lump sum or an installment is necessary. Without this financial information FSA/CCC would have no method of allowing debtor's to pay their debts in installments while still ensuring that the government's financial interests are protected.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 200.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Assignments of Payments and Joint Payment Authorizations

OMB Control Number: 0560-0183.

Summary of Collection: The Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(g)) authorizes producers to assign, in writing, Farm Service Agency (FSA) conservation program payments. The statute requires that any such assignment be signed and witnessed. The Agricultural Act of 1949,

as amended, extends that authority to Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) programs, including rice, feed grains, cotton, and wheat. When the recipient of a FSA or CCC payment chooses to assign a payment to another party or have the payment made jointly with another party, the other party must be identified. FSA will collect information using forms CCC-36, CCC 37, CCC-251, CCC-252.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected on the forms will be used by FSA employee in order to record the payment or contract being assigned, the amount of the assignment, the date, and the name and address of the assignee and the assignor. This is to enable FSA employee to pay the proper party when payments become due. FSA will also use the information to terminate joint payments at the request of both the producer and joint payee.

Description of Respondent: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 211,826.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 35,266.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2012-0040]

Notice of Availability of a Treatment Evaluation Document; Methyl Bromide Fumigation of Cottonseed

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have determined that it is necessary to immediately add to the Plant Protection and Quarantine Treatment Manual a treatment schedule for methyl bromide fumigation of cottonseed for the fungal plant pathogen *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *vasinfectum* (FOV). We have prepared a treatment evaluation document that describes the new treatment schedule and explains why we have determined that it is

effective at neutralizing FOV, certain strains of which are quarantine pests. We are making the treatment evaluation document available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before July 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/> #!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0040-0001.

- **Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:** Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2012-0040, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/> #!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0040 or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Marc Phillips, Import Specialist, Regulatory Coordination and Compliance, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 156, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-2114.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in 7 CFR chapter III are intended, among other things, to prevent the introduction or dissemination of plant pests and noxious weeds into or within the United States. Under the regulations, certain plants, fruits, vegetables, and other articles must be treated before they may be moved into the United States or interstate. The phytosanitary treatments regulations contained in part 305 of 7 CFR chapter III (referred to below as the regulations) set out standards for treatments required in parts 301, 318, and 319 of 7 CFR chapter III for fruits, vegetables, and other articles.

In § 305.2, paragraph (b) states that approved treatment schedules are set out in the Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) Treatment Manual.¹

Section 305.3 sets out a process for adding, revising, or removing treatment schedules in the PPQ Treatment Manual. In that section, paragraph (b) sets out the process for adding, revising, or removing treatment schedules when there is an immediate need to make a change. The circumstances in which an immediate need exists are described in § 305.3(b)(1). They are:

- PPQ has determined that an approved treatment schedule is ineffective at neutralizing the targeted plant pest(s).
- PPQ has determined that, in order to neutralize the targeted plant pest(s), the treatment schedule must be administered using a different process than was previously used.
- PPQ has determined that a new treatment schedule is effective, based on efficacy data, and that ongoing trade in a commodity or commodities may be adversely impacted unless the new treatment schedule is approved for use.
- The use of a treatment schedule is no longer authorized by EPA or by any other Federal entity.

We have determined a new methyl bromide fumigation treatment schedule to neutralize the fungal pathogen *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *vasinfectum* (FOV) on cottonseed (*Gossypium* spp.) is effective, and we have determined that ongoing trade in cottonseed will be adversely impacted unless the new treatment schedule is approved for use.

Certain strains of FOV are present in Australia and not in the United States—specifically FOV vegetative compatibility groups (VCG) 01111 and 01112. These strains are quarantine pests and could have significant impacts on U.S. cotton production. They are currently found only in Australia. Fumigation with methyl bromide was the only approved treatment for FOV VCG 01111 and 01112, so when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) canceled the tolerance for methyl bromide on cottonseed, trade ceased.

However, in a proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on April 6, 2012 (77 FR 20752–20756), EPA proposed to reinstate the tolerance of methyl bromide on cottonseed, which would allow trade with Australia to resume if an effective treatment schedule is added to the PPQ Treatment Manual. It is important to resume trade in cottonseed with Australia as soon as possible because fumigated cottonseed can be used as animal feed, and the supply of domestic animal feed has been hurt by recent droughts in cotton-

growing regions of the United States. In addition, while FOV VCG 01111 and 01112 are currently found only in Australia, this treatment will also be available should those VCG be found in other countries that wish to export cottonseed to the United States.

Therefore, in accordance with paragraph (b)(2) of § 305.3, we are adding the new methyl bromide fumigation treatment for cottonseed to the PPQ Treatment Manual as T301–e. This treatment schedule will be listed in a separate section of the PPQ Treatment Manual, which will indicate that T301–e was added through the immediate process described in paragraph (b) of § 305.3 and that it is subject to change or removal based on public comment. Although we expect that EPA will finalize the proposed rule to reinstate the tolerance soon, the tolerance is not currently established, meaning that this treatment schedule will not be authorized for use until the EPA proposal is finalized.

Our determination that the new treatment schedule T301–e is effective is presented in a treatment evaluation document we have prepared to support this action. The treatment evaluation document may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the treatment evaluation document by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the subject of the treatment evaluation document when requesting copies.

After reviewing the comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the new treatment schedule that is described in the treatment evaluation document in a subsequent notice, in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of § 305.3. If we do not receive any comments, or the comments we receive do not change our determination that the treatment is effective, we will affirm the treatment schedule's addition to the PPQ Treatment Manual and make available a new version of the PPQ Treatment Manual in which T301–e is listed in the main body of the PPQ Treatment Manual. If we receive comments that cause us to determine that T301–e needs to be changed or removed, we will make available a new version of the PPQ Treatment Manual that reflects changes to or the removal of T301–e.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

¹ The Treatment Manual is available on the Internet at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/index.shtml or by contacting the Animal and Plant Health Inspection

Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Manuals Unit, 92 Thomas Johnson Drive, Suite 200, Frederick, MD 21702.

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of May 2012.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Meeting; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act

AGENCY: Rocky Mountain Region, Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Colorado Recreation Resource Advisory Committee will tentatively meet in Colorado Springs, CO. The purpose of the meeting is to continue to provide new members with the information they need to be effective committee members; to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair; and to review proposals for fee changes and new fee projects. These fee proposals will tentatively include two new cabin rentals, a new fee at the Buckeye Group Site, fee changes to Green Mountain Reservoir and the elimination of fees at Cataract Lake. There will also be an update of changes at the Mt. Evans fee site. Proposals can be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r2/rac-colorado>.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 12, 2012 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and June 13 from 8 a.m.–1:00 p.m. or when adjourned. This meeting will only be held if a quorum is present.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 314 West Bijou Street, Colorado Springs, CO in the Bordeaux Room. Send written comments to Rick Cooksey, Designated Federal Officer, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, WY 82070 or rcooksey@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Leche, Colorado Recreation Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, at 303-275-5349 or jleche@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring recreation fee matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. A public input session will be provided and individuals who made written requests by May 29, 2012 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at the meeting.

Meeting agenda and status can be found at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r2/rac-colorado>.

The Recreation RAC is authorized by the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, which was signed into law by President Bush in December 2004.

Dated: May 18, 2012.

Maribeth Gustafson,

Deputy Regional Forester, Operations, Rocky Mountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; 2012 Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons (SBO)

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before July 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Katherine Russell, U.S. Census Bureau, CSD, 6K280A, Washington, DC 20233-6400, (301) 763-7094, katherine.russell@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to conduct the 2012 Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons (SBO). In the SBO, businesses are asked several questions about their business as well as several questions about the gender, ethnicity, race, and veteran status of the

principal owner(s). This survey provides the only comprehensive, regularly collected source of information on the characteristics of U.S. businesses by ownership category, i.e., by gender, ethnicity, race, and veteran status. The survey is conducted as part of the economic census program. The economic census is required by law to be taken every 5 years under Title 13 of the United States Code, Sections 131, 193, and 224.

Businesses which reported any business activity on any one of the following Internal Revenue Service tax forms will be eligible for selection: 1040 (Schedule C), "Profit or Loss from Business (Sole Proprietorship); 1065, U.S. Return of Partnership Income; 941, "Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return"; 944, "Employer's Annual Federal Tax Return"; or any one of the 1120 corporate tax forms.

The Survey of Business Owners was last conducted in 2007 as part of the 2007 Economic Census. The following changes have been made to the 2012 SBO:

- To reduce the SBO sample size, mailing and processing costs, and respondent burden, the Census Bureau is expanding its use of direct data substitution from existing data sources.
- Select businesses will be mailed the new 2012 SBO-2 short form with 39 fewer questions to answer than the 2012 SBO-1 long form.
- Spanish versions of the SBO-1 and the SBO-2 forms will be available upon request.
- The first eight questions from the 2007 SBO-1 form have been reorganized into three questions on the 2012 SBO-1 and SBO-2 forms to improve navigation through the form.
- The veteran question has been revised and expanded to collect information on whether the veteran was service-disabled, served on active duty or as a reservist during the survey year, served on active duty at any time, and served on active duty after September 11, 2001. The revised and expanded wording for the veteran categories and the collection of the additional service characteristics reflects input received during consultations with many leaders in the veteran community. Input was received from, among others, the Department of Defense, the Veterans Administration, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Veterans' Affairs, the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, the Small Business Administration, the American Legion, VET-Force, and AMVETS.
- Interest from researchers on the possible correlation between intellectual