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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TM-96-00-100]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs (ATP) program based on reestimates reflecting actual use of the program over the last 9 years.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before April 12, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Brian M. McGregor, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), AMS, Transportation and Marketing Division (TMD), Shipper and Exporter Assistance Program, Room 1217 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456, Telephone (202) 690-1319, Fax (202) 690-1340.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs.

OMB Number: 0581-0165.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 1996.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Customers in Europe who want to purchase U.S.-manufactured refrigerated trailers require the trailers

be certified in accordance with the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for Such Carriage (ATP). The United States acceded to this treaty in fiscal year 1983.

With respect to U.S. treaty obligations and under the authority of the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Act (7 U.S.C. 4401-4406) and the regulations (7 CFR 3300), the USDA certifies, upon request from U.S. manufacturers and their European customers, that U.S.-built refrigerated trailers are properly insulated and capable of maintaining prescribed temperatures for the carriage of frozen food and chilled meat, poultry, fish, seafood, and dairy products.

The information collected on the Office of Transportation (OT) forms OT-8 through OT-15 are based on forms in the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs agreement and is the minimum information necessary for USDA to properly certify refrigerated trailers in accordance with U.S. treaty obligations.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15.2 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. refrigerated trailer manufacturers and testing stations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.25 response per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 76 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Brian M. McGregor, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, at (202) 690-1319.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 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; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of the appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Send comments to Brian M. McGregor, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, USDA, AMS, TMD, Shipper and Exporter Assistance Program, Room 1217 South Building, P. O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456, Telephone (202) 690-1319, Fax (202) 690-1340.

All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in Room 1217.

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: February 5, 1996.

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Administrator.

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Notice of Program Continuation

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for fiscal year 1996 grant funds under the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) was allocated \$1,200,000 in the Federal budget for fiscal year 1996. Funds remain available for this program. States interested in obtaining funds under the program are invited to submit proposals. While only State Departments of Agriculture or other appropriate State Agencies are eligible to apply for funds, State Agencies are encouraged to involve industry organizations in the development of proposals and the conduct of projects.

DATES: Applications will be accepted through June 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Proposals may be sent to Dr. Larry V. Summers, FSMIP, Staff Officer, Transportation and Marketing Division, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2949 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Larry V. Summers, (202) 720-2704.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FSMIP is authorized under Section 204(b) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7