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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.

Lon Hatamiya,

Administrator.

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[TM-96-00-200]

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

U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*). The program is a matching fund program designed to assist State Departments of Agriculture in conducting studies or developing innovative approaches related to the marketing of agricultural products. Other organizations interested in participating in this program should contact their State Department of Agriculture's Marketing Division to discuss their proposal.

Mutually acceptable proposals must be submitted through the State Agency and be accompanied by a completed Standard Form 424 and detailed budget statement. FSMIP funds may not be used for advertising or, with limited exceptions, for the purchase of equipment or facilities. Guidelines may be obtained from your State Department of Agriculture or the above AMS contact.

States are encouraged to submit proposals aimed at:

- (1) Identifying and evaluating new uses, markets, and marketing systems for agricultural products, both domestically and internationally;
- (2) Improving the efficiency of marketing processes and systems, including direct marketing, to enhance competitiveness and profitability;
- (3) Improving or maintaining the quality and marketability of agricultural products through new handling, processing, and distribution techniques; and,
- (4) Assessing opportunities for alternative crops, direct marketing, and farmers' markets to enhance income and market access for small or limited resource farmers.

Proposals addressing other marketing objectives or issues also will receive consideration.

FSMIP is listed in the "Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance" under number 10.156 and subject agencies must adhere to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars discrimination in all Federally assisted programs.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: February 5, 1996.

Lon Hatamiya,
Administrator.

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Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended, this notice announces the Farm Service Agency's intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of Eminent Domain Acquisitions.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Earline J. Brown, Agricultural Program Specialist, Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, USDA, FSA, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013, (202) 690-4501.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Eminent Domain Acquisitions: Reallocating Allotments, Quotas, and Bases.

OMB Number: 0560-0033.

Expiration of Approval Date: February 29, 1996.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, sections 377 and 378, pages 12-6 through 12-8 of the Compilation of Statutes, provides for pooling and transferring of allotments for any commodity for any land from which the owner is displaced because of acquisition of the land by any Federal, State or local agency having the power of eminent domain. An acquisition, with respect to land, is a taking, under the power of eminent domain by a Federal, State, or other agency of: title to land, an impoundment easement on land, or a flowage easement on land. An owner is considered displaced from a farm acquired under the eminent domain power exercised by the Federal, State, or local agency.

The eminent domain pool is a reverse of allotments, quotas, bases, and irrigated acreage maximum (IAM's) for the base years, held for displaced owners for transfer to other farms they own or purchase. The information is manually recorded on ASCS-177 (Record of Pooled Farm Allotment, Quota or CAB and IAM) and ASCS-178 (Application for Transfer of Allotment, Quota or CAB and IAM from Pool), by county office employees from county office records and from information obtained from the displaced owner. The information is used when transferring the allotment, quota, base, or IAM's at the displaced owner's request, to other land owned or acquired by the

displaced owner within 3 years of the date of the owner's displacement.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one-half hour per response.

Respondents: These collections are used by farms and not small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,000 hours.

Comments regarding (a) whether the proposed collection of information are 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 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 the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Earline J. Brown, Agricultural Program Specialist, Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, Farm Service Agency, USDA, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415; telephone (202) 690-4501. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Earline J. Brown at the above address.

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.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 5, 1996.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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Food and Consumer Service

Information Collection Requirements Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: Form FCS-143, Claim for Reimbursement (Summer Food Service Program)

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.