

Estimated Total Annual Burden:
107,135.

Dated: April 23, 1996.

William E. Ludwig,

Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Child Nutrition Labeling Program

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Food and Consumer Service (FCS) to request OMB review of information collection activities related to the Child Nutrition Labeling Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: 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 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; (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. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval, and will become a matter of public record. Send comments to: Ms. Marion Hinners, Acting Branch Chief, Technical Assistance Branch, Nutrition and Technical Services Division, Food and Consumer Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instruction should be directed to Marion Hinners at (703) 305-2556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Child Nutrition Labeling Program.
OMB Number: 0584-0320.

Expiration Date: 6/30/96.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved, voluntary collection of information contained in existing regulation.

Abstract: The Child Nutrition (CN) labeling program is a voluntary technical assistance program to aid schools and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in determining the contribution a commercial product makes toward the food-based meal pattern requirements of these programs. There is no Federal requirement that commercial products must have a CN label statement.

To participate in the Program, industry submits product labels and formulations to FCS that are in conformance with the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) label approval program for meat and poultry, and United States Department of Commerce (USDC) label approval program for seafood products. FCS reviews a manufacturer's product formulation to determine the contribution a serving of the product makes toward the food-based meal pattern requirements. The application form submitted to FCS is the same application that companies submit to FSIS and USDC to receive labeling approval. A CN label application is also reviewed by FCS for accuracy.

Estimate of Burden: Based on our most recent interviews with manufacturers it is estimated that it takes a manufacturer forty-five minutes to complete the required calculations and to formulate the CN label application.

Respondents: Participation in the CN labeling program is voluntary. Only manufacturers who wish to place CN labels on their products must comply with program requirements. Last year 628 establishments sent in 5,698 label transmittals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 628.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 9.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,274 hours.

Dated: April 23, 1996.

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Food Stamp Program: Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Energy Assistance

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections. Section 1306 of the 1981 Farm Bill (Pub. L. 97-98) is the basis for the information required at 7 CFR 273.9(c)(11) of a State agency seeking to disregard as income for food stamp purposes State or local energy assistance payments. Failure to obtain the required level of documentation could result in large dollar losses due to disregard of income for food stamp purposes that is not in fact excludable energy assistance.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: 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 shall 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; (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 Margaret Werts Batko, Acting Chief, Certification Policy Branch, Program Development Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for additional information should be directed to Margaret Werts Batko (703) 305-2516.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Energy Assistance.

OMB Number: 0584-0301.

Form Number: not a form.

Expiration Date: 6/30/96.