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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

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

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the CCC/Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102) and the CCC/Intermediate Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-103) based on re-estimates.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 16, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact L.T. McElvain, Director, Commodity Credit Corporation Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AgBox 1035, Washington, DC 20250-1035, telephone (202) 720-6211.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CCC/Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102) and CCC/Intermediate Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-103).

OMB Number: 0551-0004

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 1996.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of the GSM-102 and GSM-103 programs is to expand U.S. agricultural exports by making available export credit guarantees to encourage U.S. private sector financing of foreign purchases of

U.S. agricultural commodities on credit terms. The CCC currently has programs operating in more than 25 countries and 6 country regions with more than 950 exporters currently eligible to participate. Under 7 CFR Part 1493, exporters are required to submit the following: (1) information required for program participation as outlined in section 1493.30, (2) export sales information in connection with applying for a payment guarantee under section 1493.40, (3) evidence of export in section 1493.80, (4) notice of default and claims for loss under section 1493.110, and (5) miscellaneous provisions, including assignment of the proceeds and review of the regulations found in section 1493.140. In addition, each exporter and exporter's assignee (U.S. financial institution) must maintain records on all information submitted to CCC and in connection with sales made under the GSM-102 and GSM-103 program as outlined in section 1493.140. The information collected is used by CCC to manage, plan, evaluate and account for Government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for these collections is estimated to average 3.97 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. Exporters of U.S. agricultural commodities, U.S. banks or other financial institutions, producer associations, U.S. export trade associations, and U.S. Government agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 227 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 117 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 6,473.67 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Valerie Countiss, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-6713.

Requests for comments: Send comments regarding (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; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to L.T. McElvain, Director, Commodity Credit Corporation Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AgBox 1035, Washington, DC 20250-1035.

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, May 9, 1996.

Timothy J. Galvin,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service and Acting Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Feed Grain Donations; Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of North Dakota

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is announcing that the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of North Dakota is an acute distress area and that CCC-owned feed grain will be donated to needy livestock owners on the reservation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Diel, Agricultural Program Specialist, Farm Service Agency, AG Box Code 0527, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415, 202-720-6605.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority set forth in section 407 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1427), and Executive Order 11336, notice is being given that it is determined that:

1. The chronic economic distress of the needy members of the Three Affiliated Tribes using the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of North Dakota has been materially increased and become