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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 7, 1997.

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), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 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) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

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.

- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Karnal Bunt.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0121.

Summary: The regulations for Karnal Bunt require the use of limited permits, certificates, compliance agreements, and other documents that are needed to inform the public of the requirements.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to authorize the interstate movement of regulated articles and help prevent the spread of Karnal Bunt.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 4,327.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion

Total Burden Hours: 7,115.

- Animal and Plant Inspection Service

Title: Foreign Quarantine Notices.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0049.

Summary: Information collected includes an application for permit to import a plant or plant product. Foreign countries must certify that products to be imported are free of disease and pests.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to enforce the Plant Quarantine Act and the Federal Plant Pest Act. The information helps prevent the spread of plant disease and insect pests.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 99,519.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 106.862.

- Forest Service

Title: Bighorn National Forest Scenic Byways User Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0596-New.

Summary: The purpose of this survey is to insure that scenic byways users' input is considered in the development of the scenic byways corridor management plans. Respondents include travelers, users and business interests that depend upon the byways.

Need and Use of the Information: The data will be used to assist public lands

and highway managers; aid tourism and marketing efforts; and, insure enjoyment by the users.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business of other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One Time Only.

Total Burden Hours: 50.

Emergency processing of this submission has been requested by February 18, 1997.

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Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, intends to grant to Sonic Industries, Inc. of Hatboro, Pennsylvania, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent 5,396,799 issued March 14, 1995, "Method and Apparatus for *In Situ* Evaluation of Wooden Members". Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register on September 16, 1992.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Janet I. Stockhausen, USDA Forest Service, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, Wisconsin, 53705-2398.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet I. Stockhausen of the USDA Forest Service at the Madison address given above; telephone: 608-231-9502.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the Untied States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Sonic Industries, Inc. has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective license may