

movement of the subject corn line or its progeny. However, importation of corn line DBT418 or seeds capable of propagation are still subject to the restrictions found in APHIS' foreign quarantine notices in 7 CFR part 319.

National Environmental Policy Act

An environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared to examine the potential environmental impacts associated with this determination. The EA was prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) Regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372). Based on that EA, APHIS has reached a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with regard to its determination that Dekalb's corn line DBT418 and lines developed from it are no longer regulated articles under its regulations in 7 CFR part 340. Copies of the EA and the FONSI are available upon request from the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of April 1997.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Information Collection

AGENCY: The Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intention to reinstate the information collection procedures in support of the Multi-Family Housing Supervised Bank Account regulatory requirements.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before [insert date 60 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**] to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James E. Vollmer, Senior Loan Specialist, Multi-Family Housing Portfolio Management Division, RHS, Stop 0782, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0782, Telephone (202) 720-1060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 1902-A, Supervised Bank Accounts.

OMB Number: 0575-0158.

Type of Request: Reinstate information collection.

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is a credit agency for Rural Development. The RHS is an Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). As a creditor of last resort the Agency extends financial assistance in support of housing for rural residents.

This regulation prescribes the policies and responsibilities for the use of supervised accounts. In carrying out its mission as a supervised credit Agency, this regulation authorizes the use of supervised accounts for the disbursement of funds. The use may be necessitated to disburse Government funds consistent with the various stages of any development (construction) work actually achieved. On limited occasions a supervised account is used to provide temporary credit counseling and oversight to those being assisted who demonstrate an inability to handle their financial affairs responsibly. Another use is for depositing multi-housing reserve account funds in a manner requiring Agency co-signature for withdrawals. Multi-housing reserve account funds are held in a sinking fund for the future capital improvements needs for apartment projects. Supervised accounts are established to ensure Government security is adequately protected against fraud, waste, and abuse.

The legislative authority for requiring the use of supervised accounts is contained in Section 339 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CON ACT), as amended (7 U.S.C. 1989), and Section 510 of the Housing Act of 1949 (Housing Act), as amended (42 U.S.C. 1480). These provisions authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make such rules and regulations as deemed necessary to carry out the responsibilities and duties the Government is charged with administering.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.42 hours per response.

Respondents: The primary respondents are small business organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 2.48.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 26,260 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Johnnie Anderson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, at (202) 720-9735.

Comments

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; 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 Johnnie Anderson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, Stop 0743, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0743. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in any request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 12, 1997.

Jan E. Shadburn,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

Dayton J. Watkins,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

Dated: March 24, 1997.

Wally B. Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

Dated: March 27, 1997.

Grant Buntrock,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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