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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. DA-97-10]

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection, comments requested.

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 for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Reporting Requirements Under Regulations Governing Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Products.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 24, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Lynn G. Boerger, USDA/AMS/Dairy Division, Dairy Grading Branch, Room 2750-South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456; Tel: (202) 720-9381, Fax: (202) 720-2643.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting Requirements Under Regulations Governing Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Products.

OMB Number: 0581-0126.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 1998.

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

Abstract: The dairy grading program is a voluntary user fee program. In order for a voluntary inspection program to perform satisfactorily with a minimum

of confusion, there must be written requirements and rules for both Government and industry. The information collections are essential to carry out and administer the inspection and grading program. The information requested is used to identify the product offered for grading, to identify and contact the party responsible for payment of the grading fee and expense, and to identify persons who are responsible for administering the program.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .048 hours per response.

Respondents: Distributors, manufacturers and packagers of butter and cheese.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 319.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.97.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 383 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should reference OMB No. 0581-0126 and the Dairy Inspection and Grading Program and be sent to the Office of the Director, USDA/AMS/Dairy Division, Room 2968-S, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at 14th and Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, D.C., Room 2968 South Building.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 17, 1997.

Richard M. McKee,

Director, Dairy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. PY-97-008]

Pasteurized Shell Eggs (Pasteurized In-shell Eggs)

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform interested persons that the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) intends to approve the official identification of pasteurized shell eggs (in-shell eggs) on a tentative basis. Such shell eggs will be required to be subjected to a pasteurization process deemed acceptable to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Additionally, AMS advises all interested parties that it will not develop grade standards for pasteurized shell eggs at this time.

DATES: This tentative approval period begins September 24, 1997 and extends until AMS makes a final determination regarding the official identification of pasteurized shell eggs. Comments should be submitted on or before November 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Douglas C. Bailey, Chief, Standardization Branch, Poultry Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 0259, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0259. Comments may be inspected at this location between 8 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except holidays. State that your comments refer to Docket No. PY-97-008.

COMMENTS: Commenters are invited to provide specific information during the comment period on the Agency's tentative approval to officially identify pasteurized shell eggs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rex A. Barnes, Chief, Grading Branch, Poultry Division, 202-720-3271.