

administrative costs incurred in connection with the development of an agricultural market development plan at any stage of its development.);

- A results-oriented means of measuring the success of the project or program; and
- A plan for graduating the project or program away from the use of any federal funds.

In addition to the above items, an agricultural market development plan or concept paper should also include information regarding:

- Credit terms that may be desired by a participant in connection with the underlying Title I, Pub. L. 480 agreement;
- The agricultural commodity to be purchased;
- The administrative capabilities of the agricultural trade organization to implement an agricultural market development plan;
- If the participant is a private entity, a description of security to be provided CCC to support repayment to CCC of the financing extended;
- A description of any other organizations that will be used in completing the project or program and how such organizations will be used;
- A planned budget summary of funds or commodities used in lieu of funds, in support of the project or program.

Interested parties have considerable latitude to exercise creativity in constructing proposals. In evaluating project proposals, CCC will consider the following factors:

- The organizational ability of the participant to complete the project or program;
- The size, in both budget and scope, of the proposed project or program, and the level of U.S. and private resources available;
- Anticipated cost to CCC in terms of initial financing and repayment terms;
- The likelihood of the market becoming a commercial market for U.S. agricultural commodities.

CCC will notify interested parties as to whether it determines that the submission describes a desirable agricultural market development plan and, if so, work with the organization to develop a final plan. After CCC approval of a final agricultural market development plan, CCC will develop and implement a Title I, Pub. L. 480 agreement with the participant designated in the plan. The Title I, Pub. L. 480 agreement will incorporate a requirement to use local currency proceeds to implement the plan.

Signed at Washington D.C. on November 24, 1997.

**Lon Hatamiya,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 35), Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on its intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection. The information collection is used to determine whether a State's central filing system for notifying farm product buyers of liens on farm products can be certified by the Secretary.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 2, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Gerald Grinnell, Industry Analysis Staff, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3647, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3647 or FAX 202 690-1266, telephone: 202 720-7455.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under Section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (Act) (7 U.S.C. 1631), States implementing central filing systems for notification of liens on farm products must have such systems certified by the Secretary of Agriculture as being in compliance with the Act. GIPSA has been delegated responsibility for certifying such systems. The information collection being submitted for extension is used by GIPSA to determine whether a State's central filing system can be certified. Nineteen States currently have certified central filing systems.

**Title:** "Clear Title" Regulations to implement section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985.

**OMB Number:** 0580-0016.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** March 31, 1998.

**Type of Request:** Intent to extend a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** The information is needed to carry out the Secretary's responsibility for determining whether a State's central filing system for notification of buyers of farm products of any mortgages or liens on the products meets certification requirements under section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 12 hours per response.

**Respondents:** States seeking certification of central filing systems to notify buyers of farm products of any mortgages or liens on the products.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 12.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cathy McDuffie, the Agency Support Services Specialist, at (301) 734-5190.

**Comments:** Comments are invited on:

- 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;
- 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;
- ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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 forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Gerald Grinnell, Industry Analysis Staff, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3647, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3647 or FAX 202-690-1266, telephone: 202 720-7455.

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.

Done at Washington, DC this 25th day of November 1997.

**James R. Baker,**  
*Administrator.*

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