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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 29, 1998.

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, Pub. L. 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, DC 20503 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 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) 720-6746.

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: National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP).

OMB Control Number: 0579-0007.

Summary of Collection: Information is being collected from poultry breeders to track the status of flocks (i.e., type, size, location), flock testing and disease management data.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is used by USDA and state governments to track poultry flocks and to control the source of communicable poultry diseases.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 9,000.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 7,444.

- *Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service*

Title: Prohibited and Restricted Importation of Meats, Animal Byproducts, Poultry, Organisms and Vectors in the U.S.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0015.

Summary of Collection: Information will be collected from importers, transporters, inspectors, processors, and all others involved in the importation of restricted/controlled animal and poultry products and byproducts, organisms, and vectors into the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: The government will use the information collected to control/prevent the introduction or dissemination of communicable disease of animals and/or live poultry from a foreign country into the United States.

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

Number of Respondents: 8,961.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 31,256.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[No. LS-98-003]

Beef Promotion and Research: Certification and Nomination for the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is accepting applications from State cattle producer organizations or associations and general farm organizations as well as beef importers who desire to be certified to nominate producers or importers for appointment to vacant positions on the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (Board). Organizations which have not previously been certified that are interested in submitting nominations must complete and submit an official application form to AMS. Previously certified organizations do not need to reapply. Notice is also given that vacancies will occur on the Board and that during a period to be established, nominations will be accepted from eligible organizations and individual importers.

DATES: Applications for certification must be received by close of business March 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Certification forms as well as copies of the certification and nomination procedures may be requested from Ralph L. Tapp, Chief; Marketing Programs Branch-STOP 0251; Livestock and Seed Program; AMS, USDA, Room 2606-S; P.O. Box 96456; Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ralph L. Tapp, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch on 202/720-1115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985 (Act) (7 U.S.C. 2901 *et seq.*), enacted December 23, 1985, authorizes the implementation of a Beef Promotion and Research Order (Order). The Order, as published in the July 18, 1986, **Federal Register** (51 FR 26132), provides for the establishment of a Board. The current Board consists of 104 cattle producers and 7 importers appointed by the