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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Annual Report of State Revenue Matching

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is publishing for public comment a summary of a proposed information collection. The proposed collection is an extension of a collection currently approved for the National School Lunch Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to Alan Rich, Data Base Monitoring Branch, Program Information Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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 the use of appropriate, automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of

Management and Budget approval of the information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Rich, (703) 305-2113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual Report of State Revenue Matching.

OMB Number: 0584-0075.

Expiration Date: June 30, 1998.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The National School Lunch Program is mandated by the National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751, *et seq.*, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. 1771, *et seq.* Program implementing regulations are contained in 7 CFR Part 210. In accordance with 7 CFR 210.17(g), State agencies must submit an annual report of state revenue matching in order to receive Federal reimbursement for meals served to eligible participants.

Respondents: State agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program.

Number of Respondents: 57.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: The number of responses is estimated to be one submission per State agency per school year.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 80 hours per respondent per submission.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,560 hours.

Dated: March 9, 1998.

Yvette S. Jackson,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Child Nutrition Programs—Income Eligibility Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the Department's annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals or free milk for the period from July 1, 1998 through June

30, 1999. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and centers participating in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program for Children, Child and Adult Care Food Program and Commodity School Program. The annual adjustments are required by section 9 of the National School Lunch Act. The guidelines are intended to direct benefits to those children most in need and are revised annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert M. Eadie, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, FNS, USDA, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, or by phone at (703) 305-2620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507) no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This action is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

These programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.553, No. 10.555, No. 10.556 and No. 10.558 and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, and the final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

Background

Pursuant to sections 9(b)(1) and 17(c)(4) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(1) and 42 U.S.C. 1766(c)(4)), and sections 3(a)(6) and 4(e)(1)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1772(a)(6) and 1773(e)(1)(A)), the Department annually issues the Income Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced price meals in the National School Lunch Program (7 CFR Part 210), School Breakfast Program (7 CFR Part 220), Child and Adult Care Food Program (7 CFR Part 226), and Commodity School Program (7 CFR Part

210), and the guidelines for free milk in the Special Milk Program for Children (7 CFR Part 215). These eligibility guidelines are based on the Federal income poverty guidelines and are stated by household size.

The Department requires schools and institutions which charge for meals separately from other fees to serve *free meals* to all children from any household with income at or below 130 percent of the poverty guidelines. The Department also requires such schools and institutions to serve *reduced price meals* to all children from any household with income higher than 130 percent of the poverty guidelines, but at or below 185 percent of the poverty guidelines. Schools and institutions participating in the Special Milk Program for Children may, at local option, serve free milk to all children from any household with income at or below 130 percent of the poverty guidelines.

Definition of Income

"Income," as the term is used in this Notice, means income before any deductions such as income taxes, Social

Security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions and bonds. It concludes the following: (1) monetary compensations for services, including wages, salary, commissions or fees; (2) net income from nonfarm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) Social Security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments (8) unemployment compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement, or pensions or veterans payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts and other resources which would be available to pay the price of a child's meal.

"Income," as the term is used in this Notice, does not include any income or

benefits received under any Federal programs which are excluded from consideration as income by any legislature prohibition. Furthermore, the value of meals or milk to children shall not be considered as income to their households for other benefit programs in accordance with the prohibitions in section 12(e) of the National School Lunch Act and section 11(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1760(e) and 1780(b)).

The Income Eligibility Guidelines

The following are the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be effective from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999. The Department's guidelines for free meals and milk and reduced price meals were obtained by multiplying the 1998 Federal income poverty guidelines by 1.30 and 1.85, respectively, and by rounding the result upward to the next whole dollar. Weekly and monthly guidelines were computed by dividing annual income by 52 and 12, respectively, and by rounding upward to the next whole dollar.

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999)

Household size	Federal Poverty Guidelines			Reduced Price Meals - 185%			Free Meals - 130%		
	Annual	Month	Week	Annual	Month	Week	Annual	Month	Week
	48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM AND TERRITORIES								
1.....	8,050	671	155	14,893	1,242	287	10,465	873	202
2.....	10,850	905	209	20,073	1,673	387	14,105	1,176	272
3.....	13,650	1,138	263	25,253	2,105	486	17,745	1,479	342
4.....	16,450	1,371	317	30,433	2,537	586	21,385	1,783	412
5.....	19,250	1,605	371	35,613	2,968	685	25,025	2,086	482
6.....	22,050	1,838	425	40,793	3,400	785	28,665	2,389	552
7.....	24,850	2,071	478	45,973	3,832	885	32,305	2,693	622
8.....	27,650	2,305	532	51,153	4,263	984	35,945	2,996	692
For each add'l family member add	+2,800	+234	+54	+5,180	+432	+100	+3,640	+304	+70
ALASKA									
1.....	10,070	840	194	18,630	1,553	359	13,091	1,091	252
2.....	13,570	1,131	261	25,105	2,093	483	17,641	1,471	340
3.....	17,070	1,423	329	31,580	2,632	608	22,191	1,850	427
4.....	20,570	1,715	396	38,055	3,172	732	26,741	2,229	515
5.....	24,070	2,006	463	44,530	3,711	857	31,291	2,608	602
6.....	27,570	2,298	531	51,005	4,251	981	35,841	2,987	690
7.....	31,070	2,590	598	57,480	4,790	1,106	40,391	3,366	777
8.....	34,570	2,881	665	63,955	5,330	1,230	44,941	3,746	865
For each add'l family member add	+3,500	+292	+68	+6,475	+540	+125	+4,550	+380	+88
HAWAII									
1.....	9,260	772	179	17,131	1,428	330	12,038	1,004	232
2.....	12,480	1,040	240	23,088	1,924	444	16,224	1,352	312
3.....	15,700	1,309	302	29,045	2,421	559	20,410	1,701	393
4.....	18,920	1,577	364	35,002	2,917	674	24,596	2,050	473
5.....	22,140	1,845	426	40,959	3,414	788	28,782	2,399	554
6.....	25,360	2,114	488	46,916	3,910	903	32,968	2,748	634
7.....	28,580	2,382	550	52,873	4,407	1,017	37,154	3,097	715
8.....	31,800	2,650	612	58,830	4,903	1,132	41,340	3,445	795
For each add'l family member add	+3,220	+269	+62	+5,957	+497	+115	+4,186	+349	+81

Authority: (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(1)).

Dated: March 9, 1998.

Yvette S. Jackson,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket No. 980223045-8045-01]

Privacy Act; Altered System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e) (4) and (11)), the Department of Commerce is issuing notice of our intent to amend the system of records entitled Commerce Department System 1, "Attendance, Leave, and Payroll Records of Employees and Certain Other Persons", to include a new routine use, a disclosure required by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA, Pub. L. 104-193); to update the list of Commerce Department bureaus; to update the location and system manager of our system of records; and to update the notification procedures. We invite public comment on the proposed routine use in this publication.

DATES: Effective Date: The amendments will become effective as proposed without further notice on April 15, 1998, unless comments dictate otherwise.

Comment Date: To be considered, written comments must be submitted on or before April 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Diane M. Atchinson, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5001, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230. All comments received will be available for public inspection at U.S. Department of Commerce, Central Reference Room Inspection Facility, Room 6204, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane M. Atchinson, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5001, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230, 202-482-4425.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Pub. L. 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, the Department of Commerce will disclose data from Commerce Department System 1; Attendance, Leave, and Payroll Records of Employees and Certain Other Persons system of records to the Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services for use in the National Database of New Hires, part of the Federal Parent Locator Service

(FPLS) and Federal Tax Offset System, HHS/OCSE No. 09-90-0074. A description of the Federal Parent Locator Service may be found at 62 FR 51663 (October 2, 1997).

FPLS is a computerized network through which States may request location information from Federal and State agencies to find non-custodial parents and their employers for purposes of establishing paternity and securing support. On October 1, 1997, the FPLS was expanded to include the National Directory of New Hires, a database containing employment information on employees recently hired, quarterly wage data on private and public sector employees, and information on unemployment compensation benefits. On October 1, 1998, the FPLS will be expanded further to include a Federal Case Registry. The Federal Case Registry will contain abstracts on all participants involved in child support enforcement cases. When the Federal Case Registry is instituted, its files will be matched on an ongoing basis against the files in the National Directory of New Hires to determine if an employee is a participant in a child support case anywhere in the country. If the FPLS identifies a person as being a participant in a State child support case, that State will be notified. State requests to the FPLS for location information will also continue to be processed after October 1, 1998.