

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 3,186 hours. (Due to rounding, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the average reporting burden per response.)

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 in Washington, DC, this 5th day of May 1998.

Charles P. Schwalbe,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the CCC Supplier Credit Guarantee Program (SCGP), a variant of the Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102), based on reestimates.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 10, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact L. T. McElvain, Director, Commodity Credit Corporation Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AgBox 1035, Washington, DC 20250-1035, telephone (202) 720-6211.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CCC/Supplier Credit Guarantee Program (SCGP).

OMB Number: 0551-0037.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 1998.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of the SCGP is to expand U.S. agricultural exports by making available export credit guarantees to encourage U.S. private sector financing of foreign purchases of U.S. agricultural

commodities on credit terms. Furthermore, the SCGP is designed to assist exporters of U.S. agricultural commodities who wish to provide relatively short term (up to 180 days) credits to their importers evidenced by promissory notes executed by such importers. The CCC currently offers the SCGP for exports to at least 8 countries and 6 country regions, with more than 1,000 exporters currently eligible to participate. Under 7 CFR Part 1493, exporters are required to submit the following: (1) Information about the exporter for program participation, (2) export sales information in connection with applying for a payment guarantee, (3) information regarding the actual export of the commodity, (evidence of export report), (4) notice of default and claims for loss, and (5) other documents, if applicable, including notice assignment of the right to receive proceeds under the export credit guarantee. In addition, each exporter and exporter's assignee (U.S. financial institution) must maintain records on all information submitted to CCC and in connection with sales made under the SCGP. The information collected is used by CCC to manage, plan, evaluate and account for Government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for these collections is estimated to average 3.37 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. Exporters of U.S. agricultural commodities, U.S. banks or other financial institutions, producer associations, U.S. export trade associations, and U.S. Government agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50 annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 25 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 674 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Valerie Countiss, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-6713.

Requests for comments: Send comments regarding (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 automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to L.T. McElvain, Director, Commodity Credit Corporation Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AgBox 1035, Washington, DC 20250-1035.

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.

Signed at Washington, DC, April 30, 1998.

Lon Hatamiya,

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

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COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 2:00p.m., May 11, 1998.

PLACE: Room 104-A, Jamie Whitten Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Open Meeting of November 3, 1997.

2. Memorandum re: Update of Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)-Owned Inventory.

3. Memorandum re: Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC's) Financial Condition Report.

4. Resolution re: Termination of Obsolete CCC Board Dockets.

5. Docket CZ-157, Revision 6, re: Policy and Procedure Governing the Submission of Dockets to the Board of Directors, CCC, and the Handling of Dockets Considered by the Board.

6. Docket A-POL-98-007, re: Commodity Credit Corporation Claims Policy.

7. Settlement Actions Report.

8. Docket P-COM-98-004, re: Delegation of Responsibility for Commodity Credit Corporation's Domestic Commodity Programs.

9. Docket P-COM-98-005, re: Delegation of Responsibility for the Commodity Credit Corporation's Export Credit Guarantee Programs, Export Credit Sales Programs, Export Bonus Programs and Other Similar Programs Commodity Credit Corporation.

10. Docket P-COM-006, re: Policies Regarding the Management of