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Acting Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for an Approval of a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to obtain information regarding transportation services needed to meet domestic and export food assistance program needs.

This information collection will allow CCC to determine the capabilities of motor freight carriers to meet CCC's transportation needs by demonstrating that the motor carriers have both the willingness and the capability to meet those needs.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 14, 1998 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy P. Mehl, Chief, Planning and Analysis Division, Kansas City Commodity Office, 9200 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114, telephone (816) 926-3536, fax (816) 926-6767.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Standard Rules Tender Governing Motor Carrier Transportation.

OMB Control Number: New submission.

Type of Request: Approval of a new information collection.

Abstract: CCC through the Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) solicits bids from transportation companies for the purpose of providing motor carrier transportation of agricultural commodities. Motor Carriers provide over the road trucking that CCC hires to provided transportation services to meet domestic and export program needs. Motor carriers that choose to do business with the KCCO Traffic Management Division (TMD) are required to complete and submit, one time only, the Standard Rules Tender Governing Motor Carrier Transportation. TMD is collecting information to determine Motor Carrier abilities to meet CCC requirements for hauling agricultural products for CCC. TMD

must ensure that Motor Carriers providing transportation services have both the willingness and the capacity to meet these needs.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Respondents: Transportation Businesses.

Respondents: 141.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 141 hours.

Proposed topics for comment include:

(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 collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the 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. Comments regarding this information collection requirement may be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503, and to Timothy P. Mehl, Chief, Planning and Analysis Division, Kansas City Commodity Office, 9200 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114, telephone (816) 926-3536, fax (816) 926-6767.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 2, 1998.

Keith Kelly,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for an Approval of a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to obtain information regarding intermodal transportation services needed to meet domestic and export food assistance program needs.

This information collection will allow CCC to determine the capabilities of intermodal companies to meet the intermodal transportation needs of CCC for the movement of its freight traffic by demonstrating that companies providing transportation service have both the willingness and the capability to meet those needs.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 14, 1998 to be assured consideration.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Standard Operating Agreement Governing Intermodal Transportation.

OMB Control Number: New submission.

Type of Request: Approval of a new information collection.

Abstract: CCC, through the Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO), solicits bids from transportation companies for the purpose of providing intermodal transportation of agricultural commodities. Intermodal Marketing Companies (IMC) provide rail trailer-on-flatcar/container-on-flatcar (TOFC/COFC) service that CCC hires to provide domestic and export program transportation needs. IMC's that choose to do business with the KCCO Traffic Management Division (TMD) are required to complete and submit the Standard Operating Agreement Governing Intermodal Transportation form. This form is filled out one time only. TMD is collecting information to determine IMC's abilities to meet CCC requirements for hauling agricultural products for CCC. TMD must ensure that IMC providing transportation service have both the willingness and the capacity to meet these needs.