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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has established the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture. In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given of the fifth meeting of the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the Commission's final report on the effects of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, plan for public listening sessions to be held in 1999, and any other necessary business. This meeting will be open to the public.

PLACE, DATE, AND TIME OF MEETING: The meeting will be at the Kansas City Airport Marriott Hotel, 775 Brasilia, Kansas City, Missouri, 64153, from 9:00–5:00 CST on May 10, 1999, from 8:30–5:00 CST on May 11, 1999, and from 8:30–2:00 CST on May 12, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Peters (202–720–4860), Assistant Director, Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture, c/o Office of the Chief Economist, or Keith J. Collins (202–720–5955), Chief Economist, Room 112–A Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250–3810.

Dated: April 23, 1999.

Keith J. Collins,

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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/ Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM–102) and the CCC/ Intermediate Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM–103) based on re-estimates.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 29, 1999 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/Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM–102) and CCC/ Intermediate Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM–103).

OMB Number: 0551–0004.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 1999.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of the GSM–102 and GSM–103 programs 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. These CCC programs are currently available with respect to exporters to more than 25 countries and 12 country regions with more than 1,500 exporters currently eligible to participate. Under 7 CFR Part 1493, exporters are required to submit the following: (1) Information required for program participation as outlined in section 1493.30, (2) export sales

information in connection with applying for a payment guarantee under section 1493.40, (3) evidence of export in section 1493.80, (4) notice of default and claims for loss under section 1493.110, and (5) miscellaneous provisions, including assignment of the proceeds and review of the regulations found in section 1493.140. 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 GSM–102 and GSM–103 programs as set forth in section 1493.140. 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 2.62 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: 227 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 117 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 5,440.48 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimberly Chisley, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720–2568.

Requests for comments: Comments are requested 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.