

States and Puerto Rico. The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to collect, tabulate, and disseminate statistics on marketing agricultural products including market supplies, storage stocks, quantity, quality and condition of such products in various positions in the marketing channel, utilization of sub-products shipment, and unloads. The Agricultural Marketing Service will collect information using forms TB–26, Tobacco Stocks Report, and TB–39, Quarterly Report of Manufacture and Sales of Snuff, Smoking, and Chewing Tobacco.

**Need and Use of the Information:** AMS will collect information on the total supply of unmanufactured tobacco available to domestic manufacturers and to monitor the size, growth, or decline of the market. The data is required for the calculation of production quotas for individual types of tobacco under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938. Without the information USDA would not be able to disseminate marketing information as directed and authorized in the Act.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Number of Respondents:** 81.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting; quarterly.

**Total Burden Hours:** 298.

#### **Agricultural Marketing Service**

**Title:** Almonds Grown in California, Marketing Order 981.

**OMB Control Number:** 0581–0071.

**Summary of Collection:** Marketing Order No. 981 (7 CFR Part 981), regulates the handling of almonds grown in California and emanates from enabling legislation (the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, Secs. 1–19, 48 Stats. 31, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 601–674). This legislation, hereinafter referred to as the act, was designed to permit regulation of certain agricultural commodities for the purpose of providing orderly marketing conditions in interstate commerce and improving returns to growers. Regulations apply to almonds shipped within and outside of the production area to any market, except those specifically exempt. The Order also authorizes the establishment of production research and marketing research and development projects, including paid advertising. California accounts for all of the U.S. almond production, approximately 70% of which is exported. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will collect information using several forms submitted by growers and handlers.

**Need and Use of the Information:** AMS will collect information so industry statistics may be published, for program compliance reasons and to determine industry support for programs or changes thereto and determine qualifications. Without the information the Board would not be able to carry out the purposes of the Act and the Order.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit; Farms.

**Number of Respondents:** 7,658.

**Frequency of Responses:** Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Monthly.

**Total Burden Hours:** 2,638.

**Nancy B. Sternberg,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Foreign Agricultural Service**

#### **Assessment of Fees for Dairy Import Licenses for the 2000 Quota Year**

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the fee to be charged for the 2000 tariff-rate quota (TRQ) year for each license issued to a person or firm by the Department of Agriculture authorizing the importation of certain dairy articles which are subject to tariff-rate quotas set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) will be \$130.00 per license.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard P. Warsack, Dairy Import Quota Manager, Import Policies and Programs Division, STOP 1021, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–1021 or telephone at (202) 720–9439 or e-mail at warsack@usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Licensing Regulation promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and codified at 7 CFR 6.20–6.36 provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy articles which are subject to TRQs set forth in the HTS. Those dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the in-quota TRQ tariff rates by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the

license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country of origin. The use of licenses by the license holder to import dairy articles is monitored by the Dairy Import Quota Manager, Import Licensing Group, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Customs Service.

The Regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) provides that a fee will be charged for each license issued to a person or firm by the Licensing Authority in order to reimburse the Department of Agriculture for the costs of administering the licensing system under this Regulation.

The Regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) also provides that the Licensing Authority will announce the annual fee for each license and that such fee will be set out in a notice to be published in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, this notice sets out the fee for the licenses to be issued for the 2000 calendar year.

#### **Notice**

The total cost to the Department of Agriculture of administering the licensing system during 1999 has been determined to be \$335,352 and the estimated number of licenses expected to be issued is 2,582. Of the total cost, \$173,357 represent staff and supervisory costs directly related to administering the licensing system during 1999; \$50,320 represents the total computer costs to monitor and issue import licenses during 1999; and \$111,675 represents other miscellaneous cost, including travel, postage, publications, forms, a new FAX machine, and an ADP system contractor.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that the fee for each license issued to a person or firm for the 2000 calendar year, in accordance with 7 CFR 6.33, will be \$130.00 per license.

Issued at Washington, DC the 30th day of June, 1999.

**Richard P. Warsack,**

*Licensing Authority.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Bureau of Export Administration**

#### **Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting**

The Materials Technical Advisory Committee will meet July 22, 1999, 10:30 a.m., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3733, 14th Street between