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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. DA-00-04]

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Reporting Requirements Under Regulations Governing Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 14, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact F. Tracy Schonrock, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Dairy Grading Branch, Room 2746-South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456; Tel: (202) 720-3171, Fax: (202) 720-2643.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting Requirements Under Regulations Governing Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products.

OMB Number: 0581-0126.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2001.

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

Abstract: The dairy grading program is a voluntary user fee program authorized under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*) The regulations governing

inspection and grading services of manufactured or processed dairy products appear at 7 CFR part 58. In order for a voluntary inspection program to perform satisfactorily with a minimum of confusion, there must be written requirements and rules for both Government and industry. The information collections are essential to carry out and administer the inspection and grading program. The information requested is used to identify the product offered for grading, to identify a request from an equipment manufacturer of equipment used in the dairy, meat or poultry industries for evaluation regarding sanitary design and construction, to identify and contact the party responsible for payment of the inspection, grading or equipment evaluation fee and expense and, to identify applicants who wish to be authorized for the display of official identification on product packaging materials, equipment, utensils, or on descriptive or promotional materials.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .0431 hours per response.

Respondents: Distributors, manufacturers and packers of butter and cheese; and manufacturers of processing equipment used in the dairy, meat and poultry industries.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2300.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 5.1083.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 506 hours. Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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. Comments should reference OMB No. 0581-0126 and the Dairy Inspection and

Grading Program and be sent to the Office of the Deputy Administrator, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Room 2968-S, PO Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at 14th and Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC, Room 2968 South Building.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 10, 2000.

Richard M. McKee,

Deputy Administrator, Dairy Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-062N]

Draft Report—The Future of FSIS Veterinarians: Public Health Professionals for the 21st Century

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding a public meeting on February 1, 2000, to discuss and receive comments on the draft report, *The Future of FSIS Veterinarians: Public Health Professionals for the 21st Century*.

DATES: The public meeting will be held February 1, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Written comments must be received by February 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW. (at Massachusetts Avenue and 14th Street), Washington, DC 20009, telephone (202) 842-1300. If a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is necessary, contact Ms. Linda Russell, USDA/FSIS Planning Staff, Telephone (202) 501-7136. The draft report is available on the FSIS web page at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. Submit one original and two copies of comments to the FSIS Docket Clerk,