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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) whether the proposed or continuing collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Send comments on this information collection on or before March 31, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, DC 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No.: OMB 0412-0552.

Form No.: N/A.

Title: Financial Status Report.

Type of Review: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: USAID wants to require grant and cooperative agreement

recipients who work in multiple countries to provide expenditure reports by country. USAID has stated in the "remarks" section of SF-269 and SF-269A, or other applicable approved financial report form that "For assistance programs which cover programs in more than one country, recipients shall specify by country the amount of the total Federal share which was expended for each country * * *". The USAID has sought a class deviation to the statute from the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the 22 CFR 226.4. The information is being collected so that USAID may report to Congress, the Office of Management and Budget and other requesters per the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act and the Government Management Reporting Act. Also, the reporting requirements are necessary to assure that USAID funds are expended in accordance with Statutory requirements and USAID policies.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 80.

Total annual responses: 320.

Total annual hours requested: 800 hours.

Dated: February 22, 2000.

Joanne Paskar,

Acting Chief, Information and Records Division, Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number LS-99-22]

Notice of 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 of and revision to the currently approved collections of information for 7 CFR Part 54-Meats,

Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards), which includes Form LS-313, "Application for Service" and Form LS-315, "Application for Commitment Grading or Certification Service."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 2, 2000 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Terry L. Lutz, Assistant to the Chief; USDA, AMS, LS, MGC; STOP 0248, Room 2628-S; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250-0248. Comments may be faxed to (202) 690-4119, or E-mailed to Terry.Lutz@usda.gov.

State that your comments refer to Docket No. LS-99-22, and note the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Comments received may be inspected at the above location between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terry L. Lutz, Assistant to the Chief, Meat Grading and Certification (MGC) Branch, 202-720-1246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR part 54—Meats, Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards)

OMB Number: 0581-0124

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2000.

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

Abstract: The application for meat grading and certification services requests Department of Agriculture employees to perform such services in the requesting establishment. The information contained on the applications constitutes an agreement between USDA and the requesting establishment.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide voluntary Federal meat grading and certification services that facilitate the marketing of meat and meat products. The Meat Grading and Certification (MGC) Branch provides these services pursuant to 7 CFR part 54—Meats, Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards).

Due to the voluntary nature of grading and certification services, 7 CFR part 54 contains provisions for the collection of