

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Stamp Program Identification Cards.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0124.

Summary of Collection: The Food Stamp Act of 1977 requires that photographic identification (ID) cards be used in issuance situations in which the Department believes that it would be useful to protect the integrity of the Food Stamp Program (FSP). These requirements are essential to ensure the integrity of the FSP. The ID is required by Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) regulation to be a controlled document, laminated with a serial number and a photograph.

Need and Use of the Information: Photo ID are used by issuance agents to identify households for monthly issuance; by retailers to identify households when benefits are used; and by households to provide proof at recertification and when picking up monthly allotments. The use of the photo ID card and the requirement to show it to obtain benefits is crucial to the agency's ability to protect the integrity of the Food Stamp Program.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 329,293.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 21,250.

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Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food Safety and Inspection Service**

[Docket No. 00-020N]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods; Renewal

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Re-chartering of Committee.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the re-chartering of the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF). The Committee is being renewed in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The establishment of the Committee was recommended by a 1985 report of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Food Protection, Subcommittee on Microbiological Criteria, "An Evaluation of the Role of

Microbiological Criteria for Foods." The current charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing on the FSIS homepage at www.fsis.usda.gov under mission and activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Carol Maczka, Executive Secretariat, USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 3rd Floor—Room 355 Aerospace Center, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Background materials are available for inspection by contacting Dr. Maczka at (202) 690-6540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is charged with the enforcement of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA). Under these Acts, USDA is responsible for the wholesomeness and safety of meat, poultry, and egg products intended for human consumption. Similarly, the Secretary of HHS is charged with the enforcement of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). Under this Act, HHS is responsible for ensuring the wholesomeness and safety of human foods other than meat, poultry, and egg products, and of animal feeds.

In order to continue to meet the responsibilities of the FMIA, PPIA, EPIA, and FFDCA, the NACMCF is being reestablished. The Committee will be charged with advising and providing recommendations to the Secretaries on the development of microbiological criteria by which the safety and wholesomeness of food can be assessed, including criteria for microorganisms that indicate whether foods have been adequately and appropriately processed.

Reestablishment of this Committee is necessary and in the public interest because the development of a sound public policy in this area can best be accomplished by a free and open exchange of information and ideas among Federal, State, and local agencies, and other interested parties. The complexity of the issues to be addressed requires that more than one meeting per year will be necessary to accomplish the Committee's tasks.

Members will be appointed by the Secretary of USDA after consultation with the Secretary of HHS. Because of their interest in the matters to be addressed by this Committee, advice on membership appointments will be requested from the Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries

Service and the Department of Defense's Veterinary Service Activity.

Additional Public Notification

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Done in Washington, DC on: September 11, 2000.

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Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Shore Nuf Timber Sale, Willamette National Forest, Linn and Marion Counties, Oregon**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service gives notice that it will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Shore Nuf Timber Sale Project proposal. The project area is located approximately 50 miles east of Salem, Oregon on the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains, near Detroit Lake and the City of Detroit, Oregon on the Detroit Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest. The Shore