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

Dated: January 14, 2002.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-113-1]

Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: New information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to initiate a new information collection activity for self-certification medical statements.

DATES: We will consider all comments we receive that are postmarked, delivered, or e-mailed by March 19, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 01-113-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 01-113-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 01-113-1" on the subject line.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except

holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on self-certification medical statements, contact Ms. Linda Lane, Personnel Management Specialist, Human Resources Division, MRPBS, room 1724, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250; (202) 720-3519. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Self-Certification Medical Statement.

OMB Number: 0579-XXXX.

Type of Request: Approval of a new information collection.

Abstract: The Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP) agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture facilitate the domestic and international marketing of U.S. agricultural products and protect the health of domestic animal and plant resources. The MRP agencies are the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA). Resource management and administrative services, including human resource management, for the three MRP agencies are provided by the MRP Business Services unit of APHIS, which is the lead agency in providing administrative support for MRP.

In accordance with 5 CFR part 339, Federal agencies are authorized to obtain medical information from applicants for and employees in positions that have approved medical standards. Medical standards may be established for positions for which the duties are arduous or hazardous or require a certain level of health status or fitness.

Certain positions in MRP agencies have medical standards. An example of such a position is the agricultural commodity grader position in AMS. Each year, AMS hires a number of agricultural commodity graders. These employees work under dusty conditions, around moving machinery and slippery surfaces, and in areas with

high noise levels. They have direct contact with meat and dairy products, fresh and processed fruits and vegetables, and poultry products intended for human consumption or cotton and tobacco products intended for human use. Medical standards have also been established for positions in APHIS that involve contact with wild animals.

The MRP agencies require a self-certification statement from applicants for these positions regarding their fitness for the positions. The MRP agencies need this information to determine whether the applicants can perform the duties of the positions. Inability to collect this information would adversely affect the MRP agencies' ability to recruit and hire qualified individuals and carry out their missions.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.1666 hours per response.

Respondents: Applicants to MRP positions with approved medical standards.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 300.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 300.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 50 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual

number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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

Done in Washington, DC, this 14th day of January 2002.

W. Ron DeHaven,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to request an extension of an approved information collection to support the Tobacco Importer Assessments. This extension does not involve any revisions to the program rules.

DATES: Submit comments about this notice on or before March 19, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-deliver public comments regarding this notice to Director, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, FSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5750-S, STOP 0514, Washington, DC 20250-0514.

Comments may be sent by facsimile to (202) 720-0549. Comments may be sent by e-mail to:

tob_comments@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Wortham, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, (202) 720-2715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Importer Assessments.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0148.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2001.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under OMB Control Number 0560-0148 constitutes all of the information required by CCC to effectively administer the statutory provisions for assessments on imported tobacco. Information collected from importers of unmanufactured tobacco is necessary to determine the amounts of assessments due and that the assessments are paid in

a timely manner. The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Public Law 103-66, amended sections 106, 106A, and 106B, of the Agricultural Act of 1949, to require the payment of importer no-net-cost (INNC) assessments on imported unmanufactured tobacco. INNC assessments apply only to burley and flue-cured tobacco. Information is collected on form CCC-100, Importer Enter and Assessment Worksheet. The data reported thereon includes the importer's name and address, the importer's number, and the tobacco's entry number, Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) number, as well as the quantity of tobacco, and amounts of assessments remitted.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 45 minutes per response.

Respondents: Importers of unmanufactured tobacco for consumption in the United States, who may be individuals, small businesses, or large tobacco leaf dealers and cigarette manufacturers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 18.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 540 hours.

Request for Comment: Comment on the above notice is sought. Topics for comment may include, but need not be limited to: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CCC, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of CCC's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhancing the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) minimizing the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of informational technology.

Comments should be sent the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Director, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, at the addresses listed above. 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.

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 31, 2001.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee; Meetings

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet twice during the month of February 2002. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2002, at the Skagit County Hearing Room B, 700 South 2nd St., in Mt. Vernon, WA 98273. The second meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2002, at the Whatcom County Courthouse, Multipurpose Room, 311 Grand Ave., in Bellingham, WA 98225.

The February 6 meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until about 3:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Background on the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, (2) Organization of the North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee, and (3) Future program of work for the North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee.

The February 21, 2002 meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until about 3:30 p.m. The topics to be covered at the meeting include the process for reviewing and recommending projects and beginning the review of project proposals for Title II funding provided by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

All North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

The North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee advises Whatcom and Skagit Counties on projects, reviews project proposals, and makes recommendations to the Forest Supervisor for projects to be funded by Title II dollars. The North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee was established to carry out the requirements of the Secure Rural