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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request extension and reinstatement of the information collection currently approved for the Dairy Indemnity Payment Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 28, 2002 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth A. Hill, USDA/Farm Service Agency, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0512; Washington, DC 20250-0512, telephone number (202) 720-9888. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to: Elizabeth_Hill@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Dairy Indemnity Payment Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0116.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2002.

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

Abstract: The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make Dairy Indemnity Payments to producers who have been directed to remove their raw milk from the commercial market because it has been contaminated by pesticides, nuclear radiation or fallout, or toxin substance and chemical residues other than pesticides.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for the collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per producer.

Respondents: Producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 80.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 126 hours.

Proposed topics for comment include:

(a) 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 and protect the interests of CCC and the producer; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who respond, including the use of appropriated automated, electronic, mechanical, or techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Elizabeth A. Hill, USDA/Farm Service Agency, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0512; Washington, DC 20250-0512, telephone number (202) 720-9888. 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 March 8, 2002.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

American Indian Livestock Feed Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), is announcing the termination of the American Indian Livestock Feed Program (AILFP). Funds were discontinued after September 30, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Peterson, Chief, Noninsured Assistance Programs Branch (NAPB), Production, Emergencies and Compliance Division (PECD), Farm Service Agency (FSA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0517, telephone (202) 720-5172; facsimile (202) 720-3646; e-mail StevePeterson@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective on March 28, 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final rule for AILFP was published on June 8, 2000, with an initial budget of \$12.5 million. This funding was nearly exhausted by January 2001. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001 (2001 Act) provided additional funding of \$11.9 million to continue the AILFP.

The 2001 Act authorized AILFP funding only for those AILFP contracts and requests to extend feeding periods for existing AILFP contracts that were approved by the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs (DAFP) no later than September 30, 2001. As a result of this statutory provision, AILFP funding is not available for any AILFP contract or request to extend a feeding period for an existing AILFP contract not submitted and approved by DAFP by September 30, 2001. The program is terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 28, 2002.

James R. Little,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-009N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: 17th Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, United States

Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food And Drug Administration (FDA), are sponsoring a public meeting on March 26, 2002, to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP), which will be held in Paris, France, on April 15–19, 2002. The Under Secretary and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 17th Session of the General Principles Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) and to address items on the Agenda for the 17th CCGP.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26th, 2002, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 107A, Jamie E. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC. To receive copies of the documents referenced in the notice contact the FSIS Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3700. The documents are also accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: http://www.codexalimentarius.net/ccgp17/gp02_01e.htm. If you have comments, please send an original and two copies to the FSIS Docket Room, Docket #02–009N. All comments submitted will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. F. Edward Scarbrough, U.S. Manager for Codex, U.S. Codex Office, FSIS, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 205–7760, Fax: (202) 720–3157. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Dr. F. Edward Scarbrough at the above telephone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization for protecting the health and economic interests of consumers and encouraging fair international trade in food. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex

seeks to ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and EPA manage and carry out U.S. Codex activities.

The Codex Committee on General Principles deals with such procedural and general matters as are referred to it by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. Such matters have included the establishment of the General Principles that define the purpose and scope of the Codex Alimentarius; the nature of Codex standards and the forms of acceptance by countries of Codex standards; the development of Guidelines for Codex Committees; the development of a mechanism for examining any economic impact statements submitted by governments concerning possible implications for their economies of some of the individual standards or some of the provisions thereof; and the establishment of a Code of Ethics for the International Trade in Food. The Committee is chaired by France.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The provisional agenda items will be discussed during the public meeting:

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
 2. Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees, including Traceability.
 3. Risk Analysis
 - (a) Proposed Draft Working Principles for Risk Analysis
 - (b) The Application of Risk Analysis in the Elaboration of Codex Standards (prepared by India)
 - (c) Consideration of the development of working principles for risk analysis to be applied by governments
 4. Proposed Draft Revised Code of Ethics for International Trade in Foods
 5. Guidelines for Cooperation with International Intergovernmental Organizations
 6. Membership in the Codex Alimentarius Commission of Regional Economic Integration Organizations
 7. Other Business, Future Work
- Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the French Secretariat at the 17th Session of CCGP. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the March 26th public meeting, the agenda items will be described, discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer

comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the FSIS Docket Room (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 17th CCGP.

Additional Public Notification

Pursuant to Departmental Regulation 4300–4, "Civil Rights Impact Analysis," dated September 22, 1993, FSIS has considered the potential civil rights impact of this notice on minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Therefore, to better ensure that these groups and others are made aware of this meeting, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of the **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update.

The Agency provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding Agency policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** Notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, the Agency is able to provide information with a much broader, more diverse audience.

For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, at (202) 720–5704.

Done at Washington, DC on: March 21, 2002.

F. Edward Scarbrough,
U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service
[Docket No. 02–004N]

**Codex Alimentarius Commission:
Twenty-fifth Session of the Codex
Committee on Fish and Fishery
Products**

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.