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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number: FV-02-336]

United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit Juice

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), prior to undertaking research and other work associated with revising an official grade standard, is soliciting comments on the petition to change the United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit Juice. AMS received a petition from the Indian River Citrus League asking USDA to consider replacing the current Grade "A" minimum standard with content of proposed the Florida Department of Citrus "Gold Standard".

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments must be sent to Karen L. Kaufman, Standardization Section, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 0709, South Building; STOP 0247, Washington, DC 20250; Fax (202) 690-1527, e-mail Karen.Kaufman@usda.gov. The United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit Juice is available either through the address cited above or by accessing the AMS Home Page on the Internet at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/ppb.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

AMS received a petition from Indian River Citrus League requesting the

revision of the United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit Juice. The standards are established under the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627). The petitioner represents growers on Florida's East Coast, along the Indian River called the Indian River District. Only grapefruit grown in this area can be labeled 'Indian River Grapefruit'.

The petitioner is requesting that USDA replace the current Grade "A" minimum standards with the content of the "Gold Standard" as proposed by the Florida Department of Citrus. The "Gold Standard" proposes that grapefruit juice have the following analytical requirements: Brix: minimum 9.5°, and a maximum 10.7°; Acid: minimum 0.85, maximum 1.20; Brix/Acid Ratio: minimum 9.0:1, maximum 11.0:1; and Limonin (ppm): minimum 3.5, maximum 5.5; Naringin (ppm) minimum 300, maximum 650.

The standard for grapefruit (unsweetened) juice is based on score points for Grade "A" and "B". The quality factors scored are for color, defects and flavor. Analytical factors for Grade "A" Brix: minimum 9.0°; Brix/Acid ratio: minimum 8.0:1, maximum 14.0:1; free and suspended pulp (percent by volume): maximum 10 and recoverable oil (percent by volume): .020.

The petitioner believes changing the standard will improve the quality of grapefruit juice produced, therefore increasing overall consumption.

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Prior to undertaking detailed work to develop a proposed revised standard AMS is soliciting for comment on the petition submitted by the Indian River Citrus League to change the standard for Grades of Grapefruit Juice. In particular, AMS would welcome comments and information regarding the likely utility of a new grade standard for grapefruit juice and the probable impact on consumers, processors, and growers.

This notice provides for a 60 day comment period for interested parties to comment on changes to the standard. Should AMS conclude that there is a substantial interest in the proposal, the Agency will develop a proposed new standard that will be published in the **Federal Register** with a request for comments in accordance with 7 CFR Part 36.

Dated: June 4, 2002.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public comment period on the information collection requests (ICRs) associated with crop insurance policies administered by Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

DATES: Written comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business August 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Timothy Hoffmann, Director, Product Development Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, United States Department of Agriculture, 6501 Beacon Drive, Stop 0812, Kansas City, MO 64133. Comments titled "Information Collection OMB 0563-0057" may be sent via the Internet to: DirectorPDD@rm.fcic.usda.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Louise Narber, Risk Management Specialist, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, at the address listed above, telephone (641) 535-6025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: New Crop Insurance Programs (Pilot and Private Crop Insurance Policies).

OMB Number: 0563-0057.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2003.

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

Abstract: FCIC is proposing to renew the currently approved information collection, OMB Number 0563-0057. It is currently up for renewal and extension for three years. FCIC is

conducting a thorough review of information collections associated with its crop insurance policies under this collection. The information collection requirements for this renewal package are necessary for administering the crop insurance program. Producers are required to report specific data when they apply for crop insurance and report acreage, yields and notices of loss. Insurance companies accept applications, issue policies, establish and provide insurance coverage, compute liability, premium, subsidies, and losses, indemnify producers, and report specific data to FCIC, as required. Insurance agents market crop insurance and service the producer. This data is used to administer the Federal crop insurance program in accordance with the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend its approval of our use of this information collection activity for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning this information collection activity. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

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

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information 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 0.4 hours per response.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Parties affected by the information collection requirements included in this Notice are producers and insurance companies reinsured by FCIC, including their agents.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 14,496.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 2.3.

Estimated annual number of responses: 33,343.

Estimated total annual burden hours on respondents: 13,113.

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.

Signed in Washington, DC, on May 31, 2002.

Ross J. Davidson, Jr.,

Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Risk Management Agency

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Conduct an Information Collection

AGENCY: Risk Management Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Risk Management Agency to request approval for information collections in support of the agency's mission to improve the economic stability of agriculture through a sound system of crop insurance. Approval will be requested for generic information collection projects.

DATES: Written comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business, August 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Virginia Guzman, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Research and Evaluation Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, 6501 Beacon Drive, Mail Stop 813, Kansas City, MO 64133. Written comments may also be submitted electronically to: RMARED_PRA@rm.fcic.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Virginia Guzman or David Fulk, at the Kansas City, MO address listed above, telephone (816) 926-6343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Agricultural Risk Management, Research and Evaluation, Generic Information Collections.

OMB Number: 0563-NEW.

Type of Request: New Information Collection.

Abstract: The Risk Management Agency intends to seek information in order to fulfill its mission to improve the economic stability of agriculture through a sound system of crop insurance. The Risk Management Agency requires input from agricultural

producers, producer groups, academia and the insurance industry in order to maintain and expand existing crop insurance products, develop new risk management tools, conduct research into a variety of risk management issues and to evaluate the progress of research projects. The information collections will include: the utilization of written requests for information; questionnaires or surveys; listening sessions or focus groups; requests for applications and status reports. Information collections are necessary to provide input and data on the performance of existing risk management products, to access the risk management needs of agricultural producers, to access the feasibility of new risk management products and tools, to obtain the information necessary for the development of partnership agreements and to obtain information on the status of research agreements and projects. We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve this information collection activity for 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning the information collection activities. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection information;

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

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, or 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 48 minutes per response for a total burden of 15,107 hours.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Individuals and businesses involved in the production of agricultural production and livestock; individuals and businesses in the crop insurance industry; academia, including individuals or representatives of universities and colleges who are involved in research and issues of American agriculture and risk management.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 18,884.