

system. Manufacturers wishing to sell their products to RUS electric borrowers request RUS consideration for acceptance of their products and submit letters of request with certifications as to the origin of manufacture of the products and include certified data demonstrating their products' compliance with RUS specifications.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information to evaluate the data to determine that the quality of the products is acceptable and that their use will not jeopardize loan security. The information is closely reviewed to be certain that test data; product dimensions and product material compositions fully comply with RUS technical standards and specifications that have been established for the particular product. Without this information, RUS has no means of determining the acceptability of products for use in the rural environment.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 38.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; on occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,760.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1944-B, Housing Applications Packaging Grants.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0157.

Summary of Collection: Section 509 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Rural Housing Service (RHS) to make grants to private and public nonprofit organizations and State and local governments to package housing applications for Section 502, 504, 514/515 and 533 to colonias and designated counties. Eligible organizations aid very low and low-income individuals and families in obtaining benefits from RHS housing programs. Various forms are used to confirm income verification for loan applicants, as a checklist to obtain a loan, and to check credit information about the applicants.

Need and Use of the Information: RHS field personnel will use this information to verify program eligibility requirements, to secure grant assistance, and for approval of housing application-packaging grants. The information will ensure that the program is administered in a manner consistent with legislative and administrative requirements. Without this information, RHS would be unable to determine if a grantee qualifies for grant assistance.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of respondents: 300.

Frequency of responses: Recordkeeping; reporting; on occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,350.

Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Recognizing the Animal Disease Status of Regions in the European Union.

OMB Control Number: 0579-New.

Summary of Collection: title 21, U.S.C. authorizes sections 111, 114, 114a, 114-1, 115, 120, 121, 125, 126, 134a, 134c, 134f, and 134g. These authorities permit the Secretary to prevent, control and eliminate domestic diseases such as brucellosis, as well as to take actions to prevent and to manage exotic diseases such as hog cholera and other foreign diseases. Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing the Animal Plant and Health Inspection service (APHIS) ability to compete in exporting animal and animal products. APHIS published a rule that would recognize Greece as a region free of foot-and-mouth disease; recognize Greece and nine regions in northern Italy as free of swine vesicular disease; and recognize Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain as a region free of hog cholera. Recognizing the new animal health status of these regions will allow them to import swine, pork and pork products, and swine semen into the United States under less stringent conditions, and will be regarded by the international community as a lowering of trade barriers. APHIS will collect information using certificates.

Need and use of the Information: APHIS will collect information concerning the origin and history of the items destined for importation into the United States. APHIS will also collect information to ensure that swine, pork and pork products, and swine semen pose a negligible risk of introducing exotic swine diseases into the United States. if the information is not collected it would cripple APHIS' ability to ensure that swine, pork and pork products, and swine semen pose a minimal risk of introducing hog cholera and other exotic animal disease into the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; State, local and tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 30.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; on occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 300.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Specified Commodities Imported into the United States Exempt from Import Requirements, 7 CFR Part 944, 980, and 999.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0167.

Summary of Collection: Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674) provides that when certain domestically produced commodities are regulated under a Federal marketing order; imports of the commodity must meet the same or comparable requirements. Import regulations apply only during those periods when domestic marketing order regulations are in effect. No person may import products for processing or other exempt purposes unless an executed Importers Exempt Commodity Form (FV-6) accompanies the shipment. The Civil Penalty Stipulation Agreement (FV-7) is a "volunteer" form that provides the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) with an additional tool to obtain resolution of certain cases without the cost of going to a hearing.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS utilizes the information to ensure that imported goods destined for exempt outlets are given no less favorable treatment than that afforded to domestic goods destined for such exempt outlets. The importers wishing to import commodities will use form FV-6, "Importer's Exempt Commodity", which requires a minimum amount of information.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 324.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; on occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2550.

Sondra A. Blakey,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

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Designation for the Oregon Area

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces the designation of Lewiston

Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Lewiston) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the November 22, 2002, **Federal Register** (67 FR 70397), GIPSA announced that the Oregon Department of Agriculture was ceasing official inspection services, effective November 27, 2002, and asked persons interested in providing official services in the Oregon geographic area to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by December 23, 2002.

Lewiston was the sole applicant for designation to provide official services in the area specified in the November 22, 2002 **Federal Register**. GIPSA asked for comments on Lewiston in the January 29, 2003, **Federal Register** (68 FR 4445). No comments were received by the closing date, February 28, 2003.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Lewiston, main office in Lewiston, Idaho, is able to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the November 22, 2002, **Federal Register**, for which they applied, in addition to their currently assigned area. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling Lewiston at 208-746-0451.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

Dated: March 20, 2003.

Donna Reifschneider,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Vermont Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a conference call of the Vermont Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 11:15 a.m. on March 31, 2003. The purpose of the conference call is to discuss the Completion of planning for the upcoming April 9, 2003, town hall meeting in Montpelier. The conference call is available to the public through the following call-in number: 1-800-659-8304, access code 15920877. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting.

To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines, persons are asked to register with USCCR by calling Marc Pentino of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116), by 4 p.m. on March 28, 2003.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated in Washington, DC., March 17, 2003.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program Student Applicant Information.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 400.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Average Hours Per Response: 2 hours.

Needs and Uses: The purpose of this collection is to gather information needed for the SURF (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship) Program. The information will be provided by student applicants and was described in the Proposal Review

Process and Evaluation Criteria sections of the **Federal Register** Notice for the SURF Program published in the **Federal Register** on February 20, 2003. The information will be used by the Program Directors and technical evaluators and is needed to determine eligible students, select students for the program using the Evaluation Criteria, and place selected students in appropriate research projects that match their needs, interests, and academic preparation. The information includes: student name, host institution, e-mail address, home address, class standing, first- and second-choice NIST laboratories they wish to apply to, academic major and minor, current overall GPA, gender (for housing purposes only), availability dates, resume, personal statement of commitment and research interests, two letters of recommendation, academic transcripts, verification of U.S. citizenship or permanent legal residency, and verification of health coverage.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Jacqueline Zeiher, (202) 395-4638.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jacqueline Zeiher, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 19, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.