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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. LS-04-07]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection used to compile and generate the livestock and meat market reports for the Livestock and Grain Market News Branch of the Livestock and Seed Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 17, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Jimmy A. Beard; Assistant to the Chief; Livestock and Grain Market News Branch, Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA; STOP 0252; Room 2619-S; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250-0252; Phone (202) 720-8054; Fax (202) 690-3732; e-mailed to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>, or e-mailed to marketnewscomments@usda.gov. State that your comments refer to Docket No. LS-04-07. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on the Internet at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsmnpubs>.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John E. Van Dyke, Chief, Livestock and Grain Market News Branch, AMS, USDA, by telephone on (202) 720-4846, or via e-mail at: john.vandyke@usda.gov; or Jimmy A. Beard, Assistant to the Chief, Livestock and Grain Market News Branch, AMS, USDA, by telephone on (202) 720-8054, or e-mail at: jimmy.beard@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Livestock and Meat Market Reports.

OMB Number: 0581-0154.

Expiration Date of Approval: 02-28-2005.

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

Abstract: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621, *et seq.*) directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information including adequate outlook information, on a market area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements aiding in the maintenance of farm income and to bring about a balance between production and utilization.

Under this market news program, AMS issues market news reports covering the livestock and meat trade, which encompasses a wide range of industry contacts, including packers, processors, producers, brokers, and retailers. These reports are compiled on a voluntary basis, in cooperation with the livestock and meat industry. The information provided by respondents initiates market news reporting, which must be timely, accurate, unbiased, and continuous if it is to be meaningful to the industry. The livestock and meat industry requested that AMS issue livestock and meat market reports in order to assist them in making informed production and marketing decisions. In addition, several Government agencies that purchase meat for various Federal programs use this data in making their purchasing decisions.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at .03 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, individuals or households, farms, and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 450.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 520.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,020 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: June 14, 2004.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04-003N]

New Technology Website Contents

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service is requesting comments on the types of information that it intends to post on its Web site regarding the use of new technologies in the production of meat, poultry, and egg products. Specifically, FSIS intends to post information about new technologies that are under review, or that have been reviewed, by the Agency. The Agency seeks comments about the value of the information to the public and the costs and other detrimental effects to a company if this information is made publicly available. FSIS is publishing this notice as part of its ongoing effort to increase public and industry awareness of new technologies and to foster their use by small and very small plants.

DATES: The Agency must receive comments by July 19, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand-or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102 Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20250.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments.

All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number 04-003N. All comments submitted will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The comments also will be posted on the Agency's Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FRDockets.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Bobby Palesano, Acting Director, New Technology Staff, Office of Policy and Program Development, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2932, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700; telephone (202) 205-0675, fax (202) 205-0080.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

FSIS has a longstanding interest in technologies used in meat and poultry establishments and egg products plants. FSIS believes that the development and proper use of technology can contribute significantly to improving the safety of

the food supply, especially with regard to reducing the threat posed by pathogenic microorganisms.

On February 11, 2003, FSIS published a notice in the **Federal Register** titled "FSIS Procedures for Notification of New Technology" (68 FR 6873). This notice established new, flexible procedures to actively encourage the development and use of new technologies in meat and poultry establishments and egg products plants.

Six months later, on August 12, 2003, Dr. Elsa Murano, Under Secretary for Food Safety, United States Department of Agriculture, announced the formation of the New Technology Staff (NTS). Located within FSIS, the NTS is charged with reviewing new technologies that companies intend to employ in the processing of meat, poultry, and egg products to ensure that the use of these technologies is consistent with Agency regulations, and that the technologies will not adversely affect product safety, inspection procedures, or the safety of FSIS inspectors.

On February 19, 2004, FSIS posted on the FSIS website at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oppde/op/technology/guidance.htm> document titled "Guidance Procedures for Notification and Protocol Submission of New Technology." This guidance document is intended to assist establishments in determining whether they need to notify FSIS of new technologies that they propose to use in meat and poultry establishments and egg products plants, and to provide guidance on when to submit protocols for in-plant testing of new technologies. These guidelines replaced the procedures specified in FSIS's February 11, 2003, **Federal Register** notice.

FSIS defines "new technology" as new, or new applications of, equipment, substances, methods, processes, or procedures affecting the slaughter of livestock and poultry or processing of meat, poultry, or egg products. Steam vacuums, steam pasteurization, and antimicrobials are all examples of advances in food safety technology that have occurred in recent years. New technologies have resulted in significant improvements in the safety of meat and poultry products in recent years.

Because of its desire to share information and to encourage small and very small plants to utilize new technologies, FSIS is considering posting on its Web site information on new technologies that are the subject of notifications or protocols that the Agency has received. The summaries would provide brief descriptions of the new technology notifications or protocols from industry. The summaries would include the submitter's name, a brief description of the new technology, and the status of the submission.

There are 5 status categories: (1) Pending (the notification is under review), (2) Objection Letter Issued (an aspect of the technology requires study), (3) Notification Information Inadequate (the notification does not include adequate information), (4) No Objection Letter Issued (the Agency has no objection to use of the new technology), and (5) Protocol Approved for In-plant Trial (the submitter will be studying an aspect of the use of the technology). The Agency intends to indicate the status of each pending submission.

The following are examples of new technologies and how they may appear on the Web site:

Company name	Summary of the notification/protocol	Status
XYZ	Direct application of a biological agent as an antimicrobial in processing of poultry	No Objection Letter Issued.
YZX	Application of a chemical agent as an antimicrobial processing aid on raw beef carcasses ..	Pending.
ZXY	Application of new substance as an antimicrobial food additive on fully cooked product	Notification Information Inadequate.

The Agency recognizes, however, that a new technology notification or protocol may contain proprietary information. Therefore, the Agency requests comments on what information on new technologies it should make publicly available and on ways to protect proprietary information. For example, FSIS requests comments on the possibility that, if a submitter is concerned about the disclosure of proprietary information or a trade secret contained in the notification or protocol, the submitter could prepare and submit to FSIS both a confidential

business information (CBI) version of the document and a public version. The CBI version would specify the information that the submitter considers to be proprietary or trade secret. If none of the information in the submission is proprietary or trade secret, and the submitter has no concerns about disclosing it, then only a public version of the document would need to be submitted to FSIS.

FSIS is requesting comments on the information that it intends to post on its website regarding the submissions of new technologies. Specifically, the

Agency is seeking comments on the value of this information and on the costs and other detrimental effects to a company if this information is made publicly available. FSIS will not begin to regularly post information about new notifications and protocols until after the comment period has ended, and it has evaluated and responded to all comments received.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to

ensure that the public and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities, are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>.

The Regulations.gov website is the central online rulemaking portal of the United States government. It is being offered as a public service to increase participation in the Federal government's regulatory activities. FSIS participates in Regulations.gov and will accept comments on documents published on the site. The site allows visitors to search by keyword or Department or Agency for rulemakings that allow for public comment. Each entry provides a quick link to a comment form so that visitors can type in their comments and submit them to FSIS. The website is located at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service consisting of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. The update also is available on the FSIS web page. Through Listserv and the web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

Done at Washington, DC, on June 15, 2004.

Barbara Masters,

Acting Administrator.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List products and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Comments Must be Received on or Before: July 18, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions. If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal government identified in the notice for each product or service will be required to procure the products and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products and services to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the products and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

End of Certification

The following products and services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Products:

Product/NSN: Bag, T-Shirt Style (Defense Commissary Agency Requirements for the Southern and Central Regions only); 8105-00-NIB-1023.

NPA: Envision, Inc., Wichita, Kansas.
Contract Activity: Defense Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, Virginia.

Product/NSN: One Step Tub & Shower

Cleaner, M.R. 584.

NPA: Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
Contract Activity: Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), Ft. Lee, Virginia.

Services:

Service Type/Location: Administrative Service, Program Executive Office (PEO) Aviation, At the following locations: Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Fort Rucker, Alabama, Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, Huntsville, Alabama, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

NPA: Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation, Huntsville, Alabama.

Contract Activity: U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Huntsville, Alabama.

Service Type/Location: Data Entry, USDA, Food Safety & Inspection Services, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

NPA: JVS Works, Inc., Minnetonka, Minnesota.

Contract Activity: GSA, Federal Technology Service, Ft. Huachuca, Arizona.

Service Type/Location: Food Service Attendant, Minnesota Air National Guard, St. Paul, Minnesota.

NPA: AccessAbility, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Contract Activity: Air National Guard-St. Paul, MN, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Director, Information Management.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island Advisory Committee will convene at 10:30 a.m. and adjourn at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 18, 2004. The purpose of the conference call is to plan future projects.

This conference call is available to the public through the following call-in number: 1-888-777-0937, access code number: 24576995. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls not initiated using the supplied call-in number or over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls using the call-in number over land-line connections. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the