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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. TB-05-01]

National Advisory Committee for Tobacco Inspection Services; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. II) announcement is made of a forthcoming meeting of the National Advisory Committee for Tobacco Inspection Services.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 1, 2005, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Old Town Alexandria Holiday Inn, 480 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William O. Coats, Associate Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs, AMS, USDA, telephone number (202) 205-0567 or fax (202) 205-0235.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, discuss recent legislation affecting mandatory inspection, and review various regulations issued pursuant to the Tobacco Inspection Act (7 U.S.C. 511 *et seq.*).

The meeting is open to the public. Persons, other than members who wish to address the Committee at the meeting should contact William O. Coats, Associate Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs, AMS, USDA, STOP 0280, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0280, prior to the meeting. Written statements may be submitted to the Committee before, at, or after the meeting. If you need any accommodations to participate in the meeting, please contact the Tobacco

Programs at (202) 205-0567 by January 24, 2005, and inform us of your needs.

Dated: January 5, 2005.

A. J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Form FNS-798 and FNS-798A, WIC Financial Management and Participation Report With Addendum

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection, the WIC Financial Management and Participation Report with Addendum.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Patricia N. Daniels, Director, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 520, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request

for OMB approval, and will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instructions should be directed to: Patricia N. Daniels, (703) 305-2749.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: WIC Financial Management and Participation Report with Addendum.

OMB Number: 0584-0045.

Expiration Date: 07-31-2005.

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

Abstract: Section 17(f)(4) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(4)) provides that "State agencies shall submit monthly financial reports and participation data to the Secretary" (See also 7 CFR 246.25(b)(1)). The WIC Financial Management and Participation Report with Addendum (FNS-798 and FNS-798A) are the forms State agencies complete to comply with this requirement. FNS and State agencies use the reported information for program monitoring, funds management, budget projections, monitoring caseload, policy development, and responding to requests from Congress and interested parties.

In addition, nonentitlement programs, such as the WIC Program, are required to conduct an annual closeout and reconciliation of grants. Departmental regulations at 7 CFR 3016.23(b) require that "[a] grantee must liquidate all obligations incurred under the award not later than 90 days after the end of the funding period (or as specified in a program regulation) to coincide with the submission of the annual Financial Status Report (SF-269)." WIC Program regulations at 7 CFR 246.17(b)(2) instruct State agencies to "submit to FNS, within 150 days after the end of the fiscal year, final fiscal year closeout reports." The final WIC Financial Management and Participation Report (FNS-798) submitted for the year with its addendum (FNS-798A) are used as a substitute for the SF-269, because they maintain the integrity of WIC's two grant components (food and nutrition services and administration (NSA)) as well as the four NSA grant components (program management, client services, nutrition education, and breastfeeding promotion and support).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.115 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The total annual burden on respondents was previously 4,660.04 hours. This extension includes an adjustment that adds one respondent which increases the total annual burden by 52.96 hours.

Respondents: Directors or Administrators of WIC State agencies.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 89 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: Seventeen.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,713 hours.

Dated: January 5, 2005.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee will be meeting to discuss project development for 2005 and project updates for 2004. Agenda topics will include electing a chairperson for 2005, public outreach methods, and a public forum (question and answer session). The meeting is being held pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 25, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ravalli County Administration Building, 215 S. 4th Street, Hamilton, Montana. Send written comments to Dan Ritter, Acting District Ranger, Stevensville Ranger District, 88 Main Street, Stevensville, MT 59870, by facsimile (406) 777-7423, or electronically to dritter@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Ritter, Acting Stevensville District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer. Phone: (406) 777-5461.

Dated: January 6, 2005.

David T. Bull,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request an extension of the clearance for an existing information collection in order to render service to associations of producers of agricultural, forestry, fisheries products and federations, and subsidiaries, thereof, as authorized in the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 14, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tracey L. Kennedy, Agricultural Economist, RBS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 3252, Washington, DC 20250-3252, Telephone (202) 690-1428.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual Survey of Cooperative Involvement in International Markets.

OMB Number: 0570-0020.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2005.

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

Abstract: The mission of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), formerly Agricultural Cooperative Service (ACS), is to assist farmer-owned cooperatives in improving the economic well-being of their farmer-members. This is accomplished through a comprehensive program of research on structural, operational, and policy issues affecting cooperatives; technical advisory assistance to individual cooperatives and to groups of producers who wish to organize cooperatives; and development of educational and informational material. The authority to carry out RBS's mission is defined in the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926 (44 Stat. 802-1926).

Authority and Duties of Division (7 U.S.C. 453).

(a) The division shall render service to associations of producers of agricultural products, and federations and subsidiaries, thereof, engaged in the cooperative marketing of agricultural products including processing, warehousing, manufacturing, storage, the cooperative purchasing of farm supplies, credit, financing, insurance, and other cooperative activities.

(b) The division is authorized to:

(1) Acquire, analyze, and disseminate economic, statistical, and historical information regarding the progress, organization, and business methods of cooperative associations in the United States and foreign countries.

(2) Conduct studies of the economic, legal, financial, social, and other phases of cooperation, and publish the results thereof. Such studies shall include the analyses of the organization, operation, financial and merchandising problems of cooperative organizations.

(3) Make surveys and analyses if deemed advisable of the accounts and business practices of representative cooperative associations upon their request; report to the association so surveyed the results thereof; and with the consent of the association so surveyed to publish summaries of the results of such surveys, together with similar facts, for the guidance of cooperative associations and for the purpose of assisting cooperative associations in developing methods of business and market analysis.

(4) Acquire from all available sources, information concerning crop prospects, supply, demand, current receipts, exports, imports, and prices of agricultural products handled or marketed by cooperative associations, and employ qualified commodity marketing specialists to summarize and analyze this information and disseminate the same among cooperative associations and others.

RBS also has a stated objective to "assist U.S. farmer cooperatives to expand their participation in international trade of agricultural products and supplies and to review their progress."

As trade agreements are implemented and domestic farm supports are reduced, a global presence is increasingly important to producers, their communities, and to job-creation and retention in agri- and food-related industries. Measurement and monitoring of cooperatives' global presence are stated objectives of RBS's International Trade Program. In order to carry out the Agency's mission and objectives, RBS needs to collect information from the cooperative community. This information collection