

Need and Use of the Information: FS will collect information to determine how long the individual, corporation, or organization has been in business; the products the individual, corporation, or organization sells or plans to sell; the geographical location from which the products will be sold; the projected sales volume; and how the individual, corporation, or organization plans to market the products. If information is not collected royalty fees would not be collected in keeping with federal cash management policies, and quantity of merchandise objectives would not be effectively monitored.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 63.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 11, 2008.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (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; (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 to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB),

OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured

of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: USDA Farmers Market Application.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0229.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(n)) authorizes the Secretary to conduct services and to perform activities that will facilitate the marketing and utilization of agricultural products through commercial channels. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is authorized to implement established regulations and procedures under 7 CFR part 170 for AMS to operate the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farmers Market, specify vendor criteria and selection procedures, and define guidelines to be used for governing the USDA Farmers Market annually. Information will be collected on form TM-28, "USDA Farmers Market Application."

Need and Use of the Information: The application was developed to ensure a uniform and fair process for deciding which farm operations are allowed to participate in the market, as well as ensure diversity of product for consumers. AMS will collect information to review the type of products available for sale and selecting participants for the annual market season. The information collected consists of (1) certification that the applicant is the owner or a representative of the farm or business; (2) name(s), address, telephone number and e-mail address; (3) farm or business location; (4) types of products grown; (5) business practices; and (6) insurance coverage.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Business and Cooperative Programs.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Business and Cooperative Programs' intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the Business and Industry Loan Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 14, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Lewis, Chief, Business and Industry Division, Servicing Branch, Business and Cooperative Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 3224, telephone (202) 690-0797, or e-mail *david.lewis@wdc.usda.gov*. The Federal Information Relay service on (800) 887-8339 is available for TDD users.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Business and Industry Loan Program.

OMB Number: 0570-0014.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2008.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection and recordkeeping requirements.

Abstract: The collected information is submitted to the B&I loan official by loan applicants and commercial lenders for use in making program eligibility, financial feasibility determinations and loan security determinations as required by the Con Act.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals, rural businesses, for profit businesses, non-profit businesses, Indian tribes, public bodies, cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 152.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Number of Responses: 325.
Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 835 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, at (202) 692-0035.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Business and Cooperative Programs, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Business and Cooperative Programs 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 Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. 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.

Dated: February 8, 2008.

Ben Anderson,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2008-0001]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Food and Drug Administration

(FDA) are sponsoring a public meeting on February 28, 2008. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the 29th Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Budapest, Hungary on March 10-14, 2008. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 29th Session of the CCMAS and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2008, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Conference Room 1A 001 of the Harvey W. Wiley Building located at 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, Maryland. Documents related to the 29th Session of the CCMAS will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 29th session of the CCMAS, Dr. Gregory Diachenko, FDA, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: gregory.diachenko@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration

To gain admittance to this meeting, individuals must present a photo ID for identification and also are required to pre-register. In addition, no cameras or videotaping equipment will be permitted in the meeting room. To pre-register, please send the following information to this e-mail address: gregory.diachenko@fda.hhs.gov by February 25, 2008:

Your Name _____
Organization _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone number _____
E-mail address _____

For Further Information About the 29th Session of the CCMAS Contact: Dr. Gregory Diachenko, Director, Division of Analytical Chemistry, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-705), FDA, Harvey Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, Maryland 20740. Phone (301) 436-1898; Fax (301) 436-2634, E-mail: gregory.diachenko@fda.hhs.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Syed Amjad

Ali, International Issues Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. Phone (202) 205-7760; Fax (202) 720-3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. 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 protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The CCMAS was established to perform multiple functions; define criteria appropriate for Codex methods of analysis and sampling; specify reference methods of analysis and sampling; endorse methods of analysis and sampling proposed by Codex Committees; elaborate sampling plans; and consider specific sampling and analysis problems. The Committee is hosted by Hungary.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 29th Session of the CCMAS will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees
- Proposed Draft Guidelines for Evaluating Acceptable Methods of Analysis
- Proposed Draft Guidelines for Settling Disputes on Analytical (Test) Results
- Proposed Draft Guidelines on Analytical Terminology for Codex Use
- Criteria for Methods of Detection and Identification of Foods Derived from Biotechnology
- Conversion of the Methods for Trace Elements into Criteria
- Guidance on Measurement Uncertainty and Uncertainty of Sampling

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the meeting. Members of the public may access these documents on the World Wide Web (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the February 28, 2008, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the