

Notices

Federal Register

Vol. 73, No. 96

Friday, May 16, 2008

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to OMB for Review

SUMMARY: US. Agency for International Development (USAID) has submitted the following information collection to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be sent via e-mail to David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov or fax to 202-395-7285. Copies of submission may be obtained by calling (202) 712-1365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412-0576 Form Number: N/A.

Title: Security firm Survey.

Type of Submission: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: It has become increasingly necessary in today's international environment for USAID to employ security firms to assist in providing a secure environment for its overseas employees. Due to the recent event involving the use of deadly force by U.S. Government contractors and/or subcontractors or subgrantees in Iraq, there is now a tremendous amount of interest in how, when and where the Government uses these private security firms. This necessity and resulting heightened scrutiny will continue for the foreseeable future.

USAID's Office of Acquisition and Assistance ("OAA") must therefore closely monitor the types of security service contracts and agreements USAID missions enter into and how these contracts/grants are implemented. Approximately 20 missions have entered into security service contracts/agreements and most of the information

OAA requests can be gathered within the mission without burdening the contractors/grantees. Missions will be instructed to contact the contractors/grantees on a limited basis only when the information cannot be obtained internally.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 20.

Total annual responses: 20.

Total annual hours requested: 60 hours.

Dated: May 8, 2008.

Joanne Paskar,

*Chief, Information and Records Division,
Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management.*

[FR Doc. E8-10981 Filed 5-15-08; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6116-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No.: ANS-FV-07-0100; FV-08-328]

United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Okra

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Reopening and extension of the comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the comment period for the proposed notice to revise the United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Okra is being reopened and extended.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 15, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to: Albert K. Hoover, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0247; fax (202) 690-1527; <http://www.regulations.gov>; or e-mail albert.hoover@usda.gov.

Comments should, reference the date and page of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be made available for public inspection, at the address listed above, during regular business hours and on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

The draft of the United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Okra is available through the address cited above, or <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Any comments received regarding this proposed standard will also be posted on these sites.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Albert K. Hoover at: (202) 720-5021 or by e-mail at: albert.hoover@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice was published on December 12, 2007 in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 238) requesting comments on a proposal to revise the United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Okra. The action would create a change in the grade standards for frozen okra that will include a change from a "score point" grading system to an "individual attribute" grading system. The individual attribute grading system uses sample sizes and acceptable quality levels (AQL's), along with tolerances and acceptance numbers (number of allowable defects), to determine the quality level of a lot. The action will also modify the definition of several terms, in order to bring frozen okra in line with current marketing practices. The proposed standard will provide a common language for trade, a means of measuring value in the marketing of frozen okra and provide guidance in the effective utilization of frozen okra.

The American Frozen Food Institute (AFFI) requested that additional time be provided for interested persons to comment on the proposed standard. AFFI believes that reopening the comment period will enable interested parties adequate time to review the proposed changes.

After reviewing the request, the Department is reopening the comment period in order to allow sufficient time for all interested persons to file comments.

This notice provides for a 60 day period for interested parties to comment on changes to the standards.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: May 9, 2008.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

[FR Doc. E8-10845 Filed 5-15-08; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-02-M