

Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. DA-08-09; AMS-DA-08-0082]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

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 for the Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products, and the Certification of Sanitary Design and Fabrication of Equipment Used in the Slaughter, Processing, and Packaging of Livestock and Poultry Products.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 17, 2008 to be considered.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Reginald L. Pasteur, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Dairy Standardization Branch, Room 2746—South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0230; Tel: (202) 690-3571, Fax: (202) 720-2643 or via e-mail at reginald.pasteur@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting Requirements Under Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products.

OMB Number: 0581-0126.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2009.

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

Abstract: The dairy grading program is a voluntary user fee program

authorized under the Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627). The regulations governing inspection and grading services of manufactured or processed dairy products are contained in 7 CFR part 58. In order for a voluntary inspection firm to perform satisfactorily, appropriate information must be collected. The information requested is used to identify the product offered for grading, to identify a request from a manufacturer of equipment used in dairy, meat or poultry industries for evaluation regarding sanitary design and construction, to identify and contact the party responsible for payment of the inspection, grading or equipment evaluation fee and expense and, to identify applicants who wish to be authorized for the display of official identification on product packaging materials, equipment, utensils, or on descriptive or promotional materials.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this record keeping is estimated to average .0585 hours per response.

Respondents: Distributors, manufacturers, and packers of butter and cheese; and manufacturers of processing equipment used in the dairy, meat and poultry industries.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 360.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of the 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 the 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should reference OMB No.

0581-0126 and the Dairy Inspection and Grading Program and be sent to the Office of the Deputy Administrator, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Room 2968-S, 1400 Independence Avenue,

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SW., Washington, DC 20090-6456. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and be submitted at the Federal eRulemaking portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627.

Dated: September 29, 2008.

Lloyd C. Day,
Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Implementation of Farm Bill Amendments to the Packers and Stockyards; Notice of Town Hall Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of Town Hall Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces three Town Hall meetings to allow interested parties to provide advice and recommendations to the Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) regarding the regulations that Title XI of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill) requires GIPSA to promulgate.

DATES: GIPSA will hold a town hall meeting in three locations:

1. October 14, 2008, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Van Buren, Arkansas.
2. October 16, 2008, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Ames, Iowa.
3. October 22, 2008, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Gainesville, Georgia.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held in three locations: Arkansas, Georgia, and Iowa.

1. Arkansas—Crawford County Cooperative Extension Office, 105 Pointer Trail West Van Buren, AR 72956.

2. Iowa—Iowa State University Scheman Building, Room 275, 1810 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010.

3. Georgia—Hall County FSA Building, 734 East Crescent Dr., Gainesville, GA 30501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeana Harbison, Legal Specialist, Policy and Litigation Division-GIPSA, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3646. Requests for information can be made by e-mail sent to: Jeana.M.Harbison@usda.gov; by phone at (202) 720-7363; or fax at (202) 690-3207.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) enforces the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 (P&S Act). Under authority granted the Secretary of Agriculture and delegated to us, we are authorized (7 U.S.C. 228) to make those regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the P&S Act.

The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill) tasked GIPSA with the responsibility of promulgating regulations with respect to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 (P&S Act) (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*) to establish criteria to be considered in determining:

1. Whether an undue or unreasonable preference or advantage has occurred in violation of such Act;

2. Whether a live poultry dealer has provided reasonable notice to poultry growers of any suspension of the delivery of birds under a poultry growing arrangement;

3. When a requirement of additional capital investments over the life of a poultry growing arrangement or swine production contract constitutes a violation of such Act; and,

4. If a live poultry dealer or swine contractor has provided a reasonable period of time for a poultry grower or a swine production contract grower to remedy a breach of contract that could lead to termination of the poultry growing arrangement or swine production contract.

The Farm Bill also requires that regulations be promulgated to implement new Section 210 of the P&S Act regarding the use of arbitration in production contract disputes. This specifically involves:

1. The right to decline arbitration when entering into a contract;
2. Disclosure of the right to decline arbitration; and
3. Choice of arbitration once a dispute arises if both parties agree in writing.

We must also establish the criteria that the Secretary will consider in determining whether the arbitration

process provided in a production contract provides a meaningful opportunity for the grower or producer to participate fully in the arbitration process.

Purpose: The purpose of these meetings is to gather information and recommendations from interested individuals and organizations regarding the promulgation of regulations concerning livestock and poultry production contracts, including swine production contracts and poultry growing arrangements as required by the Farm Bill. We wish to discuss and address existing problems, possible obstacles and potential solutions that would help us in the development of the regulations. Comments and suggestions received at this meeting may be used by GIPSA to draft the required regulations.

Public Participation: While oral comments should be limited to five minutes, extended written comments may be submitted for the record. Members of the public may also submit written comments for distribution at a meeting without presenting oral comments. Such written comments should be sent by mail or fax machine to Jeana Harbison as above no later than October 10, 2008.

Telephone Participation: Those unable to attend a public meeting may participate via an audio bridge by calling (877) 950-5739, participant pass code “6969173#.” All callers using the above pass code will be placed initially in “listen-only” mode during the presentation. Following the presentation, callers using the audio bridge will be given an opportunity to participate in the “Question and Answer” portion of the meeting or they may e-mail questions or comments during the meeting to Jeana.M.Harbison@usda.gov.

Instructions: If the comments and information may be used in promulgating regulations, they will become a matter of public record. Extended written comments should make reference to the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and be identified as “P&S Town Hall Meeting Comments.” Written comments and transcripts of oral comments will be available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)). Please call the GIPSA Management Support Staff at (202) 720-7486 to arrange for a public inspection of comments.

Special Accommodations: Persons attending a meeting who require special assistance or accommodations, are asked to notify Jeana Harbison by e-mail

at Jeana.M.Harbison@usda.gov; by phone at (202) 720-7363; or fax at (202) 690-3207, by October 9, 2008 by 5 p.m. EST.

James E. Link,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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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 previously furnished by such agencies.

Comments Must be Received on or Before: November 2, 2008.

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 or to Submit Comments Contact: Kimberly M. Zeich, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

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.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this 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