

Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURE:

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a currently approved information collection in support of the Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC) program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 4, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Director, Program Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Portals Office Building, Suite 400, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024, (202) 720-4327, fax: (202) 720-9361, e-mail: ppsadmin@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops.

OMB Number: 0551-0038.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2009.

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

Abstract: This information is needed to administer the CCC Technical

Assistance for Specialty Crops program. The information will be gathered from applicants desiring to receive grants under the program to determine the viability of requests for funds. Regulations governing the program appear at 7 CFR part 1487 and are available on the Foreign Agricultural Service's Web site.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 32 hours per respondent.

Respondents: U.S. government agencies, State government agencies, non-profit trade associations, universities, agricultural cooperatives, and private companies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 5.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,600 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tamoria Thompson-Hall, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1690.

Request for Comments: Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate and ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information. Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Comments may be sent to Director, Program Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Portals Office Building, Suite 400, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024 and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Facsimile submissions may be sent to (202) 720-9361 and electronic mail submissions should be addressed to: ppsadmin@fas.usda.gov.

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.

Signed at Washington, DC on January 27, 2009.

Suzanne Hale,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Acting Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Revision of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request a revision from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a currently approved information collection process in support of the Foreign Market Development Cooperator's (Cooperator) Program and the Market Access Program (MAP).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 4, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

Additional Information or Comments: Contact Director, Program Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Portals Office Building, Suite 400, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024, (202) 720-4327, fax: (202) 720-9361, e-mail: ppsadmin@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Foreign Market Development (Cooperator) Program and Market Access Program.

OMB Number: 0551-0026.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2009.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of the Cooperator's Program and MAP is to encourage and aid in the creation, maintenance, and expansion of commercial export markets for U.S. agricultural products through cost-share assistance to eligible trade organizations. The programs are a cooperative effort between CCC and eligible trade organizations. Currently, there are approximately 70 organizations participating directly in the programs with activities in more than 100 countries.

Prior to initiating program activities, each Cooperator or MAP participant must submit a detailed application to the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) which includes an assessment of overseas market potential; market or country strategies, constraints, goals, and benchmarks; proposed market development activities; estimated budgets; and performance

measurements. Prior years' plans often dictate the content of current year plans because many activities are continuations of previous activities. Each Cooperator or MAP participant is also responsible for submitting: (1) Reimbursement claims for approved costs incurred in carrying out approved activities, (2) an end-of-year contribution report, (3) travel reports, and (4) progress reports/evaluation studies. Cooperators or MAP participants must maintain records on all information submitted to FAS. The information collected is used by FAS to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for Government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 21 hours per response.

Respondents: Non-profit trade organizations, state groups, cooperatives, and commercial entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 71.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 62.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 92,442 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tamoria Thompson-Hall, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1690.

Request for Comments: Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information. Comments may be sent to Director, Program Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Portals Office Building, Suite 400, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Facsimile submissions may be sent to (202) 720-9361 and electronic mail submissions should be addressed to ppsadmin@fas.usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). 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.

Signed at Washington, DC on January 27, 2009.

Suzanne Hale,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Acting Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection. This information collection is required in petitions filed with FAS for emergency relief from duty-free imports of perishable products under section 204(d) of the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 4, 2009 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver comments to Robert Miller, Office of Negotiations and Agreements, Foreign Agricultural Service, Stop 1040, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1040, or e-mail to Robert.Miller@fas.usda.gov, or fax to (202) 720-1139.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Miller, Office of Negotiations and Agreements, Foreign Agricultural Service, Stop 1040, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1040, (202) 720-1047.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Emergency Relief from Duty-Free Imports of Perishable Products from Andean Countries.

OMB Number: 0551-0033.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2009.

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

Abstract: The Andean Trade Preference Act, 19 U.S.C. 3201 *et seq.*, was retitled the "Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act" (the Act), under section 3101 of Public Law 107-210, the "Trade Act of 2002". The Act authorized the President to

proclaim duty-free treatment for imports from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru except for specifically excluded products. Section 204(d) provides for emergency relief from duty-free imports of certain perishable agricultural products from the beneficiary Andean countries and, in part, that a petition for emergency import relief may be filed simultaneously with the Secretary of Agriculture and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) pursuant to the provisions of section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2251). Emergency import relief is limited to restoration of most favored nation tariffs during the period of the ITC's investigation. On October 16, 2008, section 208 of Public Law 110-436 amended the Act to extend the expiration date from December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2009. In the case of Ecuador and Bolivia, the President will review on or before June 30, 2009 to determine if both countries satisfy the requirements set forth in Section 203(c) for being designated as a beneficiary country in order to continue to receive benefits through December 31, 2009. Under 7 CFR part 1540, subpart C of this part, a procedure is provided for an entity to submit a petition for emergency relief to the Administrator of FAS. Section 1540.43 requests that the following information, to the extent possible, be included in a petition: A description of the imported perishable product concerned; country of origin of imports; data indicating increased imports are a substantial cause of serious injury (or threat of injury) to the domestic industry producing a like or directly competitive product; evidence of serious injury; and a statement indicating why emergency action would be warranted. The information collected provides essential data for the Secretary regarding specific market conditions with respect to the industry requesting emergency relief. Within 14 days of the filing of a petition, the Secretary shall advise the President if there is reason to believe that emergency action is warranted, or to publish a notice of a determination not to recommend emergency action and advise the petitioner.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at \$533.00.

Respondents: Non-profit institutions, businesses, or farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 23 hours.

Copies of the information collection can be obtained from Tamoria