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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 3, 2009.

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

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP).

OMB Control Number: 0581-0239.

Summary of Collection: The Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004, (Pub. L. 108-465) (Act) authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to States (at the time, defined to mean the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico), for each of the fiscal years 2005 through 2009 to be used by State departments of agriculture solely to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. These grant funds were previously applied for and awarded to eligible State departments of agriculture under the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP). Therefore, State departments of agriculture can no longer apply for grants under the SCBGP.

Need and Use of the Information: The SCBGP is still in effect because grant periods can be up to three years in length and currently, State departments of agriculture are reporting on previously awarded grants. Data collected is the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the program, and to fulfill the intent of Section 101 of the Act. The information collection requirements apply only to those State departments of agriculture who voluntarily participate in SCBGP. The information collected is needed to certify that grant participants are complying with applicable program regulations. The Agricultural Marketing Service is reviewing annual and final performance reports, grant amendments, and financial status reports for the SCBGP.

Description of Respondents: State Agricultural Departments.

Number of Respondents: 52.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually; Recordkeeping.

Total Burden Hours: 351.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Agricultural Research Service

Title: Electronic Mailing List Subscription Form—Nutrition and Food Safety.

OMB Control Number: 0518-0036.

Summary of Collection: The National Agricultural Library's Food and

Nutrition Center (FNIC) currently maintains several on-line "discussion groups." This voluntary "Electronic Mailing List Subscription Form" gives individuals working in the area of nutrition and food safety an opportunity to participate in these groups. Data collected using this form will help FNIC determine a person's eligibility to participate in these discussion groups. The authority for the National Agricultural Library (NAL) to collect this information is contained in the CFR, Title 7, Volume 1, Part 2, and Subpart K, Sec. 2.65 (92).

Need and Use of the Information: FNIC will collect the name, email address, job title, employer, mailing address and telephone number in order to approve subscriptions for nutrition and food safety on-line discussion groups. Failure to collect this information would inhibit FNIC's ability to provide subscription services to these discussion groups.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 17.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. AMS-FV-09-0025; FV09-900-1NC]

Request for New Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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 approval for an information collection for the AMS Survey of Marketing Order Online System (MOLS) Users, the automated FV-6 form used by importers and receivers for exempt imported fruits, vegetables and specialty crops.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 9, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments can

be sent to Valerie L. Emmer-Scott, Marketing Specialist, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0237; (202) 205-2829, Fax: (202) 720-8938, or Internet: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nicole Nelson, Compliance Team, Marketing Order Administration Branch, AMS, USDA, (202) 720-6467, or E-mail: nicole.nelson@ams.usda.gov; or Greg Breasher, Compliance Team, Marketing Order Administration Branch, AMS, USDA, (559) 487-5003, or E-mail: gregory.breasher@ams.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Marketing Order Online System (MOLS) Survey, Form FV-660.

OMB Number: 0581-NEW.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: Section 8e of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (7 U.S.C. 601-674), hereinafter referred to as the "Act", requires that when the Secretary of Agriculture issues grade, size, quality, or maturity regulations under domestic marketing orders for certain commodities, the same or comparable regulations apply to imports of those commodities. Import regulations apply only during those periods when domestic marketing order regulations are in effect.

Currently, the following commodities are subject to Section 8e import regulations: avocados, dates (other than dates for processing), hazelnuts, grapefruit, table grapes, kiwifruit, olives (other than Spanish-style olives), onions, oranges, Irish potatoes, dried prunes (suspended), fresh prunes, raisins, tomatoes, and walnuts. However, imports of these commodities are exempt from such requirements if they are imported for such outlets as processing, charity, animal feed, seed and distribution to relief agencies under the applicable marketing orders.

Safeguard procedures in the form of importer and receiver reporting requirements ensure that the imported commodities are shipped to authorized exempt outlets. Reports required under the safeguard procedures are similar to the reports currently required by most domestic marketing orders. The

following import regulations require importers and receivers of imported fruit, vegetable and specialty crops to submit reports: (1) Fruits; import regulations (7 CFR part 944.350); (2) Vegetables; import regulations (7 CFR part 980.501); and (3) Specialty crops; import regulations (7 CFR part 999.500).

When required to do so under the above regulations, an importer wishing to import commodities for exempt purposes completes Form FV-6, "Importer's Exempt Commodity Form," prior to importation. In August 2008, the web-based application, "Marketing Order Online System (MOLS)" was launched allowing fruit, vegetable and specialty crop importers and receivers to submit, review and search for FV-6 certificates online. The MOLS was developed to not only help USDA manage incoming FV-6 forms, but to also help importers reduce paperwork, streamline operations and allows the most efficient clearance through U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The FV-6 form and the MOLS are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB No. 0581-0167, "Specified Commodities Imported into the United States Exempt from Import Requirements."

The MOLS requires the minimum amount of information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the Act. It fulfills the intent of the Act and administers Section 8e compliance activities.

AMS offered MOLS to a test group of importers and receivers in November 2008. In January 2009, AMS opened the system to all importers and receivers. Although the MOLS is the recommended form of FV-6 submission, paper copies are occasionally used by those respondents who do not have internet access.

AMS has developed a customer satisfaction survey, Form FV-660, to gather specific information from approximately 200 respondents currently registered and utilizing the MOLS. Information will be collected on a voluntary basis, and the respondents' identities will not be revealed in the survey results. The survey will allow AMS to better serve the fruit, vegetable and specialty crop importing and handling community. AMS is seeking OMB approval of the survey, under OMB No. 0581-NEW. Upon approval, we request that the burden be merged into OMB No. 0581-0167.

The information collected through this package will be used and analyzed by authorized representatives of USDA, including AMS' Fruit and Vegetable Programs' headquarters staff. The survey, FV-660, would be distributed