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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

April 22, 2011.

AGENCY: Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: 30-Day notice of submission of information collection approval from the Office of Management and Budget and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on service delivery, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) has submitted a Generic Information Collection Request (Generic ICR): "Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery" to OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

DATES: Comments must be submitted May 27, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503;

OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact Ruth Brown (202) 720-8958 or Charlene Parker (202) 720-8681.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

Abstract: The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

The Agency received no comments in response to the 60-day notice published in the **Federal Register** of December 22, 2010 (75 FR 80542).

Total Burden Estimate for the Department of Agriculture

Current Actions: New collection of information.

Type of Review: New Collection.
Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 52.

Respondents: 3,665,300.

Annual Responses: 3,665,300.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average Minutes per Response: 35.

Burden Hours: 992,250.

Agriculture Departmental Offices—0503-xxxx

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 30.

Respondents: 30,000.

Annual Responses: 30,000.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average Minutes per Response: 60.

Burden Hours: 30,000.

Agricultural Marketing Service—0581-xxxx

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 8.

Respondents: 110,000.

Annual Responses: 110,000.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average Minutes per Response: 30.

Burden Hours: 60,000.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—0579-xxxx

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 2.

Respondents: 1,000.

Annual Responses: 1,000.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average Minutes per Response: 15.

Burden Hours: 250.

Food Safety and Inspection Service—0583-xxxx

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 6.

Respondents: 27,000.

Annual Responses: 27,000.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average Minutes per Response: 60.

Burden Hours: 27,000.

Forest Service—0596-xxxx

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 6.

Respondents: 3,500,000.
Annual Responses: 3,500,000.
Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average Minutes per Response: 15.
Burden Hours: 875,000.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting, Sabine National Forest Resource Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), [as reauthorized as part of Pub. L. 110-343] and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Sabine National Forest Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Sabine National Forest RAC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The Sabine National Forest RAC meeting will be held at the Sabine Ranger Station located on State Highway 21 East, approximately 5 miles East of Milam in Sabine County, Texas. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. and adjourn at approximately 5:30 p.m. A public comment period will begin at 5:15 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William E. Taylor, Jr., Designated Federal Officer, Sabine National Forest, 5050 State Hwy. 21 E., Hemphill, TX 75948; Telephone: 409-625-1940 or e-mail at: etaylor@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sabine National Forest RAC proposes projects and funding to the Secretary of Agriculture under Section 203 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, (as reauthorized as part of Pub. L. 110-343). The purpose of the May 5, 2011 meeting is to discuss new Title II projects. These meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Each formal RAC meeting will

also have time, as identified above, for persons wishing to comment. The time for individual oral comments may be limited.

William E. Taylor, Jr.,

Designated Federal Officer, Sabine National Forest RAC.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Importer Associations and Assessment Computation

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces an updated computation for assessments received by importer associations under the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order)(7 CFR part 1219). The Order is authorized under the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 7801-7813). The Order covers fresh domestic and imported Hass avocados and is administered by the Hass Avocado Board (Board). Under the program, assessments are paid by producers and importers and used for programs designed to increase the consumption of Hass avocados in the United States. A state association receives 85 percent of the assessment paid by all producers in the State of California and uses these funds to conduct state-of-origin promotions. Importer associations receive 85 percent of the assessments paid by their members and use these funds to conduct country-of-origin promotions. This notice announces that assessments from all Hass avocado importers who import Hass avocados from a country represented by an importer association will be included in the 85 percent assessment computation. For those importers of Hass avocados whose assessments were not previously included in the 85 percent calculation, such importers may have their assessments not included in the computation upon notice to the Board. Information regarding the updated computation is available from the Agricultural Marketing Service at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/FVPromotion>. The updated computation will become

effective 60 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: April 20, 2011.

Ellen King,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document Number AMS-NOP-11-0014; NOP-11-05]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice correction.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced on March 4, 2011 a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) (76 FR 12013). The March 4, 2011 notice provided for five-minute public comment slots. Due to the overwhelming number of people who have signed up to present comments, AMS is informing the public that each public comment slot will be three minutes.

DATES: The NOSB meeting dates are Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 27, 2011, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, April 28, 2011, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, April 29, 2011, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Dated: April 22, 2011.

David R. Shipman,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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