

Additional Information or Comments: Contact Mark Slupek, Director, Program Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 6510, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-4327, fax: (202) 720-9361, email: podadmin@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

OMB Number: 0551-0026.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2012.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection process. The Estimate of Burden is decreasing and the Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent and Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents is increasing.

Abstract: The primary objective of the Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program and the Market Access Program 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 the eligible trade organizations. Currently, there are about 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. FAS has recently revised the MAP regulation and added three

additional required documents to the MAP program: brand program operational procedures, written contracting guidelines, and an anti-fraud prevention program. With the addition of these three documents and other minor adjustments, the Estimate of Burden is decreasing and the Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent and Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents is increasing.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 hours per response.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 71.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 68.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 96,560 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Connie Simpson, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1578.

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, to: Mark Slupek, Director, Program Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 6510, STOP 1042, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250. Facsimile submissions may be sent to (202) 720-9361 and electronic mail submissions should be addressed to: podadmin@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 June 1, 2012.

Janet A. Nuzum,

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

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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 process in support of the Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC) program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 20, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

Additional Information or Comments: Contact Mark Slupek, Director, Program Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 6510, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-1169, fax: (202) 720-9361, email: podadmin@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops.

OMB Number: 0551-0038.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2012.

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

Abstract: This information is needed to administer CCC's 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 request 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 Connie Simpson, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1578.

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, to: Mark Slupek, Director, Program Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 6510, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250. Facsimile submissions may be sent to (202) 720-1169 and electronic mail submissions should be addressed to: podadmin@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 June 1, 2012.

Janet A. Nuzum,

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

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Montana Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the Montana Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. (MDT) on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council, Wells Fargo Bank Building, 175 N. 27th Street, Suite 1003, Billings, MT 59101.

The purpose of the planning meeting is to discuss civil rights issues in the state and to select a project topic.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days of the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 999 18th Street, Suite 1380 South, Denver, CO 80202. They may be faxed to (303) 866-1050 or emailed to ebohor@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at (303) 866-1040.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at the above email or street address.

Deaf or hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, on June 18, 2012.

Peter Minarik,

Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Foreign Ocean Carriers' Expenses in the United States

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. August 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information or copies of the survey and instructions to Christopher Emond, Chief, Special Surveys Branch, Balance of Payments Division, (BE-50), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; phone: (202) 606-9826; fax: (202) 606-5318; or via the Internet at christopher.emond@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Form BE-29, Foreign Ocean Carriers' Expenses in the United States, obtains annual data from U.S. agents that handle 40 or more port calls by foreign ocean vessels and the covered expenses

for all foreign ocean vessels handled by the U.S. agent were \$250,000 or more. U.S. agents that handle fewer than 40 port calls or where the total annual covered expenses for all foreign ocean vessels handled by the U.S. agent are below \$250,000 are exempt from reporting. The data collected are cut-off sample data. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) estimates expenses for non-respondents.

The data are needed to monitor U.S. international trade in transportation services, to analyze its impact on the U.S. economy and foreign economies, to compile and improve the U.S. economic accounts, and to support U.S. commercial policy on transportation services, conduct trade promotion, and improve the ability of U.S. businesses to identify and evaluate market opportunities.

Survey forms will be sent to respondents each year; responses will be due within 90 days after the close of the calendar year. The data from the survey are primarily intended as general purpose statistics. They are needed to answer any number of research and policy questions related to foreign ocean carriers' expenses in the United States. There are no changes proposed to the form or instructions.

II. Method of Collection

The surveys are sent to the respondents by U.S. mail; the surveys are also available from the BEA Web site. Respondents return the surveys one of four ways: U.S. mail, electronically using BEA's electronic collection system (eFile), fax, or email.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0608-0012.
Form Number: BE-29.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 149 annually.
Estimated Time per Response: 4 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 596 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.
Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: The International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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