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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 5, 2013.

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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by January 9, 2014 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725—17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8958.

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potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Farm Service Agency

Title: (7 CFR part 767), Farm Loan Program—Inventory Property Management.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0234.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Loan Program provides supervised credit in the form of loans to family farmers to purchase real estate and equipment and finance agricultural production. Authority to establish the regulatory requirements contained in 7 CFR part 767 is provided under section 302 of the Act (7 U.S.C. 1922) which provides that “the Secretary is authorized to make and insure under this title to farmers . . .” Section 339 of the Act (7 U.S.C. 1989) further provides that “the Secretary is authorized to make such rules and regulations, prescribe the terms and conditions for making . . . loans, security instruments and agreements, except as otherwise specified herein, and to make such delegations of authority as he deems necessary to carry out this title.”

Need and Use of the Information: Information collections are submitted by applicants to the local agency office serving the country in which their business is headquartered. The information is necessary to thoroughly evaluate an applicant's request to purchase inventory property and is used by the agency to determine an applicant's eligibility to lease or purchase inventory property and to ensure payment of the lease or purchase amount.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 314.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Other (upon request).

Total Burden Hours: 551.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Plum Pox Compensation
OMB Control Number: 0579–0159

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or movement of plants and plant pests to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The regulations in 7 CFR 301.74–5 permit owners of commercial stone fruit orchards and owners of fruit tree nurseries to receive compensation under certain circumstances. Owners of commercial stone fruit orchards may receive compensation for losses associated with trees destroyed to control plum pox pursuant to an emergency action notification (EAN) issued by the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Owners of fruit tree nurseries may receive compensation for net revenue losses associated with movement or sale of nursery stock prohibited under an EAN issued by APHIS with respect to regulated articles within the nursery in order to control plum pox. Plum Pox is an extremely serious viral disease of plants that can affect many stone fruit species, including plum, peach, apricot, almond, and nectarine. APHIS will collect information using form PPQ 651 Application for Plum Pox Compensation and PPQ 523 Emergency Action Notification.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect the owner's name and address, a description of the owner's property, and a certification statement that the trees removed from the owner's property were stone fruit trees from commercial fruit orchards or fruit tree nurseries. For claims made by owners of stone fruit orchards, the completed application must be accompanied by a copy of the EAN ordering the destruction of their trees, the notification's accompanying inventory describing the acreage and ages of trees removed and documentation verifying that the destruction of the trees have been completed and the date of that completion. For claims made by owners of fruit tree nurseries, the completed application must be accompanied by a copy of the EAN prohibiting the same or movement of the nursery stock, the notification's accompanying inventory describing the total number of trees covered by the EAN, their age and variety, and documentation indicating the final disposition of the nursery stock. Without the information APHIS would be unable to compensate eligible grove and nursery owners for their losses.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2,512.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 89.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Interstate Movement of Fruit from Hawaii

OMB Control Number: 0579–0331

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or movement of plants and plant pests to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The Hawaii fruit and vegetables regulations contained in 7 CFR 318.13–1 through 318.13–25 govern, among other things, the interstate movement of fruits and vegetables from Hawaii. These regulations are necessary to prevent the spread of plant diseases and pest that occur in Hawaii but not on the mainland United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulations allow mangosteen, dragon fruit, melon, pods of cowpea and its relatives, breadfruit, jackfruit, and fresh drumstick tree pods to be moved interstate from Hawaii under certain conditions to the mainland United States while continuing to provide protection against the spread of plant pests from Hawaii in the continental United States.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information using PPQ 530 and 540 forms to prevent the interstate spread of a number of destructive and economically damaging agricultural pests. If APHIS did not collect this information the effectiveness of APHIS' Hawaiian fruits and vegetables quarantine program would be severely compromised and could result in millions of dollars in damage to American agriculture.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 110.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 545.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Solicitation of Nominations for Members of the USDA Grain Inspection Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice to solicit nominees.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is seeking nominations for individuals to serve on the USDA Grain Inspection Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee). The Advisory Committee meets annually to advise GIPSA on the programs and services it delivers under the U.S. Grain Standards Act (USGSA). Recommendations by the Advisory Committee help GIPSA better meet the needs of its customers who operate in a dynamic and changing marketplace.

DATES: GIPSA will consider nominations received by January 24, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations for the Advisory Committee by completing form AD–755 and mail to:

- Terri L. Henry, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mail Stop 3611, Washington, DC 20250–3611, or
- FAX: 202–690–2173

Form AD–755 may be obtained via USDA's Web site: <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755.pdf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terri L. Henry, telephone (202) 205–8281 or email Terri.L.Henry@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 21 of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 87j), as amended, the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) established the Advisory Committee on September 29, 1981, to provide advice to the GIPSA Administrator on implementation of the USGSA. The current authority for the Advisory Committee expires on September 30, 2015. As specified in the USGSA, each member's term is 3 years and no member may serve successive terms.

The Advisory Committee consists of 15 members, appointed by the Secretary, who represent the interests of grain producers, processors, handlers, merchandisers, consumers, exporters, and scientists with expertise in research related to the policies in section 2 of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 74). While members of the Advisory Committee serve without