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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Request for Extension or Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the intention of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights to request a renewal to a currently approved information collection for race, ethnicity, and gender along with comments.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 20, 2014, to be assured of consideration.

Additional Information Or Comments: Contact Anna G. Stroman, Chief, Policy Division, by mail at Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Race, Ethnicity and Gender Data Collection.

OMB Number: OMB No. 0503-0019 Expiration.

Date of Approval: March 31, 2014.

In the **Federal Register** of March 21, 2014, in FR Doc 2014-06196 on page 15721, make the following correction:

Under Supplementary Information: Change the OMB Number From OMB No. 0505-0019 to OMB No. 0503-0019

Joe Leonard, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-FV-14-0017]

Christmas Tree Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection for Which Approval has Expired

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 document announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request reinstatement of a previously approved information collection from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), for which approval has expired for the Christmas Tree Promotion, Research, and Information Program (Order). In addition, to the Order, we are including the burden and ballot form from a previously approved information collection that expired, titled Referendum for Christmas Tree Promotion, Research and Information Program.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 6, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this notice. Comments should be submitted online at www.regulations.gov or sent to the Promotion and Economics Division, Fruit and Vegetable Program, AMS, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 0244, Room 1406-S, Washington, DC 20250-0244, or by facsimile to (202) 205-2800. All comments should reference the document number, the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and will be made available for public inspection at the above physical address during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marlene Betts at the above address, by telephone at (202) 720-9915, or by email at Marlene.Betts@ams.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Christmas Tree Promotion, Research, and Information Program (Order).

OMB Number: 0581-0268.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2013.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The Order, which was established through the publication of a final rule on November 8, 2011 (76 FR 69094), was created to help strengthen the position of Christmas trees in the marketplace, and maintain, develop, and expand markets for Christmas trees in the United States. The Order is authorized under the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 (1996 Act) (7 U.S.C. 7411-7425). On November 17, 2011, a final rule was published that stayed indefinitely the regulations establishing the Order (76 FR 71241) to provide additional time for USDA to reach out to the Christmas tree industry and the public to explain how a research and promotion program is a producer driven program to support American farmers.

The stay is being lifted in accordance with the provisions of the Agriculture Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill), and the Christmas tree program will be administered by the Christmas Tree Promotion Board (Board) appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and financed by a mandatory assessment on producers and importers of fresh cut Christmas trees. The assessment rate will be \$0.15 per Christmas tree cut and sold domestically or imported into the United States. The program will provide for an exemption for producers and importers that cut and sell or import fewer than 500 Christmas trees annually. A referendum will be held among eligible producers and importers to determine whether they favor continuation of the program three years after assessments first begin.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the Order when the stay is lifted under the authority of the 2014 Farm Bill. Section 10014 of the Farm Bill states that not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of the 2014 Farm Bill, the Secretary of Agriculture shall lift the administrative stay that was imposed and published in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 2011.