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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Sugar Imported for Export as Refined Sugar or as a Sugar-Containing Product, or used in the Production of Certain Polyhydric Alcohols.

*OMB Number:* 0551-0015.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* June 30, 2018.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the Sugar Import Licensing Program is to permit entry of raw cane sugar, unrestricted by the quantitative limit established by the sugar tariff-rate quota, for re-export in refined form or in a sugar containing product or for the production of certain polyhydric alcohols. These programs are in use by as many as 250 licensees currently eligible to participate. Under 7 CFR part 1530, licensees are required to submit the following: (1) "Application for a license" information required for participation as set forth in section 1530.104; (2) "Regular reporting" of import, export, transfer, or use for charges and credits to licenses under section 1530.109; and (3) "Miscellaneous submission" of bonds or letters of credit under section 1530.107, appeals to determinations by the licensing authority under section 1530.112, or requests to the licensing authority for waivers under section 1530.113.

In addition, each participant must maintain records on all program reports as set forth in section 1530.110. The information collected is used by the licensing authority to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for program activities. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper operations of these programs.

*Estimate of Burden:* (1) "Application for a license" would require 20 hours per response; (2) "Regular reporting" would require between 10 and 15 minutes per transaction with the number of transactions varying per respondent; and (3) "miscellaneous submission" would require between 1 to 2 hours per bond or letter of credit, 2 to 10 hours per waiver request, and 10 to 100 hours per appeal.

*Respondents:* Sugar refiners, manufacturers of sugar containing products, and producers of polyhydric alcohol.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 270.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* New/Renew License: 1; Regular reporting: 75 transactions, total; Miscellaneous: Bonds/letters of credit: 1; Waiver requests: 1; Appeals: 1.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours on Respondents:* 1,653 hours.

*Request for Comments:* We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to: (1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FAS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of FAS's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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. Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Connie Ehrhart, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1578 or email at [Connie.Ehrhart@fas.usda.gov](mailto:Connie.Ehrhart@fas.usda.gov).

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

**E-Government Act Compliance**

FAS is committed to complying with the E-Government Act, to promote the use of the internet and other information technologies to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

Dated: January 29, 2018.

**Bobby Richey, Jr.,**

*Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Commodity Credit Corporation**

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

[Docket No. NRCS-2018-0001]

**Notice of Request for an Extension of Existing Information Collection Package**

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that NRCS will request an extension for a currently approved information collection for long-term contracting forms.

**DATES:** Comments must be received 60 days after publication in the **Federal Register** to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Berns, Easement Programs Division, Room 5241-S, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250; telephone (202) 720-5074.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Long-Term Contracting.

*OMB Number:* 0578-0013.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 3 years from approval date.

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

*Abstract:* The primary objective of NRCS is to work in partnership with the American people and the farming and ranching community to protect, conserve, and sustain our Nation's natural resources on privately owned land. The purpose of the long-term contracting information collection is to allow for programs to provide Federal technical and financial cost-sharing assistance through long-term contracts to eligible producers, landowners, and entities. These long-term contracts provide for making land use changes and installing conservation measures and practices to protect, conserve, develop, and use the soil, water, and

related natural resources on private lands. Under the terms of the agreement, the participant agrees to apply, or arrange to apply the conservation treatment specified in the conservation plan. In return for this agreement, Federal financial assistance payments are made to the land user, or third party, upon successful application of the conservation treatment. Additionally, NRCS purchases easements for the long

term protection of the property and provides for the protection and management of the property for the life of the easement.

The information collected through this package is used by NRCS to ensure the proper use of program funds. The conservation programs in this information collection that are subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act are listed in Table A. No

changes or adjustments are proposed at this time; this notice is limited to the request for an extension of the currently approved information collection package used by NRCS for long-term contracting for the programs listed in Table A. Table B shows the burden for those programs subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

TABLE A—CONSERVATION PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

Program	Description
Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) (7 CFR part 701).	USDA Farm Service Agency's ECP provides emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought. Funding for ECP is appropriated by Congress.
Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) (7 CFR part 624).	The EWP was initiated in 1950 and is administered by NRCS. It provides technical and financial assistance to local institutions for the removal of storm and flood debris from stream channels and for the restoration of stream channels and levees to reduce the threat to life and property. The program also provides for establishing permanent easements in floodplains with private landowners.
Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP) (7 CFR part 625).	HFRP is a voluntary program established for the purpose of restoring and enhancing forest ecosystems to: (1) Promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species; (2) improve biodiversity; and (3) enhance carbon sequestration. The HFRP was signed into law as part of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 and amended by the 2008 Act. The Agricultural Act of 2014 made minor changes to HFRP land eligibility and funding.
Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D).	The RC&D was initiated in 1962 and was administered by NRCS. Through this program, NRCS assisted multi-county areas in enhancing conservation, water quality, wildlife habitat, recreation, and rural development. The program provided technical and limited financial assistance for the planning and installation of approved projects.
Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (WPFPP) (7 CFR part 622).	The WPFPP, otherwise known as P.L. 566, was initiated in 1954 and is administered by NRCS. It assists State and local units of government in flood prevention, watershed protection, and water management. Part of this effort involves the establishment of conservation practices on private lands to reduce erosion, sedimentation, and runoff.

TABLE B—BURDEN FOR REQUIRED PROGRAMS UNDER THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

Form	Purpose	Program(s)	* Number submitted annually
AD-1153	Application	EWP, WPFPP, HFRP	750; Estimated time per participant is .30 per response.
AD-1154	Contract or Agreement	EWP, HFRP	150; Estimated time per participant is .37 per response.
AD-1155 AD-1155A	Schedule of Practices/Costs and signature sheet.	EWP, WPFPP, HFRP	300; Estimated time per participant is .373 per response.
AD-1156	Schedule Modification	EWP, WPFPP, HFRP	25; Estimated time per participant is .375 per response.
AD-1157	Option Agreement to Purchase	EWP, HFRP	170; Estimated time per participant is .40 per response.
AD-1157A	Option Agreement to Purchase Amendment.	EWP, HFRP	170; Estimated time per participant is .40 per response.
AD-1158	Subordination Agreement and Limited Lien Waiver.	EWP, HFRP	100; Estimated time per participant is .495 per response.
AD-1159	Notice of Intent to Continue	Not used by any non-exempt programs.	
AD-1160	Compatible Use Authorization	EWP, HFRP	200; Estimated time per participant is .40 per response.
AD-1161	Application for Payment	CTA, WPFPP, HFRP	200; Estimated time per participant is .30 per response.
NRCS-CPA-68	Conservation Plan	EWP, WPFPP, HFRP	2,700; Estimated time per participant is .75 per response.
NRCS-LTP-13	Status/Contract Review	EWP, HFRP	250; Estimated time per participant is .375 per response.
NRCS-LTP-20, NRCS-CPA-260	Warranty Easement Deed, Conservation Easement Deed.	HFRP	170; Estimated time per participant is .40 per response.
NRCS-LTP-70	Agreement for the Purchase of Conservation Easement.	EWP	50; Estimated time per participant is .69 per response.
NRCS-LTP-80	Agreement for the Purchase of Conservation Easement..	EWP, HFRP	120; Estimated time per participant is .69 per response.
NRCS-LTP-151	Contract Violation Notification	EWP, HFRP	20; Estimated time per participant is .495 per response.

TABLE B—BURDEN FOR REQUIRED PROGRAMS UNDER THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT—Continued

Form	Purpose	Program(s)	* Number submitted annually
NRCS-LTP-152 .....	Transfer Agreement .....	EWP, HFRP .....	5; Estimated time per participant is .495 per response.
NRCS-LTP-153 .....	Agreement Covering Non-Compliance With Provisions of the Contract.	EWP, HFRP .....	10; Estimated time per participant is 1.5 per response.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.30 to 1.5 hours per response.

*Type of Respondents:* Program participants.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,390.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 5,390.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 3,058.70 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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, (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Kim Berns, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Easement Programs Division, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Room 5241-S, Washington, DC 20250. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed this day of January 18, 2018, in Washington, DC.

**Leonard Jordan,**

*Acting Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Notice of Public Meeting of the Georgia Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** 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 that the Georgia (State) Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 for hearing testimony regarding the issue of the Olmstead Decision, Civil Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Georgia.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Shepherd Center, 2020 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Hinton, DFO, at [jhinton@usccr.gov](mailto:jhinton@usccr.gov) or 404-562-7706.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to the public, and will take place at The Shepherd Center, 2020 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30309. In addition, members of the public may submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Southern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 61 Forsyth St., Suite 16T126, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (404) 562-7005 or emailed to Jeff Hinton at [jhinton@usccr.gov](mailto:jhinton@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the USCCR, Southern Regional Office at (404) 562-7000.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Southern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via [www.facadatabase.gov](http://www.facadatabase.gov) under the Commission on Civil Rights, Georgia Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the

Southern Regional Office at the above email or street address.

**Agenda**

- 9:30 a.m. Introductions
- 9:45-10:55 a.m. Panel 1
- 11:00-12:05 a.m. Panel 2
- 12:10-1:15 p.m. Panel 3
- 1:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 2:00-3:30 p.m. Panel 4
- 3:35-4:30 p.m. Panel 5
- 4:35-4:55 p.m. Public Comment and Community Testimonials
- 4:55 p.m. Adjourn

Dated: January 31, 2018.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Census Bureau**

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Quarterly Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

**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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before April 9, 2018.

**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 [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Mary Susan Bucci, U.S.