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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. AMS-ST-18-0064]

Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval from Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of and revision to the currently approved information collection "Application for Plant Variety Protection Certification and Objective Description of Variety."

DATES: Comments must be received by October 12, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this notice by using the electronic process available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Written comments may also be submitted to the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO), Science and Technology, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4512-S, Stop 0274, Washington, DC 20250 or by facsimile to (202) 260-8976. All comments should reference the docket number AMS-ST-18-0064, the date, and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernadette Thomas, Information Technology Specialist, (202) 720-1168 or Bernadette.thomas@ams.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations Governing the Application for Plant Variety Protection Certificate and Reporting Requirements under the Plant Variety Protection Act.

OMB Number: 0581-0055.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2018.

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

Abstract: The Plant Variety Protection Act (PVPA) (7 U.S.C. 2321 *et seq.*) was established "To encourage the development of novel varieties of sexually reproduced plants and make them available to the public, providing protection available to those who breed, develop, or discover them, and thereby promote progress in agriculture in the public interest."

The PVPA is a voluntary user funded program which grants intellectual property rights protection to breeders of new, distinct, uniform, and stable seed reproduced and tuber propagated plant varieties. To obtain these rights the applicant must provide information which shows the variety is eligible for protection and that it is indeed new, distinct, uniform, and stable as the law requires. Application forms, descriptive forms, and ownership forms are furnished to applicants to identify the information which is required to be furnished by the applicant in order to legally issue a certificate of protection (ownership). The certificate is based on claims of the breeder and cannot be issued on the basis of reports in publications not submitted by the applicant. Regulations implementing the PVPA appear at 7 CFR part 92.

Currently approved forms ST-470, Application for Plant Variety Protection Certificate, ST-470 A, Origin and Breeding History, ST-470 B, Statement of Distinctness, Form ST-470 series, Objective Description of Variety (Exhibit C), Form ST-470-E, Basis of Applicant's Ownership, are the basis by which the determination, by experts at PVPO, is made as to whether a new, distinct, uniform, and stable seed reproduced or tuber-propagated variety in fact exists and is entitled to protection.

The ST 470 application form combines Exhibits A, B, and E into one form. The information received on applications, with certain exceptions, is required by law to remain confidential until the certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the PVPA, to provide applicants with

certificates of protection, to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the program.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.02 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 93.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 21.78.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,063 (rounded).

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. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours.

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

Dated: August 8, 2018.

Bruce Summers,
Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 4284, subpart J.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 12, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deputy Administrator, Cooperative Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 3250, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: 202-720-7558.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Value-Added Producer Grants.

OMB Number: 0570-0064.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2018.

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

Abstract: The purpose of this information collection is to obtain information necessary to evaluate grant applications to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the project for the program and to qualitatively assess the project to determine which projects should be funded.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 39 hours per grant application.

Respondents: Independent producers, agriculture producer groups, farmer- or rancher-cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 249.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 14.

Estimated Number of Responses: 3,564.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 52,818 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimble Brown, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c)

ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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 may be sent to Kimble Brown, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0742.

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.

Dated: August 6, 2018.

Bette Brand,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION

Notice of 110th Commission Meeting

A notice by the U.S. Arctic Research Commission on 08/03/2018.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will hold its 110th meeting in Kotzebue, AK, on September 4-5, 2018. The business sessions, open to the public, will convene at 8:30 a.m. at NW Borough Assembly Chambers, 163 Lagoon Street, Kotzebue, AK 99752.

The Agenda items include:

- (1) Call to order and approval of the agenda
- (2) Approval of the minutes from the 109th meeting
- (3) Commissioners and staff reports
- (4) Discussion and presentations concerning Arctic research activities

The meeting will focus on reports and updates relating to programs and research projects affecting Alaska and the greater Arctic.

The Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (Title I Pub. L. 98-373) and the Presidential Executive Order on Arctic Research (Executive Order 12501) dated January 28, 1985, established the United States Arctic Research Commission.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please notify us via the contact information below. Any person planning to attend who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters,

must inform the Commission of those needs in advance of the meeting.

Contact person for further information: Kathy Farrow, Communications Specialist, U.S. Arctic Research Commission, 703-525-0111 or TDD 703-306-0090.

Dated: August 3, 2018.

Kathy Farrow,

Communications Specialist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-471-807]

Certain Uncoated Paper From Portugal: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015-2017

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that certain uncoated paper (uncoated paper) from Portugal is being, or is likely to be sold, at less than normal value during the period of review (POR), August 26, 2015, through February 28, 2017.

DATES: Applicable August 13, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Bethea, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1491.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Order

The product covered by this review is uncoated paper from Portugal. For a full description of the scope, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum dated concurrently with and hereby adopted by this notice.¹

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this administrative review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.²

¹ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Uncoated Paper from Portugal; 2015-2017," dated concurrently with this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

² See Memorandum, "Certain Uncoated Paper from Portugal: Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015-2017," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).