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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 16, 2018.

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 are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden 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 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 November 21, 2018 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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number and the agency informs 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.

Agricultural Research Service

Title: Patent License Application.

OMB Control Number: 0518-0003.

Summary of Collection: Public Law 96-517, HR 209 (Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 2000), and 37 CFR part 404 requires Federal agencies to use the patent system to promote the utilization of inventions arising from federally supported research and provide the authority to grant patent licenses. 37 CFR 404.8 specifies the information which must be submitted by a patent license applicant to the Federal agency having custody of a patent. Form ADS-761 collects the information specified under 37 CFR 404.8.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) will collect identifying information on the applicant, identifying information for the business, and a detailed description for development and/or marketing of the invention using form AD-761. The information collected is used to determine whether the applicant has both a complete and sufficient plan for developing and marketing the invention and the necessary manufacturing, marketing, technical, and financial resources to carry out the submitted plan.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 75.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 225.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on December 5, 2018. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 4th Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, in Thiruvananthapuram, India, January 21-25, 2019. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary, Office of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 4th Session of the CCSCH and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 107-A, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 4th Session of the CCSCH will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en>.

Dorian LaFond, U.S. Delegate to the 4th Session of the CCSCH invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Dorian.Lafond@usda.gov.

Call-In-Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 4th Session of the CCSCH by conference call, please use the call-in-number: 1-888-844-9904.

The participant code will be posted on the following web page: <http://www.usda.gov/codex>.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting by emailing Marie.Maratos@osec.usda.gov by