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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Center for Development Innovation; Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Open Innovation Competitions—Prizes, Challenges, Hackathons

AGENCY: Center for Development Innovation, USAID.

ACTION: Notice of information collection.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, USAID/CDI requests comments on a proposed generic collection of information for USAID-sponsored open innovation competitions prizes, challenges, and hackathons. USAID/CDI will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting approval of this generic collection of information from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The information collected includes: Organizational contact information, organization size disaggregated by gender, point of contact, the name of the project, stage and amount of funding requested, partner organizations and management teams, sectors the innovation addresses, country(ies) project is situated, presence/absence of permanent offices in that country, project duration, other sources of funding past and present including USAID, method and source of referral to the challenge/prize/hackathon, and detailed information about the innovation including expected impact. **DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the proposed information collection within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the information collection to Michael Jackson, USAID, Center for Development Innovation (CDI) at mjackson@usaid.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Jackson, USAID, Center for Development Innovations 202–216–3467 or mjackson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USAID/CDI seeks approval of the following generic collection of information request:

Title: Open innovation competitions—Prizes, Challenges and hackathons.

OMB Number: not assigned.

Type of Review: Renewal of generic collection.

Method of Collection: electronic.

Frequency of Response: periodically.

Affected Public: Open Innovation Competition contestants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: approximately 800 participants annually based on current year estimates.

Estimated Time per Response: response time varies depending on the nature of the open innovation competition from an average estimated response time of 10 hours/participant which is significantly less than offerers would be expected to spend on a traditional proposal. Some 100 participants may require as much as 2 additional hours each to provide additional information upon selection.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 8,200 hours (800 participants × 10 hours/participant) + (100 participants × 2 hours/participant).

General Description of Collection: USAID/CDI establishes open innovation competitions—prizes, challenges and hackathons to source breakthrough innovations from innovators around the world to further USAID's ability to address its development and humanitarian response priorities.

Request for Comments

USAID/CDI solicits written comments from all interested persons about the proposed collection of information. USAID/CDI specifically solicits information relevant to the following topics:

- Whether the collection of information described above is necessary for the proper performance of USAID/CDI's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Whether the estimated burden of the proposed collection of information is accurate;

- Whether the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected could be enhanced; and

- Whether the burden imposed by the collection of information could be minimized by the use of automated, electronic or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

Michael Jackson,

General Development Officer, Center for Development Innovation, Challenges and Prizes, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document No. AMS–FTPP–19–0112]

National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard; Draft Instructions on Testing Methods

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting comments and feedback on draft instructions on testing methods as it pertains to the National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard (Standard).

DATES: Comments are due by March 4, 2020.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit written comments via the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments should refer to the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments submitted in response to this notice, including the identity of individuals or entities submitting comments, will be made available to the public on the internet via <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trevor Findley, Deputy Director, Food Disclosure and Labeling Division, Fair Trade Practices Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, telephone (202) 690–3460, email trevor.findley@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 29, 2016, Public Law 114–216 amended the Agricultural Marketing Act

of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et. seq.*) (amended Act) to require USDA to establish a national, mandatory standard for disclosing any food that is or may be bioengineered. In accordance with the amended Act, USDA published final regulations to implement the Standard on December 21, 2018 (83 FR 65814). The regulations became effective on February 19, 2019, with a mandatory compliance date of January 1, 2022.

Foods that do not contain detectable modified genetic material are not bioengineered foods and do not require disclosure under the Standard. Under the definition of *bioengineered food* at 7 CFR 66.1, food does not contain modified genetic material if the genetic material is not detectable pursuant to § 66.9. The recordkeeping requirements for detectability at 7 CFR 66.9 specify the standards of performance for detectability testing. Paragraph (c) of 7 CFR 66.9 requires that analytical testing meet the following standard: (1) Laboratory quality assurance must ensure the validity and reliability of test results; (2) analytical method selection, validation, and verification must ensure that the testing method used is appropriate (fit for purpose) and that the laboratory can successfully perform the testing; (3) the demonstration of testing validity must ensure consistent accurate analytical performance; and (4) method performance specifications must ensure analytical tests are sufficiently sensitive for the purposes of the detectability requirements of this part.

In the preamble to the final regulations, USDA indicated that it would provide instructions regarding acceptable testing methodology used to satisfy that a food does not contain detectable modified genetic material. A draft of those instructions is now available on the AMS bioengineered food disclosure website at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/be>. With this notice, AMS is seeking comments on these draft instructions.

USDA previously provided an opportunity to comment on draft instructions to validate a refining process. At this time, we are only seeking feedback on the instructions on testing methods referenced in this notice. Any comments not directly related to these draft instructions will not be considered.

After reviewing the comments on these draft instructions, AMS will publish final instructions on its website. The final instructions will be maintained and available on the AMS website. These final instructions pertain to the requirements of the existing regulations, which can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/>

documents/2018/12/21/2018-27283/national-bioengineered-food-disclosure-standard.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1639.

Dated: January 28, 2020.

Bruce Summers,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 28, 2020.

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 required regarding: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 March 4, 2020 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.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control 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.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Application for Payment of Amounts Due Persons Who Have Died, Disappeared or Declared Incompetent.
OMB Control Number: 0560-0026.

Summary of Collection: Representatives or survivors of persons who die, disappear, or are declared incompetent must be afforded a method of obtaining any payment intended for the person. 7 CFR 707 provides that form, FSA-325, be used as the form of application for person desiring to claim such payments. It is necessary to collect information recorded on FSA-325 in order to determine whether representatives or survivors of a person are entitled to receive payments earned by a person who dies, disappears, or is declared incompetent before receiving the payments due.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information using the FSA-325 form to determine if the survivors have rights to the existing payments or to the unpaid portions of the person's payments. Survivors must show proof of death, disappearance, or incompetency.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (when necessary).

Total Burden Hours: 1,000.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2017-0069]

International Trade Data System: Timeline for Enforcing APHIS Core Message Set Flags in the Automated Commercial Environment

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is announcing full implementation of the APHIS Core Message Set in the Automated Commercial Environment/International Trade Data System (ACE/ITDS) for the electronic submission of data required by APHIS Animal Care, Biotechnology Regulatory Services,