 Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request


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: 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 December 24, 2020 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Quality Samples Program.

OMB Control Number: 0551–0047.

Summary of Collection: The Quality Samples Program is authorized by Section 5 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, 15 U.S.C. 714c (f), which became effective on November 15, 1999. Section 5 provides that in the fulfillment of its purposes and in carrying out its annual budget programs submitted to and approved by the Congress pursuant to Chapter 91 of Title 31, the Corporation is authorized to use its general powers only to export or cause to be exported, or aid in the development of foreign markets for, agricultural commodities (other than tobacco), including fish and fish products, without regard to whether such fish are harvested in aquacultural operations. By this authority the program pays for U.S. commodity samples and shipping to foreign ports in order to demonstrate the quality of the U.S. product to industrial users who are unfamiliar with the product.

Need and Use of the Information: Under the USDA Quality Samples Program, information will be gathered from applicants desiring to receive grants under the program to determine the viability of request for resources to implement activities in foreign countries. The collected information will be used to develop effective grant agreements and assure that statutory requirements and program objectives are met.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 10.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,200.

Ruth Brown, Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

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

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation’s (CCC) intention to request a revision for a currently approved information collection in support of the CCC Export Credit Guarantee (GSM–102) Program based on current program levels and participants.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 25, 2021 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments, identified by the OMB Control number 0551–004, as requested in this document. In your comment, include the volume, date, and page number of this issue of the Federal Register. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

• Mail, hand delivery, or courier: Juan McCoy, Director, Credit Programs Division, Global Programs, Foreign Agricultural Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–1025, STOP 1025; or by email at Juan.McCoy@usda.gov; or by telephone at (202) 720–0370.

Comments will be available for inspection online and posted without change, including any personal information, at http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juan McCoy, Director, Credit Programs Division, Global Programs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AgStop 1025, Washington, DC 20250–1025, telephone (202) 720–0370.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CCC Export Credit Guarantee (GSM–102) Program.

OMB Number: 0551–0004.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2021.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of the GSM–102 program is to expand U.S. agricultural exports by making available export credit guarantees to encourage U.S. private sector financing of foreign purchases of U.S. agricultural commodities on credit terms. The CCC currently has programs operating in at least 144 countries and regions with 167 exporters eligible to participate. Under 7 CFR part 1493, exporters, foreign banks, and U.S. banks are required to submit
the following: (1) Information about the exporter, foreign banks, and U.S. banks for program participation; (2) applications for payment guarantees; (3) notices of assignment; (4) repurchase agreements; (5) information regarding the actual export of the commodity (evidence of export report); (6) notice of default and claims for loss; and (7) appeals. In addition, each exporter and exporter’s assignee (U.S. financial institution) must maintain records on all information submitted to CCC and in connection with sales made under the GSM–102 program. The information collected is used by CCC to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for these collections is estimated to average 0.2776 hours per response.


Estimated Number of Respondents: 47 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 86.52 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 1,129.52 hours.

Request for Comments: Send comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including validity of the methodology and assumption 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 automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Ron Crouchhorn, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720–3038 or email at Ron.Crouchhorn@usda.gov.

FAS is committed to compliance with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act, which requires Government agencies, in general, to provide the public the option of submitting information or transacting business electronically to the maximum extent possible.

Comments will be available for inspection online at http://www.regulations.gov and at the mail address listed above between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiocassette, etc.) should contact Colette Ross (Human Resources, 202–720–8805) or Jeffrey Galloway (Office of Civil Rights, 202–690–1399).

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.

Daniel Whitley,
Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Revision of Currently Approved Information Collections

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Foreign Agricultural Service’s (FAS) intention to request a revision for currently approved information collections in support of the foreign donation of agricultural commodities under the section 416(b) program, the Food for Progress Program, and the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 25, 2021.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments, identified by the OMB control number 0051–0035, as requested in this document. In your comment, include the volume, date, and page number of this issue of the Federal Register. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.


■ Email: Shane.Danielson@USDA.gov. Include OMB Control Number 0051–0035 in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Shane Danielson, Senior Director, International Food Assistance Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1034, Washington, DC 20250–1034; or by email at Shane.Danielson@USDA.gov; or by telephone at (202) 720–1230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Foreign Donation of Agricultural Commodities (section 416(b) and Food for Progress programs) and McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

OMB Number: 0051–0035.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2021.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved information collections.

Abstract: Under the section 416(b) and Food for Progress programs (the “Foreign Donation Programs”) and the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition (“McGovern-Dole”) Program, information will be gathered from applicants desiring to receive federal awards under the programs to determine the viability of requests for resources to implement activities in foreign countries. Recipients of awards under the programs must submit compliance reports and other information until activities carried out with donated commodities or funds, or local currencies generated from the sale of donated commodities, are completed. Recipients that use the services of freight forwarders must submit certifications from the freight forwarders regarding their activities and affiliations. Documents are used to develop effective grant and cooperative agreements for awards under the programs and assure that statutory requirements and objectives are met.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for each respondent resulting from information collections under the Foreign Donation Programs or the McGovern-Dole Program varies in direct relation to the number and type of agreements entered into by such respondent. The estimated average reporting burden for the Foreign Donation Programs is 45.24 hours per response and for the McGovern-Dole Program is 45.24 hours per response.

Respondent: Private voluntary organizations, cooperatives, colleges and universities, foreign governments,