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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-CN-23-0071]

#### Notice of Request for an Extension and Revision to a Currently Approved Information 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 the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension and revision to the currently approved information collection entitled Cotton Classing, Testing, and Standards.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 12, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this notice by using the electronic process available at <https://www.regulations.gov>. All comments should reference the document number and the date and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Written comments may be submitted via mail or hand delivery to Cotton Research and Promotion, Cotton and Tobacco Program, AMS, USDA, 100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 101, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, at <https://www.regulations.gov> and will be included in the record and made available to the public. Please do not include personally identifiable information (such as name, address, or other contact information) or confidential business information that

you do not want publicly disclosed. Comments may be submitted anonymously. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at Cotton and Tobacco Program, AMS, USDA, 100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 101, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406. A copy of this document may be found at: <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shethir M. Riva, Director, Research and Promotion, Cotton and Tobacco Program, AMS, USDA, 100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 101, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406, Telephone (540) 361-2726, Facsimile (540) 361-1199, or Email at [CottonRP@usda.gov](mailto:CottonRP@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* Cotton Classing, Testing, and Standards.

*OMB Number:* 0581-0008.  
*Expiration Date of Approval:* March 31, 2024.

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

*Abstract:* Information solicited is used by the USDA to administer and supervise activities associated with the classification or grading of cotton, cotton linters, and cottonseed based on official USDA standards. The information requires personal data, such as name, type of business, address, and description of classification services requested. These programs are conducted under the United States Cotton Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 51b), the Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act of 1927 (7 U.S.C. 473c), and the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622h) and regulations appear at 7 CFR part 28.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the Acts and to provide the cotton industry the type of information they need to make sound business decisions. The information collected is the minimum required. Information is requested from growers, cooperatives, merchants, manufacturers, and other government agencies.

The information collected is used only by authorized employees of the USDA, AMS. The cotton industry is the primary user of the compiled information and AMS and other government agencies are secondary users.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.08 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Cotton merchants, warehouses, and gins.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,858.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 2.05.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,758.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 133.72.

*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 Shethir M. Riva, Director, Research and Promotion, Cotton and Tobacco Program, AMS, USDA, 100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 101, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406, Telephone (540) 361-2726, Facsimile (540) 361-1199, or Email at [CottonRP@usda.gov](mailto:CottonRP@usda.gov).

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.

**Melissa Bailey,**

*Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-SC-23-0049]

#### Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this document announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension to currently approved forms used by importers of commodities that are exempt from section 8e import regulations.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice are due by February 12, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments must be sent to the Docket Clerk, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or the internet: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours or can be viewed at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the identity of individuals or entities submitting the comments will be made public on the internet at the address provided above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Nalepa, Marketing Specialist, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Room 1406-S, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Telephone: (202) 720-8085; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Email: [Thomas.Nalepa@usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.Nalepa@usda.gov).

Small businesses may request information on this notice by contacting Richard Lower, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Room 1406-S, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Telephone (202) 720-8085; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Email: [Richard.Lower@usda.gov](mailto:Richard.Lower@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Specified Commodities Imported into the United States Exempt from Import Requirements.

*OMB Number:* 0581-0167.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* February 29, 2024.

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

*Abstract:* Section 8e (7 U.S.C. 608e) of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674; Act) requires that whenever the Secretary of Agriculture issues grade, size, quality, or maturity regulations under domestic marketing orders, the same or comparable regulations must be issued for imported commodities. Import regulations apply only during those periods when domestic marketing order regulations are in effect.

The following commodities are subject to section 8e import regulations: avocados; grapefruit; kiwifruit; olives (other than Spanish-style); oranges; table grapes; Irish potatoes; onions; tomatoes; dates (other than dates for processing); raisins; pistachios; and hazelnuts (filberts). Imports of these commodities are exempt from section 8e requirements if they are imported for such outlets as processing, charity, animal feed, seed, and distribution to relief agencies.

Safeguard procedures in the form of importer and receiver reporting requirements are used to ensure that the imported commodities are, in fact, shipped to authorized, exempt outlets. Reports required under the safeguard procedure are similar to the reports currently required by most domestic marketing orders and are required of importers and receivers under the following import regulations: (1) fruits: import regulations (7 CFR part 944.350); (2) vegetables: import regulations (7 CFR part 980.501); and (3) specialty crops: import regulations (7 CFR part 999.500).

Under these regulations, importers intending to import commodities for exempt purposes must complete the form SC-6, "Importer's Exempt Commodity Form". SC-6 is submitted to AMS through the Compliance Enforcement Management System (CEMS). CEMS is an internet-based application which allows importers and receivers of fruit, vegetable, and specialty crops to complete the form online. If an importer correctly inputs their shipment data into CEMS, they will receive and be able to print a certificate that accompanies the shipment. Data elements are simultaneously transmitted to the receiver and to AMS, where they are reviewed for compliance purposes by Market Development Division (MDD) staff. The receiver retains a copy for recordkeeping purposes.

In rare instances a paper form SC-6 may be used. The hardcopy form has four parts, which are distributed as follows: copy one is presented to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; copy two is filed with MDD within two days

of the commodity entering the United States; copy three accompanies the exempt shipment to its intended destination, where the receiver certifies its receipt and that it will be used for exempt purposes, and files that copy with MDD within two days of receipt; and copy four is retained by the importer.

In addition to renewing the SC-6 form, this information collection package does the same for the SC-7 form, "Civil Penalty Stipulation Agreement." The Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to assess a civil penalty of not more than \$3,391 per violation against any person who violates the Section 8e regulations. Investigators complete the form identifying the violation committed by the produce importer. Produce importers sign the SC-7 form to agree to pay the sum in full settlement. There is no burden associated as only a signature is required.

The information collected through this package is used primarily by authorized representatives of the USDA, including AMS Specialty Crops Program regional and headquarters staff.

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response.

*Respondents:* Importers and receivers of exempt commodities. Estimates of respondents and responses are calculated by taking the raw annual data collected from inspections on Section 8e crops entering the U.S. market and finding the three-year averages. These numbers represent an approximation of the annual burden given the frequent changes in number of respondents and responses from year to year.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 73.

*Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:* 6,892.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 337.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 581 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 through the use of appropriate

automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

**Erin Morris,**

*Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The Board is authorized under the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, the National Forest Management Act of 1976, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of forest issues such as forest plan revisions or amendments, forest health including fire, insect and disease, travel management, forest monitoring and evaluation, recreation fees, and site-specific projects having forest-wide implications.

**DATES:** An in-person meeting will be held on January 17, 2024, 1 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Mountain standard time (MST).

*Written and Oral Comments:* Anyone wishing to provide in-person oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. MST on January 12, 2024. Written public comments will be accepted up to 11:59 p.m. MST on January 12, 2024. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to the Forest Service, but the Board may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All board meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held in person, at the U.S. Forest Service, Mystic Ranger District Office, 8221

Mount Rushmore Road, Rapid City, South Dakota 57702. Board information and meeting details can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/blackhills/workingtogether/advisorycommittees> or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*Written Comments:* Written comments must be sent by email to [scott.j.jacobson@usda.gov](mailto:scott.j.jacobson@usda.gov) or via mail (*i.e.*, postmarked) to Scott Jacobson, 8221 Mount Rushmore Road, Rapid City, South Dakota 57702. The Forest Service strongly prefers comments be submitted electronically.

*Oral Comments:* Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. MST, January 12, 2024, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to [scott.j.jacobson@usda.gov](mailto:scott.j.jacobson@usda.gov) or via mail (*i.e.*, postmarked) to Scott Jacobson, 8221 Mount Rushmore Road, Rapid City, South Dakota 57702.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ivan Green, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by phone at 605-673-9201 or email at [ivan.green@usda.gov](mailto:ivan.green@usda.gov), or Scott Jacobson, Committee Coordinator, at 605-440-1409 or email at [scott.j.jacobson@usda.gov](mailto:scott.j.jacobson@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting agenda will include:

1. Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Permit Fees; and

2. Forest Plan Revision update.

The agenda will include time for individuals to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should make a request in writing at least three days prior to the meeting date to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments may be submitted to the Forest Service up to 7 days after the meeting date listed under **DATES**.

Please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, by or before the deadline, for all questions related to the meeting. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received upon request.

*Meeting Accommodations:* The meeting location is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the USDA provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpretation, assistive listening

devices, or other reasonable accommodation to the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section or contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA's policies will be followed in all appointments to the Board. To ensure that the recommendations of the Board have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include to the extent possible, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Dated: December 7, 2023.

**Cikena Reid,**

*USDA Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

[Docket Number: 231128-0279; X-RIN 0607-XC072]

#### Geographically Updated Population Certification Program

**AGENCY:** Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of program reinstatement.

**SUMMARY:** Effective January 1, 2024, the Census Bureau will reinstate the Geographically Updated Population Certification Program (GUPCP). At that time, the Census Bureau will resume processing applications for certified decennial census population and housing counts associated with updated government boundaries. This service was suspended on January 1, 2019, to