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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) whether the proposed or continuing collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Send comments on this information collection on or before March 31, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, DC 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No.: OMB 0412-0552.

Form No.: N/A.

Title: Financial Status Report.

Type of Review: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: USAID wants to require grant and cooperative agreement

recipients who work in multiple countries to provide expenditure reports by country. USAID has stated in the "remarks" section of SF-269 and SF-269A, or other applicable approved financial report form that "For assistance programs which cover programs in more than one country, recipients shall specify by country the amount of the total Federal share which was expended for each country * * *". The USAID has sought a class deviation to the statute from the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the 22 CFR 226.4. The information is being collected so that USAID may report to Congress, the Office of Management and Budget and other requesters per the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act and the Government Management Reporting Act. Also, the reporting requirements are necessary to assure that USAID funds are expended in accordance with Statutory requirements and USAID policies.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 80.

Total annual responses: 320.

Total annual hours requested: 800 hours.

Dated: February 22, 2000.

Joanne Paskar,

Acting Chief, Information and Records Division, Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number LS-99-22]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision 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 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension of and revision to the currently approved collections of information for 7 CFR Part 54-Meats,

Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards), which includes Form LS-313, "Application for Service" and Form LS-315, "Application for Commitment Grading or Certification Service."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 2, 2000 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Terry L. Lutz, Assistant to the Chief; USDA, AMS, LS, MGC; STOP 0248, Room 2628-S; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250-0248. Comments may be faxed to (202) 690-4119, or E-mailed to Terry.Lutz@usda.gov.

State that your comments refer to Docket No. LS-99-22, and note the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Comments received may be inspected at the above location between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terry L. Lutz, Assistant to the Chief, Meat Grading and Certification (MGC) Branch, 202-720-1246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR part 54—Meats, Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards)

OMB Number: 0581-0124

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2000.

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

Abstract: The application for meat grading and certification services requests Department of Agriculture employees to perform such services in the requesting establishment. The information contained on the applications constitutes an agreement between USDA and the requesting establishment.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide voluntary Federal meat grading and certification services that facilitate the marketing of meat and meat products. The Meat Grading and Certification (MGC) Branch provides these services pursuant to 7 CFR part 54—Meats, Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards).

Due to the voluntary nature of grading and certification services, 7 CFR part 54 contains provisions for the collection of

fees from users of MGC Branch services that as nearly as possible are equal to the cost of providing the requested services. Applicants (individual or businesses with financial interest in the product) may request MGC Branch services through either submission of Form LS-313 or Form LS-315.

Congress did not specifically authorize this collection of information, but completion and submission of Form LS-313 or Form LS-315 serves as an agreement by the requester to pay for services provided.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .0169 hours per response.

Respondents: Livestock and meat industry or other for-profit businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 888.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 27.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 406 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 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: February 25, 2000.

Barry L. Carpenter,

Deputy Administrator, Livestock and Seed Program.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to and Deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a commodity and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis R. Bartalot (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 22, November 5, and December 27, 1999 and January 7, 14, and 21, 2000, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (64 FR 57031, 60407 and 72312, and 65 FR 2373, 2374, and 3416) of proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List:

Additions

The following comments pertain to Holder, Card, 7510-00-155-5174: Comments were received from the current contractor for the card holder. The contractor claimed that it had given up many items to the Committee's Procurement List and asked the Committee not to take this one as well. The contractor also claimed that the card holder would create little labor for people with severe disabilities and would cause the contractor to lose its investment in tooling for the project, as the contractor claimed there is little demand for the card holder in the commercial market.

As the contractor noted, it has a partnership with a nonprofit agency producing items now on the Procurement List which the contractor formerly produced for the Government. This partnership permits the contractor to supply materials for the items to the nonprofit agency, thus essentially negating the impact of that Procurement List addition on the contractor. The only other item being produced by the contractor for the Government which the Committee has added to the Procurement List in recent years, a tape dispenser, represented only a very small percentage of the contractor's total sales, as does the card holder now at issue. The contractor has not given the Committee information to indicate that loss of use of the card holder tooling would severely impact the company.

Addition of the card holder to the Procurement List will generate nearly two work years of employment for blind workers, whose unemployment rate far exceeds that of workers without severe disabilities. Taking all these factors into account, the Committee has concluded that it is very unlikely that the contractor will suffer a severe adverse impact as a result of adding the card holder to the Procurement List.

The following comments pertain to Cutting and Assembly of FTESFB System for P-3 Aircraft, 1560-00-NSH-0001, Department of the Navy, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Jacksonville, Florida: Comments were received from the last contractor for this service telling the Committee it had to assess impact on the contractor. The contracting activity indicated its intent to procure this service through the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Program if the service is not added to the Procurement List. Because the commenting contractor has graduated from the 8(a) Program, it would not be eligible to receive a contract for this service. Consequently, addition of this service to the Procurement List will not be the cause of any impact this contractor may experience from not receiving a contract for this service.

The following material pertains to all of the items being added to the Procurement List: After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodity and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodity and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodity and services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodity and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity and services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in