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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, 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 Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) intention to request an extension and revision of a currently approved information collection in support of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements under regulations under the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended (7 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.*).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 10, 2001.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Sharon Vassiliades, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3604, FAX 202 690-2755, or telephone: 202 720-1738.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations and Related Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements—Packers and Stockyards Programs.

OMB Number: 0580-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2001.

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

Abstract: The Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*) (Act) and the regulations under the Act authorize the collection of information for the purpose of enforcing the Act and regulations and to conduct studies as

requested by Congress. The information is needed in order for GIPSA to carry out its responsibilities under the Packers and Stockyards Act. The information is necessary to monitor and examine financial, competitive, and trade practices in the livestock, meat packing, and poultry industries. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning our information collection.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Livestock auction markets, livestock dealers, packer buyers, meat packers, and live poultry dealers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,950.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 304,106 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Sharon Vassiliades at 202 720-1738.

Comments: Comments are invited on:

(a) 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; (b) 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; (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 appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Sharon Vassiliades, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3649, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-3604; Faxed to 202 690-2755; or e-mailed to comments@gipsadc.usda.gov.

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: January 24, 2001.

JoAnn Waterfield,

Deputy Administrator, Packers and Stockyards Programs, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Hearing on Allegations of Voting Irregularities in the Presidential Election on November 7, 2000

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of hearings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994, Section 3, Public Law 103-419, 108 Stat. 4338, as amended, and 45 CFR 702.3., that public hearings before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will commence on Friday, February 16, 2001, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the morning in Miami, FL, and on subsequent days in Jacksonville, FL, and in Tampa, FL. The February 16, 2001, hearing will take place at the Wyndham Miami Biscayne Bay Hotel, 1601 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33132. The purpose of these hearings is to collect information within the jurisdiction of the Commission, under Public Law 98-183, Section 5(a)(1) and Section 5(a)(5), related particularly to allegations that eligible persons in Florida were denied the right to vote or to have their votes properly counted in the election of the Presidential electors on November 7, 2000.

The original notice for the hearings was announced in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, December 13, 2000, FR Doc. 00-31904, Vol. 65, No. 2401, p. 77850. The Commission is authorized to hold hearings and to issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the attendance of witnesses pursuant to 45 CFR 701.2. The Commission is an independent bipartisan, fact finding agency authorized to study, collect, and disseminate information, and to appraise the laws and policies of the Federal Government, and to study and collect information with respect to discrimination or denials of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, or in the administration of

justice. The Commission has broad authority to investigate allegations of voting irregularities even when alleged abuses do not involve discrimination.

Hearing impaired persons who will attend the hearings and require the services of a sign language interpreter, should contact Pamela Dunston, Administrative Services and Clearinghouse Division at (202) 376-8105 (TDD (202) 376-8116), at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the hearings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Les Jin, Office of the Staff Director (202) 376-7700.

Dated: February 5, 2001.

Edward A. Hailes, Jr.,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 01-001. **Applicant:** St. Louis Science Center, 5050 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110. **Instrument:** Universal Planetarium, Universarium Model IX. **Manufacturer:** Carl Zeiss, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument is a planetarium which will be used as part of an interactive educational program to teach visitors to the center about human space habitation and space exploration. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** January 9, 2001.

Docket Number: 01-002. **Applicant:** The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Welch Hall, Room 3.202,

Austin, TX 78712. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2010F. **Manufacturer:** JEOL Ltd., Japan. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used to study shape and morphology of small nanoparticles to determine crystal structure and defects of nanoparticles and the crystalline structure of polymers and its aggregates. In addition, the instrument will be used for studies of the following: (1) Binding of nanoparticles to specific sites on nanoparticles, (2) crystal structure and chemical composition of nanoparticles of oxides, (3) friction and defects on nanodevices including mechanical, electronic and photonic, (4) chemical composition and interbond distance on semiconductor and metallic quantum dots, and (5) chemical shifts and bonding in composite, polymer, metal and nanoparticle materials. The objectives of these investigations are the discovery and applications of new properties of nanoparticles, semiconductors, polymers and metals. The instrument will also be used to provide hands-on training and utilization for graduate students in chemistry, engineering and physics. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: January 9, 2001.

Docket Number: 01-003. **Applicant:** Children's Medical Center of Dallas, 1935 Motor Street, Dallas, TX 75235. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope, Model H-7500-1. **Manufacturer:** Hitachi, Japan. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used to examine predominantly human tissue biopsies as part of a diagnostic workup and study of human disease during the teaching of pathology residents. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** January 12, 2001.

Docket Number: 01-004. **Applicant:** University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616-8711. **Instrument:** Multielectrode Neuronal Manipulator, Model Eckhorn-7. **Manufacturer:** UWE Thomas Recording, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used to deliver fine microelectrodes into the brains of monkeys to study the brain signals that are generated by social and emotional interactions among animals. These studies are aimed at understanding the brain mechanism that causes emotional disorders such as depression, anxiety, social phobia and panic attacks in people. **Application accepted by**

Commissioner of Customs: January 19, 2001.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 020101B]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling public meetings of its Groundfish Committee, Groundfish Advisory Panel and Social Sciences Advisory Committee (SSAC) in February, 2001 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between Thursday, February 22 and Wednesday, February 28, 2001. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Peabody and Newburyport, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Thursday, February 22, 2001, 9:30 a.m.—Groundfish Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Route 1, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

The Groundfish Advisory Panel will review the proposed management alternatives for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Plan. These alternatives have been developed by the Groundfish Plan Development Team and the Groundfish Oversight Committee during the past year. The