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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection: Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation

AGENCIES: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension with revision of a currently approved information collection associated with Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation certification requirements. This information is collected in support of the conservation provisions of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990, the Federal Agriculture, Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, and the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Statute).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before October 2, 2006 to be assured consideration.

Additional Information or Comments: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Jan Jamrog, Program Manager, Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0517, (202) 690-0926, facsimile (202) 720-4941. Comments should also be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by writing to Jan Jamrog at the above address. Comments may be also

submitted by e-mail to Jan.Jamrog@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0185.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2006.

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

Abstract: The collection of this information is necessary to determine payment eligibility of individuals and entities for various programs administered by the USDA including Conservation Programs, Price Support Programs, Direct and Counter Cyclical Program, Noninsured Assistance Program, Disaster Programs and Farm Loan Programs. Regulations governing those requirements under Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990, the Federal Agriculture, Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, and the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 relating to highly erodible lands and wetlands are codified in 7 CFR part 12. In order to ensure that persons who request program participation or benefits subject to conservation restrictions obtain the necessary technical assistance and are informed regarding the compliance requirements on their land, information is collected with regard to their intended activities on their land which could affect their eligibility for requested USDA benefits or programs. Producers are required to certify that they will comply with the conservation requirements on their land to maintain their eligibility for certain benefits or programs. Persons may request that certain activities be exempt according to provisions of the Statute. Information is collected from those who seek these exemptions for the purpose of evaluating whether the exempted conditions will be met. Forms AD-1026, AD-1026B, AD-1026-C, AD-1026D, AD-1068, AD-1069, CCC-21, and FSA-492 are being used for making determinations in this information collection. The forms are not required to be completed on an annual basis.

Estimate of Annual Burden Hours: 1.223 average time to respond.

Respondents: Individuals and entities.

Estimated Number Respondents: 262,782.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 321,537.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the 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.

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

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 25, 2006.

Thomas B. Hofeller,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2006-0021]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: 23rd Session of the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) are sponsoring a public meeting on September 7, 2006 to provide draft U.S. positions and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the 23rd Session of the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Arlington, VA, on October 16-21, 2006. The Under Secretary and AMS recognize the

importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to comment on the agenda items that will be debated at this forthcoming Session of the CCPFV.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 3074, USDA, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Documents related to the 23rd Session of the CCPFV will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search for Open Regulations" box, select "Food Safety and Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click on "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select the FDMS Docket Number FSIS-2006-0021 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand- or courier-delivered items: Send to FSIS Docket Room, Docket Clerk, USDA, FSIS, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102, Cotton Annex Building, Washington, DC 20250.

Electronic mail: fsis.regulationscomments@fsis.usda.gov. All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2006-0021.

All comments submitted in response to this notice, as well as research and background information used by FSIS in developing this document, will be posted to the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site. The background information and comments also will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For Further Information About the 23rd Session of the CCPFV Contact: U.S. Delegate, Dorian Lafond, International Standards Coordinator, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202)

690-4944, Fax: (202) 720-0016, E-mail: Dorian.Lafond@usda.gov.

For Further Information About The Public Meeting Contact: Ellen Matten, International Issues Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, USDA, FSIS, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157. E-mail: ellen.matten@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization for protecting the health and economic interests of consumers and encouraging fair international trade in food. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled. In the United States, USDA, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency manage and carry out U.S. Codex activities.

The Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables elaborates world wide standards for various processed fruits and vegetables including certain dried and canned products. This committee does not cover standards for fruit and vegetable juices. The Commission has also allocated to this Committee the work of revision of standards for quick frozen fruits and vegetables. The Committee is chaired by the United States of America.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 23rd Session of CCPFV will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee from other Codex bodies.
- Proposed Layout for Codex Standards for Processed Fruits and Vegetables.
- Draft Codex Standard for Pickled Fruits and Vegetables.
- Draft Codex Standard for Processed Tomato Concentrates.
- Draft Codex Standard for Preserved (Canned) Tomatoes.
- Draft Codex Standard for Certain Canned Citrus Fruits.
- Proposed draft Codex Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables (including provisions for packing media).

- Proposed Draft Standard for Jams, Jellies, and Marmalades.

- Proposals for Amendments to the Priority List for the Standardization of Processed Fruits and Vegetables.

- Methods of Analysis and Sampling for Processed Fruits and Vegetables.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the United States Secretariat to the Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

Public Meeting

At the September 7, 2006 public meeting, draft U.S. positions on these agenda items will be described, discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate for the 23rd Session of CCPFV, Dorian Lafond (see *For Further Information About The 23rd Session Of The CCPFV Contact*). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 23rd Session of the CCPFV.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS Web Page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2006_Notices_Index/. FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals and other individuals who have asked to be included. The update is available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/.

Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their account.

Done at Washington, DC, on: July 27, 2006.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Red Bluff, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Presentation of Project Proposals/Voting on Proposals, (5) (6) Chairman's Perspective, (7) General Discussion, (8) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 10, 2006 from 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, Conference Room A, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Tricia Christofferson, Acting DFO, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bobbin Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, P.O. Box 164, Elk Creek, CA 95939. (530) 968-5329; e-mail ggaddini@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written request by August 8, 2006 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: July 25, 2006.

Tricia Christofferson,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Boise and Payette National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a business meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: Wednesday, August 16, 2006, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Valley County Courthouse, 219 North Main Street, Cascade, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda will include review and approval of project proposals, and is an open public forum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Gochmour, Designated Federal Officer, at 208-392-6681 or e-mail dgochnour@fs.fed.us.

Dated: July 26, 2006.

Lana S. Thurston,

Administrative Officer, Boise National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

[RIN 0596-AC46]

Small Business Timber Sale Set-Aside Program Share Recomputation

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of proposed policy directive; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service proposes to remove structural change recomputation direction contained in Forest Service Timber Sale Preparation Handbook (FSH) 2409.18 (applicable in Forest Service Regions 1 through 6 only) as one of the means of recomputing timber sale set-aside market share allocation to small business mills within a market area. This change is needed to make the recomputation process as accurate as possible by making market shares more reflective of current market conditions, in terms of volume and business capacity, as well as to simplify the process by which market share is determined. The direction on scheduled

recomputation of market shares and special recomputations would be retained. Additionally, the Forest Service is proposing to include volumes sold or disposed of via stewardship contracting (Integrated Resource Contract, 2400-13 & 13T) in the volumes used to calculate market shares pursuant to the small business timber sale set-aside program.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by October 2, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The full text of FSH 2409.18, chapter 90 is available electronically on the World Wide Web/Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Fitzgerald, Assistant Director, Forest Management Staff, by telephone at (202) 205-1753 or by Internet at rfitzgerald@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Developed in cooperation with the Small Business Administration, the Forest Service Small Business Timber Sale Set-aside Program is designed to ensure that qualifying small business timber purchasers have the opportunity to purchase a fair proportion of National Forest System timber offered for sale. The current Small Business Timber Sale Set-aside Program was adopted July 26, 1990 (55 FR 30485). Direction that guides Forest Service employees in administering the Small Business Timber Sale Set-aside Program is issued in the Forest Service Manual (FSM), Chapter 2430, and in Chapter 90 of the Forest Service Timber Sale Preparation Handbook (FSH 2409.18).

According to the guidelines of the set-aside program, the Forest Service recomputes the shares of timber sales to be set aside for bidding by qualifying small businesses every 5 years. The share percentage is based on the actual volume of sawtimber that has been purchased and/or harvested by small businesses during a 5-year period. In addition to the 5-year scheduled recomputation requirement, in Forest Service Regions 1 through 6, small business shares currently must be recomputed whenever a structural change occurs (see FSH 2409.18, chapter 90, section 91.22).

Structural change (*applicable to Regions 1 through 6 only*) is defined at FSH 2409.18, chapter 90, section 90.5, paragraph 8b as a change that "may occur during a recomputation period when a small or large business firm that purchased at least 10 percent of the total sawlog volume during the last recomputation period discontinues operations or changes its size status