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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 6, 1997.

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 regarding (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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) May be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

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

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Winter Pears Grown in Oregon, Washington, and California, Marketing Order No. 927.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0089.

Summary of Collection: Information is collected from growers and handlers for referendums, marketing agreements, and volume of fruit sold.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to administer Marketing Order No. 927.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 1,890.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Biennially

Total Burden Hours: 3,571.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Imported Seed and Screening.

OMB Control Number: 0579-New.

Summary of Collection: All seeds offered for entry into the United States must be accompanied by a declaration from the importer and the containers must be labeled. A certificate of analysis stating that the seeds were analyzed and found to present no noxious weed threat to the United States must accompany the shipment.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to prevent the spread of insect pests and noxious weeds in the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 11,564.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Foreign Investment Disclosure Act Report, 7 CFR 781.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0097.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 requires foreign investors to timely report all held, acquired, or transferred U.S. agricultural land.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to track foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land and prepare an annual report to Congress and the President.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 4,375.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,108.

Donal Hulcher,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. PY-97-006]

Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed Collection.

SUMMARY: Notice; in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the intention of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to request an approval of an information collection in support of the State Option Contracts (SOC) Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 11, 1997.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Connie Helms, USDA/AMS/Poultry Division, Room 3943-S, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W., STOP 0260, Washington, DC 20250-0260, (202) 720-7693.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Donation of Foods for use in the United States, its territories and possessions and areas under its jurisdiction.

OMB Number: 0581-xxx

Expiration Date of Approval:

Type of Request: Approval of a new information collection.

Abstract: Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Distribution Programs assist American farmers and needy people by purchasing commodities and delivering them to State agencies that, in turn, distribute them to organizations for use in providing food assistance to those in need. The commodities help to meet the nutritional needs of children from preschool age through high school in USDA Child Nutrition Programs and needy individuals participating in other domestic feeding programs.