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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 14, 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, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 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.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Asian Long Horned Beetle.

OMB Control Number: 0579—New.

Summary: Compliance agreements appeal letters, certificates, inspections, limited permits, container markings, and 48-hour notices will be needed to allow regulated articles to move interstate from quarantined areas in New York.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed to control and monitor the movement of the Asian long horned beetle. The regulations quarantine certain areas within the State of New York.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Farms; Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 225.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 132.

Emergency processing of this submission has been requested by February 14, 1997.

Office of the Secretary

Title: Customer Survey Activities.

OMB Control Number: 0505-0020.

Summary: Executive Order 12862 requires Federal Departments to establish and implement customer service standards. This "Generic Clearance" encompasses all information collection activities within USDA that will be conducted in order to satisfy the requirements of the Executive Order.

Need and Use of the Information: The results obtained from the various customer satisfaction surveys will be disseminated to key policy and management officials, USDA employees, stakeholders, the Congress and the public. The data will be used in a variety of ways to improve customer service.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 50,000.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. PY-96-002]

Tentative Voluntary Poultry Grade Standards

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension of test-market period.

SUMMARY: On February 15, 1996, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) published a notice in the Federal Register (61 FR 5975) announcing a one-year test-market period for USDA grade identified cooked, boneless-skinless poultry products without added ingredients, based on tentative grade standards. AMS is extending the test-market period beyond its scheduled end, February 15, 1997, until it makes a final determination about the tentative standards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rex A. Barnes, Chief, Grading Branch, Poultry Division, 202-720-3271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 15, 1996, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) published a notice in the Federal Register (61 FR 5975) announcing a one-year test-market period for USDA grade identified cooked, boneless-skinless poultry products without added ingredients, based on tentative grade standards. The test-market period is scheduled to end February 15, 1997, after which AMS will evaluate the test results. If AMS decides to amend the current poultry grade standards, a proposal with a comment period will be published in the Federal Register.

AMS is currently evaluating the test-market results of two other sets of tentative grade standards for ready-to-cook products to determine if changes should be made to the standards. Those test-markets were for boneless-skinless poultry legs and drumsticks (60 FR 16428) and boneless-skinless poultry products without added ingredients (60 FR 30830), for which tentative standards were published in the Federal Register