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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Foreign Agricultural Service's intention to request an extension and revision for a currently approved information collection in support of the Buyer Alert program based on re-estimates.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 3, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Send comments regarding (a) 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; (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 automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to and copies of the Buyer Alert program applications form may be obtained from: Charles T. Alexander, Director, AgExport Services Division, Commodity and Marketing Programs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 1052, Washington, D.C. 20250–1052. All

written comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address during business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Phone (202) 720–0159, Fax: (202) 720–0193.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Buyer Alert Program.
OMB Number: 0551–0024.
Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 1997.

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

Abstract: The Buyer Alert program is an advertising service provided to any U.S. agricultural exporter of food, farm, and forest products. This service is intended to assist the first time exporter or small and medium size U.S. companies in advertising their product to foreign buyers. Advertisements are distributed by USDA overseas offices via a bi-weekly newsletter and other means to reach foreign buyers and importers. An exporter may advertise up to five different products. Each advertisement provides a product description, offer terms, and information about the exporter. This information is collected by the USDA from an application form which the exporter completes to initiate placement of an advertisement in the Buyer Alert program. The information is necessary to facilitate effective advertisement and marketing of the U.S. agricultural product in overseas markets. Authority for this program falls under 7 U.S.C. Part 1761. The program is voluntary. A small fee is charged for use of the service.

Estimate of Burden: The burden to U.S. exporters is estimated to average 0.17 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. agricultural exporters of food, farm, and forest products.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 306 hours per annum.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Valerie Countiss, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720–6713.

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.

Signed at Washington, D.C. August 28, 1997.

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Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Title: Southeast Region Federal Fisheries Permits Family of Forms.

Agency Form Number: None.
OMB Approval Number: 0648–0205.
Burden: 1,651 hours.

Avg. Hours Per Response: Ranges between 5 and 45 minutes depending on the requirement.

Needs and Uses: One of the steps taken to manage regulated fisheries is to issue permits to users of the resources. Permits are issued to dealers and fishermen alike. Permits serve several purposes including (1) to identify vessels that are eligible to participate in a fishery; (2) to identify dealers; (3) to allow revocation of a permit as an enforcement tool, and (4) to acquire data on the economic structure of the fleet. The data obtained are used by the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Regional Councils, state agencies, and the U.S. Coast Guard in developing management measures to control fishing effort, as well as to enforce the measures once they are in effect.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, individuals.

Frequency: On occasion, biennially, annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3272, Department of Commerce,