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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Food Distribution Program: Value of Donated Foods From July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the value of donated foods or, where applicable, cash in lieu thereof to be provided in the 1997 school year for each lunch served by schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or by commodity only schools and for each lunch and supper served by institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Henigan, Chief, Schools and Institutions Branch, Food Distribution Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302 or telephone (703) 305-2660.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Classification

These programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Nos. 10.550, 10.555, and 10.558 and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, and final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

This notice imposes no new reporting or recordkeeping provisions that are subject to Office of Management and Budget review in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3507). This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is

exempt from the provisions of that Act. This notice has been determined to be exempt under Executive Order 12866.

National Average Minimum Value of Donated Foods for the Period July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997

This notice implements mandatory provisions of sections 6(e), 14(f) and 17(h)(1) of the National School Lunch Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. 1755(e), 1762a(f), and 1766(h)(1)). Section 6(e)(1)(A) of the Act establishes the national average value of donated food assistance to be given to States for each lunch served in NSLP at 11.00 cents per meal. Pursuant to section 6(e)(1)(B), this amount is subject to annual adjustments as of July 1 of each year to reflect changes in a three-month average value of the Price Index for Food Used in Schools and Institutions for March, April, and May of each year. Section 17(h)(1) of the Act provides that the same value of assistance in donated foods for school lunches shall also be established for lunches and suppers served in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Notice is hereby given that the national average minimum value of donated foods, or cash in lieu thereof, per lunch under NSLP (7 CFR Part 210) and per lunch and supper under the Child and Adult Care Food Program (7 CFR Part 226) shall be 14.50 cents for the period July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997.

The Price Index for Food Used in Schools and Institutions is computed using five major food components in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Producer Price Index (cereal and bakery products; meats, poultry and fish; dairy products; processed fruits and vegetables; and fats and oils). Each component is weighed using the same relative weight as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The value of food assistance is adjusted each July 1 by the annual percentage change in a three-month average value of the Price Index for March, April and May. The three-month average of the Price Index increased by 2.50 percent from 124.29 for March, April and May of 1995 to 127.40 for the same three months in 1996. When computed on the basis of unrounded data and rounded to the nearest one-quarter cent, the resulting national average for the period July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997 will be 14.50 cents per meal. This is an increase of

0.25 cents from the school year 1996 rate.

Section 14(f) of the Act provides that commodity only schools shall be eligible to receive donated foods equal in value to the sum of the national average value of donated foods established under section 6(e) of the Act and the national average payment established under section 4 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1753). Such schools are eligible to receive up to 5 cents per meal of this value in cash for processing and handling expenses related to the use of such commodities.

Commodity only schools are defined in section 12(d)(7) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(d)(7)) as "schools that do not participate in the school lunch program under this Act, but which receive commodities made available by the Secretary for use by such schools in nonprofit lunch programs."

For the 1997 school year, commodity only schools shall be eligible to receive donated food assistance valued at 32.25 cents for each lunch served. This amount is based on the sum of the section 6(e) level of assistance announced in this notice and the adjusted section 4 minimum national average payment factor for school year 1997. The section 4 factor for commodity only schools does not include the two cents per lunch increase for schools where 60 percent of the lunches served in the school lunch program in the second preceding school year were served free or at reduced prices, since that increase is applicable only to schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.

Section 103 of the Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994, (Public Law 103-448) amended section 6 of the National School Lunch Act by adding a new paragraph (g), which mandates that not less than 12 percent of the assistance provided under sections 4, 6, and 11 of the Act be in the form of commodity assistance, including cash in lieu of commodities and administrative costs for commodity procurement of commodities under section 6. In school year 1996, the announced rate generated commodity assistance at a level that exceeded the 12-percent mandate. In the event that the rate of \$.1450 announced in this Notice fails to meet the 12-percent requirement, the rate will be retroactively adjusted upward, and the additional commodities will be

delivered to States during the first quarter of the next school year.

Authority: Sections 6(e)(1) (A) and (B), 14(f) and 17(h)(1) of the National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1755(e)(1) (A) and (B), 1762a(f), and 1766(h)(1)).

Dated: July 2, 1996.

William E. Ludwig,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Cost Study for Single-Family Value-in-Place (VIP)

ACTION: Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 9, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Masato Asanuma, Bureau of the Census, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2136, FOB 4, Washington, DC 20233-6900, (301) 457-1241.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau produces a monthly data series on the value of private single-family residential construction put in place. Estimates for the series are derived from the Bureau's Survey of Construction (SOC) by using a mathematical model and construction progress patterns. The application of the mathematical model requires us to subtract out nonconstruction costs from sales price or contract value that we collect for the SOC and add construction costs not normally

included in the contract value. The factors representing these corrections to the cost need to be updated in order to bring them up to date with today's housing market and recent innovations in construction. The factors currently in use were derived from two studies conducted in the early 1980's. The Census Bureau will conduct a special one-time study to re-estimate these factors based on current single-family construction data.

II. Method of Collection

A subset of the SOC respondents for single-family housing completions will be asked to provide the Census Bureau with up to nine construction cost items. The sample will be drawn from the single family units in the SOC that have been completed. The sample of 7,600 SOC respondents will be spread over a period of 13 months. The study is a mailout/mailback survey with telephone followups for nonresponse and data review. The respondents will be initially contacted within two months of the reported completion of the SOC.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.
Form Number: C-702(S) and C-702(C).

Type of Review: Regular.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,600.

Estimated Time Per Response: 12 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,520.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$12,000.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 3, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,
Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of application to amend certificate.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the amended Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Dawn Busby, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. A Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from state and federal government antitrust actions and from private, treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the Federal Register identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 88-00016 was issued to Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America ("WMMA") on February 3, 1989 (54 FR 6312, February 9, 1989) and previously amended on June 22, 1990 (55 FR 27292, July 2, 1990); August 20, 1991 (56 FR 42596, August 28, 1991); December 20, 1993 (58 FR 66344, December 20, 1993); and August 23, 1994 (59 FR 44408, August 29, 1994).

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether an amended Certificate should be issued. An original and five (5) copies should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice