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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-056-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Approved information collection extension; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of regulations under the Animal Welfare Act governing the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of certain animals by dealers, research institutions, exhibitors, carriers, and intermediate handlers.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 18, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 96-056-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 96-056-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call

ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the regulations and standards governing the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of certain animals by dealers, research institutions, exhibitors, carriers, and intermediate handlers, contact Dr. Morley Cook, Acting Assistant Deputy Administrator, Regulatory Enforcement and Animal Care, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-4981; or e-mail: MCook@aphis.usda.gov. For copies of more detailed information, contact Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, APHIS, Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Animal Welfare.

OMB Number: 0579-0093.

Expiration Date of Approval:

December 31, 1996.

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

Abstract: Regulations and standards have been promulgated under the Animal Welfare Act (the Act) to ensure that animals intended for use in research facilities, for exhibition purposes, or for use as pets, are provided humane care and treatment. The humane treatment of animals during transportation in commerce is also assured. Sections 10, 11, 12, and 13 of the Act authorize and require certain recordkeeping requirements for regulated facilities which are further explained in 9 CFR part 3, subparts A and D of the regulations and standards.

The records provide the necessary data for reviewing and evaluating program compliance by regulated facilities, and provide a workable enforcement system to carry out the requirements of the Act, and the intent of Congress, on a practical daily basis without resorting to more detailed and stringent regulations and standards.

The above reporting and recordkeeping requirements do not mandate the use of any official government form.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. We need this outside input to help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .547 hours per response.

Respondents: Dealers, exhibitors, carriers, handlers, and research facilities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,200.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 9.798.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 43,975 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection.

Done in Washington, DC, this 13th day of August 1996.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the regulations

governing the foreign donation of agricultural commodities under both the section 416(b) and the Food for Progress programs based on re-estimates.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 18, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Ira D. Branson, Director, Commodity Credit Corporation Program Support Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1031, Washington, DC 20250-1031, telephone (202) 720-3573.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Foreign Donation of Agricultural Commodities.

OMB Number: 0551-0035.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 1997.

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

Abstract: Cooperating sponsors must agree to provide requested proposal documents and compliance and related reports until commodities and/or local currencies generated from the sale thereof are utilized. Documents are used to develop effective agreements and assure provisions/objectives are met. Respondents are generally U.S. private voluntary organizations, U.S. cooperatives, and foreign governments.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for these collections vary in direct relation to the number and type of agreements in addition to the type of reporting requested.

Respondents: U.S. private voluntary organizations, U.S. cooperatives, and foreign governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 33 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 66 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 21,417 hours.

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

Requests 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 may be sent to Ira D. Branson, Director, Commodity Credit Corporation Program Support Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1031, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-1031.

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 9, 1996.

Timothy J. Galvin,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to request an extension for and revision to an information collection currently approved in support of the Cotton Loan Program Regulations issued under authority of the CCC Charter Act. Program changes mandated by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act) and other administrative decisions obsolete several forms and result in a decrease in the number of burden hours for information collection under the cotton loan program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before October 18, 1996 to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: George A. Stickels, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA-Farm Service Agency-Price Support Division, STOP 0512, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013; telephone (202) 720-7935.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Cotton, 7 CFR Part 1427.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0074.

Expiration Date: January 31, 1998.

Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0560-0074, as identified above, is needed to enable the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to effectively administer the regulation relating to all aspects of the cotton loan program.

FSA County Offices, independent Cotton Clerks, Cooperative Marketing Associations and Loan Servicing Agents use various manual and automated forms to collect information from cotton producers for purposes of administering the cotton loan program. The 1996 Act terminated authority to extend cotton loans for crop years 1996 through 2002. As a result, form "CCC Cotton A2" used for upland cotton voluntary loan extensions will become obsolete, effective April 1, 1997. Other administrative changes to the cotton loan program have already made obsolete form "CCC-837", used to give notice to move cotton; forms "CCC-813" and "CCC-813-1" respectively, used for release of cotton warehouse receipts; and form "CCC-813-2", used to provide a schedule of cotton redemptions. The aforementioned changes will significantly reduce the public reporting burden for cotton loan program participants, as shown in the following revised estimates:

Respondents: Cotton producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200,000.

Estimated Average Time to Respond: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 513,255.

Estimated Number of Reports Filed per Person: 2.56.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 128,318 hours.

Topics for comments include but are not limited to the following: (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; or (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. Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to George A. Stickels, Program Specialist, USDA-Farm Service