

withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the period from October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999. I have further determined that out of this quantity of 50,000 metric tons, the quantity of 4,656 metric tons, raw value, is reserved for the importation of specialty sugars. These TRQ amounts may be allocated among supplying countries and areas by the United States Trade Representative.

I will issue Certificates of Quota Eligibility (CQEs) to allow the Philippines, Brazil, and the Dominican Republic to ship up to 25 percent of their respective initial country allocations at the low-tier tariff during each quarter of FY 1999. Australia, Guatemala, Argentina, Peru, Panama, El Salvador, Colombia, South Africa, and Nicaragua will be allowed to ship up to 50 percent of their respective initial country allocations in the first 6 months of FY 1999. Unentered allocations, during any quarter or six month period, may be entered in any subsequent period. For all other countries, CQEs corresponding to their respective country allocations may be entered at the low-tier tariff at any time during the fiscal year. If additional country allocations result from the January, March, and May blocks of the reserved TRQ quantity, they may be entered subsequent to their announcement by the United States Trade Representative.

Mexico's North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) access to the U.S. market is established at 25,000 metric tons raw value. That access will be for either raw or refined sugar, but total access under the refined sugar allocation and the raw-sugar allocation is not to exceed 25,000 metric tons. Mexico's NAFTA access for either raw or refined sugar is established in Annex 703.2.

Signed at Washington, DC, on September 16, 1998.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

National Commission on Small Farms; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture by Departmental Regulation No. 1043-43 dated July 9, 1997, established the National Commission on Small Farms

(Commission) and further identified the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to provide support to the Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to gather and analyze information regarding small farms and ranches and recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture a national policy and strategy to ensure their continued viability. The Commission's next meeting is October 6, 7, and 8, 1998.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF MEETING: On October 6, 1998, the Commission will meet at the Days Inn Crystal City Hotel, 2000 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. On October 7 and 8, 1998, the Commission will meet at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, Room 107A, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. On October 7, 1998, the Commission will meet from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on October 8, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive an implementation progress report from USDA on the Commission's report, "A Time to Act," issued in January 1998 and to discuss future actions. The meeting is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: National Commission on Small Farms, USDA-NRCS, Post Office Box 2890, South Building, Room 6013, Washington, DC 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Yezak Molen, Director, National Commission on Small Farms, at the address above or at (202) 720-0122. The fax number is (202) 720-0639.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Commission is to gather and evaluate background information, studies, and data pertinent to small farms and ranches, including limited-resource farmers. The Commission may analyze all relevant issues and make findings, develop strategies, and make recommendations for consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture toward a national strategy on small farms. On January 22, 1998, the Commission issued a report "A Time to Act, A Report of the USDA National Commission on Small Farms." The report's recommendations included: proposed changes to existing policies, programs, regulations, training, and program delivery and outreach systems; suggested approaches that could assist small and beginning farmers and involve the private sectors and government, including ways to meet the needs of minorities, women, and persons with disabilities; and proposed

areas where new partnerships and collaborations are needed.

The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the work of the Commission is in the public interest and within the duties and responsibilities of USDA. Establishment of the Commission also implemented a recommendation of the USDA Civil Rights Action Report to appoint a diverse commission to develop a national policy on small farms. Individuals may submit written comments to the contact person listed above before or after the meeting.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

Deborah Matz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to revise a currently approved information collection, the Milk and Milk Products Surveys.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 27, 1998.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4117 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Milk and Milk Products Surveys.

OMB Number: 0535-0020.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 1999.

Type of Request: Intent to revise a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock

production. The Milk and Milk Products Surveys obtain basic agricultural statistics on milk production and manufactured dairy products from farmers and processing plants throughout the Nation. Data are gathered for milk production, dairy products, evaporated and condensed milk, manufactured dry milk, and manufactured whey products. Milk production and manufactured dairy products statistics are used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help administer programs and by the dairy industry in planning, pricing, and projecting supplies of milk and milk products. Approval to add weekly butter, dry whey, and nonfat dry milk price reports to the information collection is requested.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms and businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 44,619.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 21,571 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Larry Gambrell, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

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 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 appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4162 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000.

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., September 3, 1998.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Annual Survey of Manufactures.

Form Number(s): MA-1000(L), MA-1000(S).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0449.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of an expired collection.

Burden: 196,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 58,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 3 hours and 23 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau has conducted the Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM) since 1949 to provide key measures of manufacturing activity during intercensal periods. In census years ending in 2 and 7, we mail and collect the ASM as part of the census of manufactures. This survey is an integral part of the Government's statistical program. The ASM furnishes up-to-date estimates of employment and payrolls, hours and wages of production workers, value added by manufacture, cost of materials, value of shipments by product class, inventories, and expenditures for both plant and equipment and structures. The survey provides data for most of these items for each of the 473 industries as defined in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). It also provides geographic data by state at a more aggregated industry level. The survey also provides valuable information to private companies, research organizations, and trade associations. Industry makes extensive use of the annual figures on product class shipments at the U.S. level in its market analysis, product planning, and investment planning. The ASM data are used to benchmark and reconcile monthly and quarterly data on manufacturing production and inventories.

We allowed the clearance for the ASM to lapse during FY 1997 since these data

were collected as part of the 1997 Economic Censuses. We are now requesting a reinstatement of the clearance for the 1998 "2001 collections of the ASM. We are dropping one form from the clearance, the MA-1000(B). This form was used to obtain greater detailed information on principal activity from partially unclassified firms. We now receive this information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Sections 182, 224, and 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

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, room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

Bureau: International Trade Administration.

Title: Overseas Business Interest Questionnaire.

Agency Form Number: ITA-471P.

OMB Number: 0625-0039.

Type of Request: Regular Submission.

Burden: 490 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: This collection allows U.S. firms participating in overseas trade events sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) an opportunity to specifically