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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Pub. L. 480, Title I program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 10, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie B. Delaplane, Director, Pub. L. 480 Operations Division, Export Credits, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4549 South Building, Stop 1033, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1033. Telephone: (202) 720-3664.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Vessel Approval, Form CCC-105; and Request for Vessel Approval Form CCC-105 (cotton).

OMB number: 0551-0008.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 1998.

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

Abstract: Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, (Pub. L. 480) authorizes the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to finance the sale and exportation of agricultural commodities on concessional terms. 7 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* Shipping agents or embassies submit pertinent shipping

information on Form CCC-105 to facilitate approval by CCC of shipping arrangements. This approval is necessary to assure compliance with cargo preference requirements at the lowest cost to CCC. Agents submit this document in order that USDA can generate the CCC-106, a necessary payment document. Ocean carriers then receive payment for ocean freight.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden is 15 minutes per response for suppliers of ocean transportation reporting details of freight transactions.

Respondents: Business or other-for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 22.5 hours.

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

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 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 equality, 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 Connie B. Delaplane, Director, P.L. 480 Operations Division, Export Credits, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4549 South Building, Stop 1033, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1033. Telephone (202) 720-3664.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC on January 29, 1998.

Christopher E. Goldthwait,

General Sales Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Cancellation of New York's Designation

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), provides that official agency designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The New York State Department of Agriculture (New York) is designated to provide official inspection services until October 31, 1999, according to the Act. New York asked GIPSA to cancel its designation effective April 1, 1998. Accordingly, GIPSA is announcing that New York's designation is being canceled effective April 1, 1998.

DATES: April 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Neil E. Porter, Director, Compliance Division, AG Code 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Neil E. Porter, telephone 202-720-8262.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

Section 7(f)(1) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services. GIPSA designated New York, main office in Albany, New York, to provide official inspection

services under the Act on November 1, 1996.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies will end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. The designation of New York ends on October 31, 1999, according to the Act. However, New York advised GIPSA that they wanted to cancel their designation. GIPSA has determined that there is not a sufficient need for official services to require a replacement agency.

Accordingly, GIPSA is canceling New York's designation effective April 1, 1998. Any firms in New York that require official service after April 1, 1998, should contact GIPSA's Baltimore Field Office at 410-590-2259

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

Dated: January 29, 1998.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank, USDA.
ACTION: Staff Briefing for the Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 3 p.m., Wednesday, February 18, 1998.

PLACE: Champagne Room, Marriott Marquis Hotel, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, GA.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: General discussion involving the 1996 Telecom Act and universal service; the proposed budget for FY 1999; and administrative issues.

ACTION: Board of Directors Meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday, February 19, 1998.

PLACE: Consulate Room, Marriott Marquis Hotel, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, GA.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Swearing in new Board members representing the USDA.
3. Action on the November 6, 1997, Minutes.
4. Report on loans approved in first quarter FY 1998.
5. Summary of financial activity for first quarter FY 1998.

6. Consideration of resolution to approve the persons who shall serve as Deputy Governor and Assistant Treasurer.

7. Establish date and location of next regular Board meeting.

8. Adjournment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Ken B. Chandler, Acting Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: January 4, 1998.

Wally Beyer,

Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE: February 17, 1998.

PLACE: ARRB, 600 E Street, NW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Review and Accept Minutes of Closed Meeting
2. Review of Assassination Records
3. Other Business

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Eileen Sullivan, Press Officer, 600 E Street, NW, Second Floor, Washington, DC 20530. Telephone: (202) 724-0088; Fax: (202) 724-0457.

T. Jeremy Gunn.

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings) And Parts Thereof From France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, and The United Kingdom

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative reviews and partial termination of administrative reviews.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from interested parties, the Department of Commerce is conducting administrative

reviews of the antidumping duty orders on antifriction bearings (other than tapered roller bearings) and parts thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. The classes or kinds of merchandise covered by these orders are ball bearings and parts thereof, cylindrical roller bearings and parts thereof, and spherical plain bearings and parts thereof. The reviews cover 20 manufacturers/exporters. The period of review is May 1, 1996, through April 30, 1997.

We are terminating the reviews for six other manufacturers/exporters and for certain types of antifriction bearings from still other manufacturers/exporters because the requests for reviews of these firms or types of bearings were withdrawn in a timely manner.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value by various companies subject to these reviews. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of these administrative reviews, we will instruct U.S. Customs to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries.

We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit comments in these proceedings are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: The appropriate case analysts for the various respondent firms are listed below, at Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4733.

France

Chip Hayes (SKF), Lisa Tomlinson (SNFA), or Richard Rimlinger.

Germany

John Heires (Torrington Nadellager), Davina Hashmi (SKF), or Robin Gray.

Italy

Chip Hayes (SKF), Mark Ross (FAG), Kristie Strecker (Somecat), William Zapf (Meter), Robin Gray, or Richard Rimlinger.

Japan

J. David Dirstine (Koyo Seiko), Gregory Thompson (NTN), Hermes Pinilla (NPBS), Thomas Schauer (NSK Ltd.), Jay Biggs (Nachi-Fujikoshi Corp.), Robin Gray, or Richard Rimlinger.

Romania

Kristie Strecker (Tehnimportexport, S.A.) or Robin Gray.

Singapore