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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-007N]

#### National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will meet from March 3 to March 6, 1998, to discuss Good Agricultural Practices and Good Manufacturing Practices for fresh produce and research strategies to meet the goals of the Food Safety Initiative and the Domestic and Imported Produce Food Safety Initiative. The Committee also will be discussing Foods Exposed to Refrigeration Failure, Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) concepts for the very small slaughter plant, Codex issues, and developing guidelines for food safety objectives.

**DATES:** The Fresh Produce Subcommittee will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 3, 1998. The full Committee will meet on March 4, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Subcommittee groups will meet March 4, 1998, from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 5. The full Committee will meet March 6, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Georgia International Convention Center, 1902 Sullivan Road, College Park, GA 30337-0508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Committee encourages persons with information or data on the above matters to present their comments. Persons interested in making presentations, submitting technical papers, or providing comments are requested to mail or FAX (202) 501-7628 their name,

title, firm name, address, and telephone number to Ms. Amelia L. Wright, Advisory Committee Specialist, Scientific Research Oversight Staff, Department of Agriculture, Suite 6913, Franklin Court, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. Comments and requests also may be provided by E-mail to amelia.wright@usda.gov. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify the contact person referenced above by February 19, 1998.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The meeting will be open to the public on a space-available basis. Persons wishing to make an oral presentation should notify the contacts listed above. Presentations will be scheduled on a time-available basis in accordance with the timeliness of the written request. Comments may be made before or after the meeting. Technical papers also will be accepted and made part of the public record. All comments and proceedings will become part of the public record of the meeting.

NACMCF provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services about the development of microbiological criteria to assess the safety and wholesomeness of food. The Committee also provides guidance to the Departments of Commerce and Defense.

Done at Washington, DC, on: February 19, 1998.

**Thomas J. Billy,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a 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 regulations governing the entry of speciality sugar under the tariff-rate quota into the United States.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by April 27, 1998 to be assured consideration.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Mail or deliver comments to Stephen C. Hammond, Director, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021, Washington, DC 20250-1021, (202) 720-1061.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Speciality Sugar Import Licensing.

*OMB Number:* 0551-0025.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* June 30, 1998.

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

*Abstract:* The quota system established by Presidential Proclamation No. 4941 prevented the importation of certain refined sugars used for specialized purposes originating in countries which did not have quota allocations. Therefore, the Department of Agriculture published the regulations at 15 CFR part 201—Allocation of Tariff-Rate Quota on Imported Sugars, Syrups and Molasses, Subpart B—Speciality Sugar, requiring certificates of quota eligibility for entering specialty sugar. Applicants must supply the information required by 15 CFR 201.205 to apply for a speciality sugar certificate. In order to grant the certificates, ensure that imported specialty sugar does not disrupt the current domestic sugar support program, and effectively administer the issuance of the certificates, certain specific information on an application must be collected from those who wish to participate in the program established by the regulation.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Importers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 30.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 60 hours.

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

#### Request for Comments

Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information, to: Stephen C. Hammond, Director, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021, Washington, DC 20250-1021, and to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Comments on the issues covered by the Paperwork Reduction Act are most useful to OMB if received within 30 days of publication of the Notice and Request for Comments, but must be submitted no later than 60 days from the date of publication to be assured of consideration.

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, DC, February 4, 1998.

**Lon Hatamiya,**

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Klamath, Northwest Sacramento, and California Coastal Provincial Advisory Committees (PACs)

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Klamath, Northwest Sacramento, and California Coastal Provincial Advisory Committees will meet on March 5 and 6, 1998 at the Holiday Inn, 1900 Hilltop Drive, Redding, California. On March 5, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:15 p.m. The meeting on March 6 will resume at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of the three PAC meeting is to better understand the issues involved in implementing the Northwest Forest Plan. Also attending the meeting are members of the State Community Economic Revitalization

Team (SCERT). The PACs and SCERT members will work together in small groups defining and refining implementation issues and will share them with the larger group. Each PAC and the SCERT will meet separately to develop proposed next steps for moving forward on the issues and will present these to the large group as well as share accomplishments/learnings from the past 4 years. There are public comment periods scheduled throughout the 2 days. All PAC meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Hendryx, USDA, Klamath National Forest, at 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097; telephone 530-842-6131, (FTS) 700-467-1309.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

**Barbara Holder,**

*Designated Federal Official and Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Telecommunications

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; 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 April 27, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental 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 Ms. Dawnielle Battle, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, room 6877, Washington, DC, 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

These reporting and recordkeeping requirements are necessary to allow for

the increased export of telecommunications equipment to proscribed destinations. The requirements also place conditions on approved export licenses, such as requiring inspections and the retention of repair records. The information is used for licensing decisions and for enforcement purposes once a license is issued.

#### II. Method of Collection

Reports or written plans submitted to BXA.

#### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0694-0078.

*Form Number:* Not applicable.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 75.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 minute to 2 hours per response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 92 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

#### 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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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