

PURPOSE:

To facilitate the Congressional mandate under the DCIA to provide taxpayer identification numbers on all appropriate requests for payment to facilitate debt collection by administrative offset under the DCIA, and for income reporting to the IRS.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

(1) USDA/FNS may disclose information from this system of records to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, State, or local, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting a violation of law, or of enforcing or implementing a statute, rule, regulations, or order issued pursuant thereto, of any record within this system when information available indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute, or by rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto.

(2) USDA/FNS may disclose information from this system of records to a court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal, or to opposing counsel in a proceeding before any of the above, of any record within the system which constitutes evidence in that proceeding, or which is sought in the course of discovery.

(3) USDA/FNS may disclose information from this system of records to a congressional office from the record of an individual provided that individual gave the congressional office permission to inquire on his or her behalf.

(4) USDA/FNS may disclose information from this system of records of the Internal Revenue Service, for the purpose of reporting canceled debts of \$600 or more for violations committed under FNS programs. Canceled debts will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service on Form 1099-C (Cancellation of Debt) under the authority of the Income Tax Regulations (26 CFR parts 1 and 602) under section 6050P of the Internal Revenue Code.

(5) USDA/FNS may disclose information from this system of records to the Department of the Treasury on requests for payments for purposes of administrative offset, to be effected in cases where entities participating in FNS programs owe delinquent debts to other Federal agencies.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained in the Agency's AFMS system on magnetic tapes, on data disks, and in file folders at FNS Headquarters and at the National Computer Center facility in Kansas City.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrievable by name, vendor number, and Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Access to records is limited to those persons who process the records for the specific routine uses stated above. Records in such formats as magnetic tape and disks are kept in physically secured rooms or cabinets. Various methods of computer security limit access to records in automated databases. Paper records are segregated and physically secured in locked cabinets.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are maintained in the automated AFMS system indefinitely. Paper records, where they are held, are maintained for three years and then destroyed pursuant to the applicable document retention and disposal schedule.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Accounting Division, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 415, Alexandria, Virginia, 22302.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals may request from the system manager identified above information regarding this system of records or whether the system contains records pertaining to them. Any individual requesting such information must provide his or her name, address, and Social Security Number.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Individuals may obtain information about records in the system pertaining to them by submitting a written request to the system manager listed above. The envelope and letter should be marked "Privacy Act Request," and should include the name, address, and Social Security Number of the individual for which the request is made.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individuals desiring to contest or amend information maintained in the system should direct their requests to

the system manager listed above, state the reason(s) for contesting the information, and provide any available documentation to support the requested action.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in this system is provided by the applications and contracts entered into by entities participating in the programs FNS administers. Personal information in this system is also obtained from the owners and officers of such entities as reported on the program applications and contracts for services provided under these programs.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Azure Waves Seafood, Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio, an exclusive license for certain uses in the field of seafood breeding and batters of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/233,173, filed April 26, 1994, and U.S. Patent No. 5,676,994, issued October 14, 1997, both entitled, "Non-Separable Starch-Oil Compositions," and U.S. Patent No. 5,882,713, issued March 16, 1999, entitled "Non-Separable Compositions of Starch and Water-Immiscible Organic Materials," and their foreign equivalents. Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent Application No. 08/233,173 was published in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 1994; Patent No. 5,676,994 and Patent No. 5,882,713 are a continuation and continuation-in-part, respectively of Serial No. 08/233,173.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of the Director, National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research, Room 2042, 1815 N. University Street, Peoria, Illinois 61604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Watkins of the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research at

the Peoria address given above; telephone: 309-681-6545.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to these inventions are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license these inventions as Azure Waves Seafood, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,
Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Texas

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Texas for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of the NRCS in Texas to issue a revised conservation practice standard in Section IV of the FOTG for the following practice: Nutrient Management (code 590).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to John P. Burt, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 101 South Main Street, Temple, Texas 76501. Copies of the practice standard will be made available upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out

highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: March 21, 2000.

John P. Burt,
State Conservationist, Temple, Texas 76501.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business—Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business—Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR Part 1942-G Rural Business Enterprise Grants and Television Demonstration Grants.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 30, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carole Boyko, Rural Development Loan Specialist, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA, Specialty Lenders Division, Stop 3325, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3325. Telephone: (202) 720-0661.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: RBS/Rural Business Enterprise Grants and Television Demonstration Grants.

OMB Number: 0570-0022.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2000.

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

Abstract: The objective of the RBEG program is to facilitate the development of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas. This purpose is achieved through grants made by RBS to public bodies and nonprofit corporations. Television Demonstration grants are available to private nonprofit

public television systems to provide information on agriculture and other issues of importance to farmers and the rural residents. The regulations contain various requirements for information from the grantees, and some requirements may cause the grantees to require information from other parties. The information requested is vital for RBS to be able to process applications in a responsible manner, make prudent program decisions, and effectively monitor the grantees' activities to protect the Government's financial interest and ensure that funds obtained from the Government are used appropriately. It includes information used to determine eligibility; the specific purposes for which grant funds will be used; timeframes; who will be carrying out the grant purposes; project priority; applicant experience; employment improvement; and mitigation of economic distress.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.95 hours per response.

Respondents: Non-profit corporations, public bodies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 720.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 28.94.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 40,650 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jean Mosley, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch at (202) 692-0041.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Rural Business-Cooperative Service, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Rural Business-Cooperative Service 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 Jean Mosley, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice