

Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 29, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, DC 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No: OMB 0412-0556.

Form No.: N/A.

Title: Monetization Report.

Type of Review: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: The Monetization Report is used to help the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Missions determine the status of the commodities monetized by the Cooperating Sponsors under the Public Law 480 title II program. The Monetization Profile provides USAID Missions with a checklist of important questions about the Cooperating Sponsors' monetization transactions. The Cooperating Sponsors verify the Free Along-side Ship (FAS) price quotation that has been provided by USAID's Office of Food for Peace, the foreign flag estimate or rate, the sales price obtained, and the method for which the commodities have been sold. All of this information is necessary for USAID Missions to collect verifiable information and to determine that Cooperating Sponsors are meeting USAID's cost recovery benchmark.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 20.

Total annual responses: 20.

Total annual hours requested: 240 hours.

Dated: February 21, 2002.

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Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for
Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: National School Lunch Program Application/ Verification Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The proposed collection is a new activity.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: 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 has 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; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Paul J. Strasberg, Social Science Research Analyst, Office of Analysis, Nutrition and Evaluation, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed by mail to Paul J. Strasberg, Social Science Research Analyst, Office of Analysis, Nutrition and Evaluation, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture,

3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302, or by phone (703) 305-2141.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Evaluation of the National School Lunch Program Application/Verification Pilot Projects.

OMB Number: Not yet issued.

Expiration Date: Three years from date of issuance.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: Approximately 20 School Food Authorities (SFAs) are operating National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Application/Verification Pilot Projects. The purpose of these projects is discussed in a **Federal Register** Notice published on January 21, 2000 (65 FR 3409). These projects require participating SFAs to use alternative methods those specified in 7 CFR 245.6 to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price school meals. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is operating these pilot projects to explore the effects of methods being tested on children that attend NSLP schools and SFAs. A contractor will be engaged to provide Advisory and Assistance Services to evaluate the NSLP Application/Verification Pilot Projects to determine (a) their effect in pilot SFAs on the accuracy of NSLP Free and Reduced Price Lunch Eligibility Determination systems tested in the pilots and (b) their effect on SFAs operating the pilot projects. FNS anticipates the contractor will conduct interviews with households with children in NSLP schools and staff at pilot SFAs. FNS anticipates the contractor will review pilot SFA administrative records. The contract to accomplish the above work is known as the base contract.

The contract includes an option. Under this option, FNS seeks to determine the Federal Poverty Level of households selected for verification in one to six Metropolitan Areas (MA) as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Specifically, for a sample of households selected for verification, FNS seeks to learn about the extent to which pre-verification F/RP certifications correspond to household income and family size.

Affected Public: 30 School Food Authorities, 3000 households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2 staff members at each of 30 School Food Authorities and 1 individual within each of 3000 households.

Number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated total annual responses: 3060.

Hours per response: 1 hour per SFA staff member; 30 minutes per household.

Total annual reporting hours: 1,560.

Dated: February 19, 2002.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Child Nutrition Programs—Income Eligibility Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the Department's annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals or free milk for the period from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the National School Lunch Program (and Commodity School Program), School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program for Children, Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program. The annual adjustments are required by section 9 of the National School Lunch Act. The guidelines are intended to direct benefits to those children most in need and are revised annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert M. Eadie, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, FNS, USDA, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, or by phone at (703) 305-2620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that

are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This action is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

These programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.553, No. 10.555, No. 10.556, No. 10.558 and No. 10.559 and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, and the final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

Background

Pursuant to sections 9(b)(1) and 17(c)(4) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(1) and 42 U.S.C. 1766(c)(4)), and sections 3(a)(6) and 4(e)(1)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1772(a)(6) and 1773(e)(1)(A)), the Department annually issues the Income Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced price meals for the National School Lunch Program (7 CFR part 210), the Commodity School Program (7 CFR part 210), School Breakfast Program (7 CFR part 220), Summer Food Service Program (7 CFR part 225) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (7 CFR part 226) and the guidelines for free milk in the Special Milk Program for Children (7 CFR part 215). These eligibility guidelines are based on the Federal income poverty guidelines and are stated by household size. The guidelines are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price meals and free milk in accordance with applicable program rules.

Definition of Income

"Income," as the term is used in this Notice, means income before any deductions such as income taxes, Social Security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions and bonds. It includes the following: (1) Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions or fees; (2) net income from nonfarm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) Social Security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or

bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments; (8) unemployment compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement, or pensions or veterans payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts and other resources that would be available to pay the price of a child's meal.

"Income," as the term is used in this Notice, does not include any income or benefits received under any Federal programs that are excluded from consideration as income by any legislative prohibition. Furthermore, the value of meals or milk to children shall not be considered as income to their households for other benefit programs in accordance with the prohibitions in section 12(e) of the National School Lunch Act and section 11(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1760(e) and 1780(b)).

The Income Eligibility Guidelines

The following are the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be effective from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. The Department's guidelines for free meals and milk and reduced price meals were obtained by multiplying the year 2002 Federal income poverty guidelines by 1.30 and 1.85, respectively, and by rounding the result upward to the next whole dollar. Weekly and monthly guidelines were computed by dividing annual income by 52 and 12, respectively, and by rounding upward to the next whole dollar. The numbers reflected in this notice for a family of four represent an increase of 2.55 % over the July 2001 numbers for a family of the same size.

Authority: (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(1)).

Dated: February 19, 2002.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator.

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