

Criteria, "An Evaluation of the Role of Microbiological Criteria for Foods." The current charter for the NACMCF and other information about the Committee are available for viewing on the NACMCF home page at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About_Fsis/NACMCF/index.asp.

The Committee provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services concerning the development of microbiological criteria by which the safety and wholesomeness of food can be assessed. For example, the Committee assists in the development of criteria for microorganisms that indicate whether food has been processed using good manufacturing practices.

Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture after consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services to ensure that recommendations made by the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department. Membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Given the complexity of issues, the full Committee expects to meet at least once yearly, and the meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register**. The subcommittees will meet as deemed necessary by the chairperson and will be held as working group meetings in an open public forum. The subcommittee meetings will not be announced in the **Federal Register**. FSIS will announce the agenda and subcommittee working group meetings through the Constituent Update available on-line at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. NACMCF holds subcommittee working group meetings in order to accomplish the work of NACMCF; all work accomplished by the subcommittees is reviewed and approved by the full Committee during a public meeting of the full Committee, as announced in the **Federal Register**. The subcommittee may invite technical experts to present information for consideration by the subcommittee. All data and records available to the full Committee are expected to be available to the public at the time the full Committee reviews and approves the work of the subcommittee.

Appointment to the Advisory Committee is a two-year term; renewable for a total of three consecutive terms. Members must be prepared to work outside of scheduled Committee and subcommittee meetings, and may be required to assist in document preparation. Committee

members serve on a voluntary basis; however, travel reimbursement and per diem are available.

Regarding Nominees Who Are Selected

All nominees who are selected must submit a USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755, available on-line at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSISForms/AD-755.pdf>.

In particular to their appointment, SGEs must complete the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) 450 Confidential Financial Disclosure Report, as new entrants before rendering any advice, or prior to their first meeting. All members will be reviewed for conflict of interest pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 208 in relation to specific NACMCF work charges. Financial disclosure updates will be required of members before each meeting. Members must report any changes in financial holdings requiring additional disclosure. OGE 450 forms are available on-line at: http://www.usoge.gov/pages/forms_pubs_otherdocs/fpo_files/forms/fr450fill_03.pdf.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities, are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it both on-line through the FSIS Web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov> and the NACMCF Web page at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About_Fsis/NACMCF/index.asp.

FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service consisting of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. The update also is available on the FSIS Web page. Through Listserv and the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

Done in Washington, DC, on: October 29, 2004.

Richard Van Blargan,
Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Official Barley Protein Measurement

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is announcing its intent to provide official protein content measurement for barley using an Artificial Neural Network (ANN) calibration on the official near-infrared transmittance (NIRT) instruments. GIPSA will provide protein content measurement in barley as official criteria under the authority of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven N. Tanner, Director, Technical Services Division, GIPSA, USDA, 10383 N. Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64153; telephone (816) 891-0401; fax (816) 891-0478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GIPSA's official inspection system has not previously offered an official test for barley protein content. Recently developed state-of-the-art Artificial Neural Network (ANN) calibration development techniques, allow for wheat and barley protein content to be determined with a greater degree of accuracy than was possible with more limited calibration approaches. GIPSA will begin using an ANN calibration for official wheat protein content measurement in May 2005 (69 FR 52645).

The barley protein content testing service will be available, upon request of an interested person, as official criteria for barley, under the authority of the USGSA, as amended.

Therefore, to better facilitate the marketing of barley, and provide official barley protein testing to producers and other interested parties on a voluntary basis, GIPSA is establishing a new official criteria, available upon request, to determine the protein content of barley. GIPSA believes offering this service will facilitate the marketing of malting barley, by providing a fair, accurate and transparent third party

determination, backed by a national quality control process, and standardized instrumentation, reference samples, calibrations and procedures. As part of GIPSA's on-going efforts to evaluate calibrations and programs, GIPSA has thoroughly evaluated the accuracy of the ANN calibration. ANN-related information may be found on GIPSA's Web site at: <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa>.

Based on its evaluation, GIPSA has decided to implement the new ANN barley protein calibration on official NIRT instruments on July 1, 2005.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*

Donna Reifschneider,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Library

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Collect Information

AGENCY: USDA, Agricultural Research Service, National Agricultural Library.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 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 Library's intent to request approval for renewal information collection relating to existing nutrition education and training materials targeting low-income persons. This voluntary form gives Food Stamp nutrition education providers the opportunity to share resources that they have developed or used.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 10, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Shannon Fries, Technical Information Specialist, Food and Nutrition Information Center, National Agricultural Library, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351, telephone (301) 504-5368 or fax (301) 504-6409.

Submit electronic comments to sfries@nal.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Food Stamp Nutrition Connection Resource Sharing Form.
OMB Number: PRA# 0518-0031.

Expiration Date: Three years from date of approval.

Type of Request: Renewal of existing data collection from Food Stamp nutrition education providers.

Abstract: This voluntary "Sharing Form" gives Food Stamp nutrition education providers the opportunity to share information about resources that they have developed or used. Data collected using this form helps the Food and Nutrition Information Center (FNIC) identify existing nutrition education and training resources for review and inclusion in an online database. Educators can search this database via the Food Stamp Nutrition Connection Web site <http://www.nal.usda.gov/foodstamp/>. In 2001, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service established the Food Stamp Nutrition Connection to improve access to Food Stamp Program nutrition resources. Educators nationwide can use this site to identify curricula, lesson plans, research, training tools and participant materials. Developed and maintained at the National Agricultural Library's FNIC, this resource system helps educators find the tools and information they need to provide quality nutrition education for low-income audiences.

The Sharing Form is available for completion online at the Food Stamp Nutrition Connection Web site. Individuals may also print and return it via fax or mail. The form consists of four parts. These various sections include: Part 1 consisting of three questions about the responder; Part 2 with nine questions about the resource; Part 3 with five questions about the resource development; and Part 4 with six questions about ordering/obtaining the resource. Responders are asked to complete only relevant sections of the form. Instructions about which sections to complete, based on one's relationship to the resource, are provided in Part 1. For instance, those that use the resource but are neither its developer or distributor would only complete Parts 1 and 2.

This form enables FNIC to inform nutrition educators of existing nutrition education and training materials targeting low-income Americans. This identification of existing materials will help educators spend their monies wisely in the development of needed educational resources.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.7 minutes per response.

Respondents: Food stamp nutrition education providers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 16 hrs.

Comments

Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance for 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 the 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 respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technology. Comments should be sent to the address in the preamble. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 12, 2004.

Edward B. Knipling,

Administrator, ARS.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Poinsett Watershed, Craighead and Poinsett Counties, AR

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102 (2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650), Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for Segment No. 7 of Main Ditch, Poinsett Watershed, Craighead and Poinsett Counties, Arkansas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kalven L. Trice, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Room 3416, Federal Building, 700 West