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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 11, 2008.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) Whether the 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 burden 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: 7 CFR part 54—Meats, Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards) and 7 CFR part 62—Quality Systems Verification Programs (QSV).

OMB Control Number: 0581-0124.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide consumers with voluntary Federal meat grading and certification services that facilitate the marketing of meat and meat products. This is accomplished by providing meat and meat products that are uniform in quality. The Meat Grading and Certification (MGC) Branch provides these services under the authority of 7 CFR part 54—Meats, Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards). The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will collect information using forms LS-313 and LS-315.

The Quality Systems Verification Programs are a collection of voluntary, audit-based, user-fee programs that allow applicants to have program documentation and program processes assessed by AMS auditors and other USDA officials. The QSV are user-fees based on the approved hourly rate established under 7 CFR part 62.

Need and Use of the Information: The information AMS collects on LS-313, "Application for Service," and LS-315, "Application for Commitment Grading or Certification Service" will enable the Agency to identify the responsible authorities in establishments requesting services and to initiate billing and collection accounts. A signed LS-313 or LS-315 form serves as a legal agreement between USDA users of the services, assures payment for services provided, and constitutes authorization for any employee of AMS to enter the establishment for the purpose of performing official functions under the regulations. Without a properly signed and approved form, AMS officials would not have the authority to enter the premises to provide grading and/or certification services.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 311.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,352.

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 1980–E, Business and Industry Loan Program.

OMB Control Number: 0570–0014.

Summary of Collection: Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (Con Act), legislated in 1972 the Business and Industry (B&I) program. The purpose of the program is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industries, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities, including pollution abatement and control. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure by making direct loans, thereby providing lasting community benefits. The B&I program is administered by the Agency through Rural Development State and sub-State Offices serving the State.

7 CFR part 1980–E, in conjunction with 7 CFR part 1942–A, and other regulations, is currently used only for making B&I Direct Loans. 7 CFR part 1951–E is used for servicing B&I Direct and Community Facility loans. All reporting and recordkeeping burden estimates for making and servicing B&I Guaranteed Loans have been moved to the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program regulations, 7 CFR parts 4279–A and B and 4287–B. Consequently, only a fraction of the total reporting and recordkeeping burden for making and servicing B&I Direct Loans is reflected in this document.

Need and Use of the Information: RD will collect the minimum information needed from loan applicants and commercial lenders to make determinations regarding program eligibility, the current financial condition of a business and loan security as required by the Con Act. The majority of the information is collected only once and the agency monitors the progress of the business through the analysis of annual borrower financial statements and visits to the borrower.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 152.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 835.

Rural Business Service

Title: 7 CFR 1951–R, Rural Development Loan Servicing.

OMB Control Number: 0570–0015.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Development (RD) Loan Servicing was

legislated in 1985 under Section 1323 of the Food and Security Act of 1985. This action is needed to implement the provision of Section 407 of the Health and Human Services Act of 1986, which amended Section 1323 of the Food and Security Act of 1985. 7 CFR part 1951, Subpart R contains regulations for servicing and liquidating existing loans previously approved and administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under 45 CFR part 1076 and transferred from HHS to the Department of Agriculture. This subpart contains regulations for servicing and liquidating loans made by RD, successor to the Farmers Home Administration under the Intermediary Relending Program to eligible intermediaries and applies to ultimate recipients and other involved parties.

Need and Use of the Information: The Intermediary will provide RD information from, i.e. assets and liabilities, income statement and a summary of its lending and guarantee program. The required financial information provided by the Intermediary is vital to RD for the Agency to make sound credit and financial analysis decisions and monitor the program.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 420.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; quarterly; semi-annually; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 11,235.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: National Universal Product Code (NUPC) Database.

OMB Control Number: 0584–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is authorized by the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004–S.2507 to establish a “National Universal Product Code (NUPC) database for use by all State agencies carrying out the program.” The purpose of this new data collection process is to reduce the current burden on both manufacturers and WIC State agencies. In response to this mandate, FNS has developed a NUPC database to serve as an electronic national repository of Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) eligible foods that have been authorized or approved by FNS and/or WIC State agencies.

Need and Use of the Information: The NUPC database will help streamline the handling of product information for State agencies, retailer and manufacturers; allow more consistent oversight of WIC approved items; reduce the electronic processing needed by State agencies; standardize the way retailers obtain WIC UPC information; and make it easier for State agencies to begin using EBT processing by reducing the need to visit food retailer locations to gather UPC and other product information. The NUPC database will