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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 8, 2014.

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. 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), New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC; New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC, 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: 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 by August 13, 2014. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Specified Commodities Imported into the United States Exempt from Import Requirements, 7 CFR Part 944, 980, and 999.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0167.

Summary of Collection: Section 608e of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674), requires that whenever the Secretary of Agriculture issues grade, size, quality, or maturity regulations under domestic marketing orders, the same or comparable regulations must be used for imported commodities. Import regulations apply only during those periods when domestic marketing order regulations are in effect. No person may import products for processing or other exempt purposes unless an executed Importers Exempt Commodity Form (FV–6) accompanies the shipment. The Civil Penalty Stipulation Agreement (FV–7) is a “volunteer” form that provides the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) with an additional tool to obtain resolution of certain cases without the cost of going to a hearing.

Need and Use of the Information: The importers wishing to import commodities will use form FV–6, “Importer’s Exempt Commodity.” The information collected includes information on the imported product (type of product and lot identification), the importer’s contact information, the U.S. Customs entry number, inspection date, and intended use (processing, charity, livestock/animal feed. AMS utilizes the information to ensure that imported goods destined for exempt outlets are given no less favorable treatment than afforded to domestic goods destined for such exempt outlets.

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

Number of Respondents: 130.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 17,734.

Title: Laboratory Approval Programs.
OMB Control Number: 0581–0251.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) of 1946, as amended, provides analytical testing services that facilitate marketing and allow products to obtain grade designations or meet marketing or quality standards. Pursuant to this authority, AMS develops and maintains laboratory certification verification and approval programs as needed by the agricultural industry, to support domestic and international marketing of U.S. products. To ensure that a laboratory is capable of accurately performing the specified analyses, it must adhere to certain good laboratory practice and show technical proficiency in the required areas.

Need and Use of the Information:

Checklist and forms have been developed that ask the laboratory for information concerning procedures, the physical facility, employees, and their training. The laboratory must also provide Standard Operating Procedures for the analyses and quality assurance. The laboratory certification and approval programs are voluntary, fee for service, and for admission into one of these programs a laboratory must have a client who requires the specific testing. It is necessary to collect and require the laboratory to attest to the performance elements necessary to determine the credibility of the laboratory. To do less would be a disservice to the agricultural community.

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

Number of Respondents: 85.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 6,290.

Title: Data Collection for Container Availability.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0276.

Summary of Collection: Section 203(g) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information including adequate outlook information, on a market area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements aiding in the maintenance of farm income and to bring about a balance between production and utilization. As part of the Agricultural

Marketing Service (AMS), the Transportation Services Division (TSD) informs, represents, and assists agricultural shippers and government policymakers through: Market reports, representation, analysis, assistance, and responses to inquiries.

Need and Use of the Information: TSD collects data for its analysis from public resources as well as unique data sources to help the agricultural exporters make the most out of the transportation options available. The Data Collection for Container Availability provides U.S. agricultural exporters with weekly data detailing the availability of containers at select locations around the country. AMS will collect these data on a voluntary basis from ocean container carriers and then provide these up-to-date data in an aggregate report on its Web site.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 21.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly.

Total Burden Hours: 1,759.

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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) 720-8958.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Survey of Meat Slaughter and Processing Establishments.

OMB Control Number: 0583-New.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. To assist FSIS in meeting its strategic goal to protect public health by significantly reducing the prevalence of foodborne hazards from meat products, the agency requires accurate and up-to-date information about industry's use of food safety practices and technologies. FSIS conducted a survey of establishments in 2004 to collect information on food safety practices and technologies. This was a part of a broader effort that also surveyed the egg, poultry, and meat and poultry processing industries from 2003-2006. FSIS needs to survey the meat slaughter industry again so that the agency has the most current information on industry practices for conducting regulatory impact analyses as required by the Office of Management and Budget.

Need and Use of the Information: The data collected in the survey will provide reliable and valid information regarding food safety practices in the meat industry that can be used to address a broad variety of the agency's analyses needs. FSIS will also use the survey data to provide information for evaluating the effectiveness of FSIS programs and to conduct trend analyses to assess if industry's application of food safety technologies, sanitation practices, health risk reduction, and

recall readiness has improved since the initial survey was conducted. Without the information, the regulatory and economic impact analysis that FSIS is required by statute to conduct could be incomplete or misleading.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 590.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 452.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Draft Guidance for Applicants for Competitive and Capacity Grants Administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture; Availability

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance entitled "National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Federal Assistance Policy Guide." The draft guidance discusses the statutory and regulatory responsibilities of recipients of Federal funds administered by NIFA. This draft guidance compiles and updates the statutory, regulatory, policy guidance previously distributed to Capacity Grant recipients as Administrative Manuals. The draft NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide also addresses procedures and policies followed by NIFA in the administration of Federal assistance. NIFA intends to publish a final version of the Policy Guide to reflect any public comments, as well as the requirements of the Agricultural Act of 2014 and USDA's implementation of the Office of Management and Budget "OMB Uniform Guidance: Cost Principles, Audit, and Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards".

DATES: All written comments must be received on or before August 13, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by NIFA-2014-0001, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.