

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection  
Activities: Proposed Collection;  
Comment Request—Generic Clearance  
To Conduct Pre-Testing of Surveys

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), 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 this proposed information collection. This is a new collection to conduct various procedures to test questionnaires and survey procedures to improve the quality and usability of information collection instruments.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before December 29, 2014.

**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 shall 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 assumptions that were 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 use of

appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.  
Comments may be sent to: Lynnette Thomas, Office of Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.  
All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Lynnette Thomas at 703–305–2017.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* Generic Clearance to Conduct Pre-Testing.  
*Form Number:* N/A.  
*OMB Number:* To be assigned.  
*Expiration Date:* To be assigned.  
*Type of Request:* New collection.  
*Abstract:* The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a generic clearance that will allow FNS to conduct a variety of data-gathering activities aimed at improving the quality and usability of information collection instruments associated with research and analysis activities.

The data-gathering activities utilized to this effect include but are not limited to experiments with levels of incentives for study participants, tests of various types of survey operations, focus groups, cognitive laboratory activities, pilot testing, exploratory interviews, experiments with questionnaire design, and usability testing of electronic data collection instruments. FNS envisions using a variety of techniques including field tests, respondent debriefing questionnaires, cognitive interviews, and focus groups in order to identify questionnaire and procedural problems, suggest solutions, and measure the relative effectiveness of alternative solutions.  
Following standard OMB requirements, FNS will submit a change request to OMB for each data collection activity undertaken under this generic clearance. FNS will provide OMB with the instruments and supporting materials describing the research project and specific pre-testing activities.  
*Affected Public:* The respondents will be identified at the time that each change request is submitted to OMB. Respondents will include State, Local and Tribal Government; Individual/ Households; and Businesses.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,500.  
*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.  
*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 1,500.  
*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 hour.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,500 hours.

Collection instruments	Estimated number respondents	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated avg. number of hours per response	Estimated total hours
Reporting Burden: Pre-testing activities .....	1,500	1	1,500	1	1,500
Total Reporting Burden .....	1,500	1	1,500	1	1,500

Audrey Rowe,  
Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a  
Currently Approved Information  
Collection

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.  
**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Foreign

Agricultural Service (FAS) intends to request an extension for a currently approved information collection procedure for Sugar Import Licensing Programs described in 7 CFR part 1530.  
**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before December 29, 2014 to be assured of consideration.  
**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver comments to William Janis, International Economist, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021,

1400 Independence Ave. SW.,  
Washington, DC 20250–1021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

William Janis at the address stated  
above or telephone at (202) 720–2194, or  
by email at: [William.Janis@fas.usda.gov](mailto:William.Janis@fas.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Sugar Imported for Export as  
Refined Sugar or as a Sugar-Containing  
Product, or used in the Production of  
Certain Polyhydric Alcohols.

*OMB Number:* 0551–0015.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* March  
31, 2015.

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

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the  
Sugar Import Licensing Program is to  
permit entry of raw cane sugar,  
unrestricted by the quantitative limit  
established by the sugar tariff-rate quota,  
for re-export in refined form or in a  
sugar containing product or for the  
production of certain polyhydric  
alcohols. These programs are in use by  
as many as 250 licensees currently  
eligible to participate. Under 7 CFR part  
1530, licensees are required to submit  
the following: (1) “Application for a  
license” information required for  
participation as set forth in section  
1530.104; (2) “Regular reporting” of  
import, export, transfer, or use for  
charges and credits to licenses under  
section 1530.109; and (3)  
“Miscellaneous submission” of bonds or  
letters of credit under section 1530.107,  
appeals of determinations by the  
licensing authority under section  
1530.112, or requests to the licensing  
authority for waivers under section  
1530.113.

In addition, each participant must  
maintain records on all program reports  
as set forth in section 1530.110. The  
information collected is used by the  
licensing authority to manage, plan,  
evaluate, and account for program  
activities. The reports and records are  
required to ensure the proper operations  
of these programs.

*Estimate of Burden:* (1) “Application  
for a license” would require 20 hours  
per response; (2) “Regular reporting”  
would require between 10 and 15  
minutes per transaction with the  
number of transactions varying per  
respondent; and (3) “miscellaneous  
submission” would require between 1 to  
2 hours per bond or letter of credit, 2 to  
10 hours per waiver request, and 10 to  
100 hours per appeal.

*Respondents:* Sugar refiners,  
manufacturers of sugar containing  
products, and producers of polyhydric  
alcohol.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
250.

*Estimated Number of Responses per  
Respondent:* New/Renew License: 1;  
Regular reporting: 75 transactions, total;  
Miscellaneous: Bonds/letters of credit:  
1; Waiver requests: 1; Appeals: 1.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours on  
Respondents:* 1,739 hours.

Copies of this information collection  
can be obtained from Connie Ehrhart,  
the Agency Information Collection  
Coordinator, at (202) 690–1578.

*Request of Comments:* The public is  
invited to submit comments and  
suggestions to the above address  
regarding the accuracy of the burden  
estimate, ways to minimize the burden,  
including the use of automated  
collection techniques or other forms of  
information technology, or any other  
aspect of this collection of information.  
Comments on issues covered by the  
Paperwork Reduction Act are most  
useful to OMB if received within 30  
days of publication of the Notice and  
Request for Comments, but should be  
submitted no later than 60 days from the  
date of this publication to be assured of  
consideration. All responses to this  
notice will be summarized and included  
in the request for OMB approval. All  
comments will also be a matter of public  
record. Persons with disabilities who  
require an alternative means to  
communicate information (Braille, large  
print, audiotope, etc.) should contact  
USDA’s Target Center at (202) 720–2600  
(voice and TDD).

Dated: October 20, 2014.

**Philip C. Karsting,**

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service,  
USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for  
comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this  
notice announces that the Foreign  
Agricultural Service (FAS) intends to  
request an extension for a currently  
approved information collection  
procedure for entry of specialty sugars  
into the United States as described in 7  
CFR part 201.1.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on  
or before December 29, 2014 to be  
assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver comments to  
William Janis, International Economist,  
Import Policies and Programs Division,  
Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S.  
Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021,  
1400 Independence Ave. SW.,  
Washington, DC 20250–1021.

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above, or telephone at (202) 720–2194;  
or by email at [William.Janis@fas.usda.gov](mailto:William.Janis@fas.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Specialty Sugar Certificate  
Application.

*OMB Number:* 0551–0025.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* March  
31, 2015.

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

*Abstract:* The quota system  
established by Presidential  
Proclamation 4941 of May 5, 1982,  
prevented imports of certain sugars used  
for specialized purposes which  
originated in countries without quota  
allocations. Therefore, the regulation at  
15 CFR part 201.1 (Allocation of Tariff-  
Rate Quota on Imported Sugars, Syrups  
and Molasses, subpart B—Specialty  
Sugar) established terms and conditions  
under which certificates are issued  
permitting U.S. importers holding  
certificates to enter specialty sugars  
from specialty sugar source countries  
under the sugar tariff-rate quotas (TRQ).  
Nothing in this subpart affects the  
ability to enter specialty sugars at the  
over-TRQ duty rates. Applicants for  
certificates for the import of specialty  
sugars must supply the information  
required by 15 CFR 201.1.205 to be  
eligible to receive a specialty sugar  
certificate. The specific information  
required on an application must be  
collected from those who wish to  
participate in the program in order to  
grant specialty sugar certificates, ensure  
that imported specialty sugar does not  
disrupt the current domestic sugar  
program, and administer the issuance of  
the certificates effectively.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting  
burden for this collection of information  
is estimated to average 2 hours per  
response.

*Respondents:* Importers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
37.

*Estimated Number of Responses per  
Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on  
Respondents:* 74 hours.

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can be obtained from Connie Ehrhart,  
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