DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-ST-19-0017]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of and revision to the currently approved information collection of the Seed Service Testing Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 13, 2019 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this notice by using the electronic process available at www.regulations.gov. Written comments may also be submitted to Ernest L.

www.regulations.gov. Written comments may also be submitted to Ernest L. Allen, Director, Seed Regulatory and Testing Division, Science and Technology Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 801 Summit Crossing Place, Suite C, Gastonia, North Carolina 28054-2193; telephone (704) 810-8871; Fax (704) 852-4189. All comments should reference the docket number AMS-ST-19-0017 and note the date and the page number of this issue of the Federal Register. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, at www.regulations.gov and will be included in the record and made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ernest L. Allen, Seed Regulatory and Testing Division, Science and Technology Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 801 Summit Crossing Place, Suite C, Gastonia, North Carolina 28054–2193; telephone (704) 810–8871; Fax (704) 852–4189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to reorganization within AMS, we have moved from Livestock, Poultry and Seed to Science and Technology Programs.

Title: Seed Service Testing Program. OMB Number: 0581–0140.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2019.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This information collection is necessary to conduct voluntary seed testing on a fee-for-service basis. The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq., authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to inspect and certify the quality of agricultural products and collect such fees as are reasonable to cover the cost of service rendered. Regulations for inspection and certification of quality of agricultural and vegetable seeds are contained in 7 CFR part 75.

The purpose of the voluntary program is to promote efficient, orderly marketing of seeds, and assist in the development of new and expanding markets. Under the program, samples of agricultural and vegetable seeds submitted to AMS are tested for factors such as purity and germination at the request of the applicant for the service. In addition, grain samples, submitted at the applicant's request, are examined for the presence of certain weed and crop seed by the Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration. A Federal Seed Analysis Certificate or an ISTA Orange International Seed Lot Certificate is issued giving the test results. Most of the seeds tested under this program are scheduled for export. Many importing countries require a Federal Seed Analysis Certificate on U.S. seed.

The only information collected is information needed to provide the service requested by the applicant. This includes information to identify the seed being tested, the seed treatment (if treated with a pesticide), the tests to be performed, and any other appropriate information required by the applicant to be on the Federal Seed Analysis Certificate or the ISTA Orange International Seed Lot Certificate.

The number of applicants applying for the seed testing service has remand the same as previous submission. However, the total number of samples received for testing has increased. Therefore, the average burden for information collection has increased for seed companies applying for the service.

The information in this collection is used only by authorized AMS employees to track, test, and report results to the applicant.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.25 hours per response.

Respondents: Applicants for seed testing service.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 1.333.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 24.24.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 333.25 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 Ernest L. Allen, Seed Regulatory and Testing Division, Science and Technology Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 801 Summit Crossing Place, Suite C, Gastonia, North Carolina 28054–2193. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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

Dated: March 11, 2019.

Bruce Summers,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 11, 2019.

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 are requested regarding: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance

the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 April 15, 2019. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Survey of Customers of the Official Grain Inspection and Weighing System.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0310. Summary of Collection: The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended

(7 U.S.C. 71-87) (USGSA), and the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) (AMA), authorizes the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture to establish official inspection, grading, and weighing programs for grains and other agricultural commodities. Under the USGSA and AMA, Grain Inspection, the Packers and Stockyard Administration's (GIPSA) Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) offers inspecting, weighing, grading, quality assurance, and certification services for a user-fee to facilitate the efficient marketing of grain, oilseeds, rice, lentils, dry peas, edible beans, and related agricultural commodities in the global marketplace. The goal of FGIS and the official inspection, grading, and weighing system is to provide timely, high-quality, accurate, consistent, and professional services that facilitates the orderly marketing of grain and related commodities. FGIS will collect information using a link to the survey available on its main website.

Need and Use of the Information: The survey is separated into two parts, customers and non-customers. FGIS is seeking feedback from customers to evaluate the services provided by the official inspection, grading, and weighing programs. Information collected will help to determine where and to what extent services are satisfactory, and where and to what extent they can be improved. FGIS will collect information from entities, such as potential customers or industry representatives that are not currently utilizing FGIS services. Information collected from non-customers will assist FGIS in fully meeting the domestic and international needs of the grain industry as they evolve. The information will be shared with other managers and program leaders who will be responsible for making any necessary improvements at the office/agency, program, and project level.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1,100. Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 109.

Kimble Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below.

Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of the firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firms' workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

[02/19/2019 through 02/27/2019]

| Firm name | Firm address | Date accepted for investigation | Product(s) |
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| Skin, Mind, Body Essentials, LLC | 130 Satellite Boulevard NE, Suite C, Suwanee, GA 30024. | 2/21/2019 | The firm manufactures cosmetics and skin care products, including cleansers, moisturizers, masks, and facial exfoliators. |
| Z-Axis Connector Company | 345 Ivyland Road, Warminster, PA 18974. | 2/25/2019 | The firm manufactures miniature elastomeric con- nectors made from fine wire, polyimide substrates, and silicone rubber. |
| T&C Stainless, Inc | 1016 Progress Street, Mount Vernon, MO 65712. | 2/25/2019 | The firm manufactures stainless steel pressure vessels for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. |
| Blase Manufacturing Company | 60 Watson Boulevard, Stratford, CT 06615. | 2/26/2019 | The firm manufactures precision ball bearing assemblies and components, including retainers, seals, shields, and caps. |