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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

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

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the CCC Facility Guarantee Program (FGP) based on re-estimates.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 26, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact William S. Hawkins, Director, Program Administration Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AgStop 1031, Washington, DC 20250-1031, telephone (202) 720-3241 or e-mail at william.hawkins@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CCC Facility Guarantee Program.

OMB Number: 0551-0032.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2004.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of the FGP is to expand U.S. agricultural exports by improving agricultural infrastructure in importing countries. The FGP makes available export credit guarantees to encourage U.S. private sector financing of foreign purchases of U.S. goods and services on credit terms. The CCC currently offers the FGP for exports to at least 9 countries and 6 country regions. The FGP information

collection is similar to those for the Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102) and the Intermediate Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-103) (OMB control number 0551-0004). The information collection for the FGP differs primarily as follows:

(1) The applicant, in order to receive a payment guarantee, provides information evidencing that the exported goods and services used to develop improved infrastructure will primarily benefit exports of U.S. agricultural commodities and products; and

(2) The applicant is required to certify that the value of non-U.S. components of goods and services is less than 50 percent of the contract value covered under the payment guarantee.

In addition, each exporter and exporter's assignee (U.S. financial institution) must maintain records on all information submitted to CCC and in connection with sales made under the FGP. The information collected is used by CCC to manage, plan, evaluate and account for government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for these collections is estimated to average 12 hours per response.

Respondents: Exporters of U.S. agricultural commodities, banks or other financial institutions, producer associations, export trade associations, and U.S. government agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 6 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 360 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimberly Chisley, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-2568 or e-mail at Kimberly.Chisley@usda.gov.

Requests for Comments: Send comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to William S. Hawkins, Director, Program Administration Division, FAS, USDA, Stop 1031, Washington, DC 20250, or william.hawkins@fas.usda.gov, or to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503. Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC on January 15, 2004.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Miscellaneous Provisions

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice re-opens the comment period for the general public and other public agencies to provide input on a proposed information collection as set forth in the Proposed Rulemaking entitled "WIC: Miscellaneous Provisions" that was published in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 2002 (67 FR 71774). The comment period is being re-opened because the analysis set forth in the Proposed Rulemaking of its reporting

and recordkeeping burden did not reference the overall WIC Program reporting and record-keeping requirements designated by the Office and Management and Budget as Information Collection Burden #0584–0043. Also, this analysis omitted one of the proposed provisions that impacted on the burden and misidentified another such provision. Therefore, the Department is offering the public a second opportunity to consider and comment on the proposed changes in the information collection burden based on the provisions of the Proposed Rule.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 26, 2004.

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 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 Debra R. Whitford, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 522, Alexandria, Virginia 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Debra R. Whitford at (703) 305–2196 or via e-mail to wichq-web@fns.usda.gov. In all cases, including when comments are sent via email, please label your comments as “Proposed Collection of Information: WIC Miscellaneous Provisions.”

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 522, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information should be directed to Debra R. Whitford at (703) 305–2746.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: WIC: Miscellaneous Provisions (Proposed Rule).

OMB Number: 0584–0043.

Form Number: N/A.

Expiration Date: January 31, 2004.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The new reporting burden reflected in this action is associated with additional elements that are proposed to become part of the annual State Plan of Operations under the Proposed Rulemaking entitled “WIC: Miscellaneous Provisions” that was published in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 2002 (67 FR 71774). The comment period for the entire reporting burden associated with that Proposed Rule, including both the burden which was cited in the Rule and the burden which had been inadvertently omitted from the Rule, is being reopened.

Respondents: State agencies administering the WIC Program through a Federal grant of funds.

Estimated Number of Respondents: See chart below.

Number of Responses per Respondent: See chart below.

Estimated Time per Response: See chart below.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: See chart below.

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ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN				
Section of Regulations	Annual Number of Respondents	Annual Frequency	Average Burden per Response	Annual Burden Hours
Reporting Burden as Reflected in the Proposed Rule:				
246.4(a)(11)(i)(E)	88	1	1.00	88.00
246.4(a)(11)(i)	88	1	.50	44.00
246.4(a)(21)	88	1	1.00	88.00
246.4(a)(24)	88	1	1.00	88.00
Total Reporting Burden Reflected in the Proposed Rule				308.00
Reporting Burden Added by This Notice				
246.4(a)(26)	88	1	1.00	88.00
Total Adjustments*				82,365.00
Total Current WIC Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Hours**				2,734,330.00
Grand Total Proposed WIC Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Hours***				2,817,091.00

*This total reflects adjustments to the annual reporting and recordkeeping burden hours due to increases in WIC participation and the number of local agencies.

**This is the total reporting and recordkeeping burden currently approved by OMB for information collection #0584-0043.

***This grand total combines the currently approved burden hours for OMB #0584-0043, the proposed burden hours associated with this action, and the adjustments.

Proposed Reporting Requirements: Section 246.4(a)(11)(i)(E) will require a description in the State Plan of the State agency's alternate language for advising applicants, parents or caretakers of their rights and responsibilities when applying for program benefits, if the State agency chooses to use language other than the statements set forth in § 246.7(j)(2) of the WIC regulations. The use of alternate language by State agencies is optional under the Proposed Rulemaking. —88 hours

Section 246.4(a)(11)(i) will require a description in the State Plan of the State agency's policies for requiring proof of pregnancy, if the State agency chooses to require such proof. Requiring proof of pregnancy is an option for State agencies under the Proposed Rulemaking. The Proposed Rulemaking set forth this option in § 246.7(c)(2)(ii), and the preamble stated that a State Plan provision would be needed if the State agency wanted to use this option, but this provision was inadvertently omitted from the State Plan requirements, § 246.4(a)(11)(i). —44 hours

Section 246.4(a)(21) was inadvertently misidentified in the chart entitled "Estimated Annual Reporting Burden" in the Proposed Rulemaking as § 246.4(a)(18). Section 246.4(a)(21) requires a description in the State Plan of the State agency's policy for approving the expenditure of WIC Program nutrition services and administration funds (NSA) for transporting WIC participants to and from WIC clinics, if the State agency chooses to expend NSA funds for such transportation costs. This provision is optional for State agencies in the Proposed Rulemaking. —88 hours

Section 246.4(a)(24) requires a listing in the State Plan of the organizations with whom the State agency will share confidential participant information if the State agency chooses to enter into information-sharing agreements with certain organizations. This provision is optional for State agencies under the Proposed Rulemaking. —88 hours

The Proposed Rulemaking inadvertently omitted § 246.4(a)(26) from the chart entitled "Estimated Annual Reporting Burden" in the Proposed Rulemaking. This section requires a description in the State Plan of the State agency's plans for collecting and maintaining information on cases of participant and employee fraud and abuse. —88 hours

Dated: January 16, 2004.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Olympic Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Olympic Province Advisory Committee (OPAC) will meet on Friday, February 20, 2004. The meeting will be held at the Sequim Community Center, 190 West Cedar Street, Sequim, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 3:30 p.m. Agenda topics are: Current status of key Forest issues; Whitebark Pine Survey; Tribal Use of the Forest and Treaty Rights; 2004–2005 Timber Sale Program; Stewardship Contracting; Draft Findings of 2003 Social Monitoring; Open forum; and Public comments.

All Olympic Province Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Ken Eldredge, Province Liaison, USDA, Olympic National Forest Headquarters, 1835 Black Lake Blvd., Olympia, WA 98512–5623, (360) 956–2323 or Dale Hom, Forest Supervisor, at (360) 956–2301.

Dated: January 20, 2004.

Dale Hom,

Forest Supervisor, Olympic National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee will be meeting to discuss project development for 2004 and project updates for 2003. Agenda topics will include electing a chairperson for 2004, public outreach methods, and a public forum (question and answer session). The meeting is being held pursuant to the authorities in

the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–393). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 27, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ravalli County Administration Building, 215 S. 4th Street, Hamilton, Montana. Send written comments to Jeanne Higgins, District Ranger, Stevensville Ranger District, 88 Main Street, Stevensville, MT 59870, by facsimile (406) 777–7423, or electronically to jmhiggins@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanne Higgins, Stevensville District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, Phone: (406) 777–5461.

Dated: January 8, 2004.

David T. Bull,

Forest Supervisor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Indiana Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that the Indiana Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene a meeting from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2004, at the Julia Carson Center, 300 East Fall Creek Parkway, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights issues of interest and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information should contact Hollis Hughes, Committee Chairperson at 574–232–8201 or Constance M. Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office at 312–353–8311, (TDD 312–353–8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, January 9, 2004.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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