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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collections

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 collections in support of the regulations governing the foreign donation of agricultural commodities under the section 416(b) and Food for Progress programs, and the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 4, 2007.

Additional Information or Comments: Contact Ronald Croushorn, Director, Food Assistance Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1034, Washington, DC 20250-1034, telephone (202) 720-4221 or e-mail at ron.croushorn@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Foreign Donation of Agricultural Commodities (Foreign Donation) and McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program (Food for Education).

OMB Number: 0551-0035: Foreign Donation of Agricultural Commodities and McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2007.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collections.

Abstract: Under both Foreign Donation of Agricultural Commodities and the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, information will be gathered from applicants desiring to receive grants under the programs to determine the viability of requests for resources to implement activities in foreign countries. Applicants that receive grants must submit compliance reports until commodities or local currencies generated from the sale thereof are utilized. Shipping agents must submit information and certifications regarding their activities and affiliations. Documents are used to develop effective grant agreements and assure statutory requirements and objectives are met.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for each respondent resulting from information collection under the Foreign Donation Program or the Food for Education Program varies in direct relation to the number and type of agreements entered into by such respondent. The estimated average reporting burden for the Foreign Donation of Agricultural Commodities is 11 hours per response and for the Food for Education Program is 11 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. private voluntary organizations, U.S. cooperatives, foreign governments, shipping agents, ship owners and brokers, and survey companies.

Estimate Number of Respondents: 241 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 19 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 50,434 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tamoria Thompson-Hall, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1690 or e-mail at Tamoria.thompson@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 Ronald Croushorn, Director, Food Assistance Division, FAS, USDA, Stop 1034, Washington, DC 20250, or ron.croushorn@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 March 28, 2007.

Michael Yost,

Administrator Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection: Farm Loan Programs Account Servicing Policies

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of an approved information collection associated with Farm Loan Programs Account Servicing Policies.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before June 4, 2007 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: The comments should be addressed to James D. Rowe, Direct Loan Servicing Branch Chief, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0523, Washington, DC 20250-0523. The comments also may be submitted to by e-mail to james.rowe@wdc.usda.gov. The

comments should be also sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James D. Rowe, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Servicing and Property Management Division, (202) 720-6834 and james.rowe@wdc.usda.gov.

Comments should include the OMB control number and the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: (7 CFR 1951-S) Farm Loan Programs Account Servicing Policies.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0161.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2007.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The Farm Loan Programs (FLP) provides supervised credit in the form of loans to family farmers and ranchers to purchase land and finance agricultural production. The regulations covering this information collection request describe the policies and procedures the agency will use to service most delinquent FLP loans. Servicing of accounts is administered in accordance with Sections 331D and 353 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) (7 U.S.C. 1981d and 2001). The FSA is using the collected information to service the borrower's loan account. Failure to collect the information would result in borrowers not being provided with available servicing options and could result in liquidation.

Estimate of Annual Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .53 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 26,904.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.0

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 14,312 hours.

Comments are invited on: (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.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Signed in Washington, DC on March 28, 2007.

Teresa C. Lasseeter,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2007-0011]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on April 10, 2007. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the Thirty-fifth Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Ottawa, Canada, on April 30-May 4, 2007. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 35th Session of CCFL and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Room 107A, Jamie Whitten Federal Building, 1200 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 35th Session of CCFL are accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Delegate to the CCFL, Dr. Barbara Schneeman, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address:

ccfl@fda.hhs.gov.

For Further Information About the 35th Session of CCFL Contact: Dr. Michael Wehr, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. Phone (301) 436-1284, Fax: (301) 436-2972, e-mail michael.wehr@fda.hhs.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Edith Kennard, International Issues Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. Phone (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) drafts provisions on labeling applicable to all foods; considers, amends if necessary, and endorses specific provisions on labeling of draft standards, codes of practice, and guidelines prepared by other Codex committees; studies specific labeling problems assigned to it by the Commission; and studies problems associated with the advertisement of food with particular reference to claims and misleading descriptions. The Committee is chaired by Canada.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 35th Session of the CCFL will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred to the Committee from other Codex bodies.
- Matters Referred by FAO/WHO: Draft Action Plan for Implementation of the Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health.
- Consideration of Labelling Provisions in Draft Codex Standards.
- Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Draft