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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Appointment of Members to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Appointment of members.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 2, the United States Department of Agriculture announces the appointments made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the 10 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: Appointments by the Secretary of Agriculture are for a 3-year term, effective October 1, 2007, until September 30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods: *E-mail:* joseph.dunn@usda.gov; Fax: 202-720-6199; *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; Research Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 344A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture; STOP 2255; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2255.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Dunn, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Telephone: 202-720-3684.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 802 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 authorized the creation of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory

Board. The Board is composed of 31 members, each representing a specific category related to agriculture. The Board was first appointed in September 1996 and at the time one-third of the original members were appointed for one, two, and three-year terms, respectively. Due to the staggered appointments, the terms for 10 of the 31 members expired September 2007. Each member is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to a specific category on the Board, including farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, non-land grant college or university with a historic commitment to research in the food and agricultural sciences, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others. Appointees by vacancy category of the 6 new members and 4 re-appointments as follows: Category H. "National Food-Animal Science Society," Nancy M. Cox, Director, Kentucky Agricultural Experimental Station, Associate Dean for Research, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Lexington, KY; Category I. "National Crop, Soil, Agronomy, Horticulture, or Weed Science Society," Martin A. Massengale, President Emeritus & Director, Center for Grassland Studies, University of Lincoln-Nebraska, Lincoln, NE; Category N. "1890 Land-Grant College," Alton Thompson, Dean and Research Director, School of Agricultural and Environmental Science, North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC; Category O. "1994 Land-Grant College," John E. Salois, President, Blackfeet Community College, Browning, MT; Category Q. "American College of Veterinary Medicine," Thomas J. Rosol, Dean and Professor, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH; Category U. "Food Retailing and Marketing Representative," Calvin M. Dooley, President and CEO, Food Products Association, (Former Congressman for California), Washington, DC; Category W. "Rural Economic Development Advocate," Walter J. Armbruster, President, Farm Foundation and Chair, Specialty Crop Committee, Oak Brook, IL; Category X. "National Consumer Interest Group," Robin A. Douthitt, Dean, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI; Category Y. "National Forestry Group," Steven P. Quarles,

Partner & Chair of Law Firm's, Crowell & Moring LLP, Environmental and Natural Resources, (Former Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Interior), Washington, DC; Category Z. "National Conservation or Natural Resource Group," Edward C.A. Runge, Senior Adviser and Professor & Billie B. Turner, Chair (Emeritus), Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

Done at Washington, DC this 8th day of November, 2007.

Gale Buchanan,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. AMS-TB-07-135; TB-07-02]

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 for Tobacco Report.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 22, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

Additional Information or Comments: Contact Henry R. Martin, Acting Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 0280, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0280; (202) 205-0489, Fax (202) 609-1718.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Tobacco Report.

OMB Number: 0581-0004.

Expiration Date of Approval: 04/30/2008.

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

Abstract: The Tobacco Statistics Act of 1929 (7 U.S.C. 501–508) provides for the collection and publication of statistics of tobacco by USDA with regard to quantity of leaf tobacco in all forms in the United States and Puerto Rico, owned by or in the possession of dealers, manufacturers, and others with the exception of the original growers of the tobacco.

The statistics shall show the quantity of the tobacco in such detail as to types, as USDA shall deem to be practical and necessary and shall be summarized as of January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year and are due within 15 days of the summarized dates.

The information furnished under the provisions of this Act shall be used only for statistical purposes for which it is supplied. No publication shall be made by USDA whereby the data furnished by any particular establishment can be identified, nor shall anyone other than the sworn employees of USDA be allowed to examine the individual reports.

The regulations governing the Tobacco Stocks and Standards Act (7 CFR part 30) issued under the Tobacco Statistics Act specifically address the reporting requirements. Tobacco in leaf form or stems is reported by types of tobacco and whether stemmed or unstemmed. Tobacco in sheet form shall be segregated as to whether for cigar wrapper, cigar binder, for cigarettes, or for other products.

Tobacco stocks reporting is mandatory. The basic purpose of the information collection is to ascertain the total supply of unmanufactured tobacco available to domestic manufacturers and to calculate the amount consumed in manufactured tobacco products. This data was also used for the calculation of production quotas for individual types of tobacco and for price support calculations until repealed in 2005.

The Quarterly Report of Manufacture and Sales of Snuff, Smoking and Chewing Tobacco is voluntary. Prior to 1965, information on the manufacture and sale of snuff, smoking and chewing tobacco products was available from Treasury Department publications on the collection of taxes. With repeal of the Federal tax in 1965, the industry requested that the collection of basic data be continued to maintain the statistical series and all major manufacturers agreed to furnish information. Federal taxes were reimposed in 1985 for snuff and chewing tobacco and the Treasury Department began reporting data on these products, but not in the detail desired by the industry. Data from this report was also used in calculations to

determine the production quotas of types of tobacco used in these products until repealed in 2005.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) directs and authorizes USDA to collect, tabulate and disseminate statistics on marketing agricultural products including market supplies, storage stocks, quantity, quality, and condition of such products in various positions in the marketing channel, utilization of sub-products, shipments, and unloads.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.90 hours per response.

Respondents: Primarily tobacco dealers and manufacturers including small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 57.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 228.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 204.

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 Henry R. Martin, Acting Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs, AMS, USDA Stop 0280, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–0280. 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: November 15, 2007.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2007–0131]

Notice of Request for Revision and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Scrapie in Sheep and Goats; Interstate Movement Restrictions and Indemnity Program

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision and extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request a revision and extension of approval of an information collection associated with regulations for the interstate movement of sheep and goats and an indemnity program to help prevent the spread of scrapie.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before January 22, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select “Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service” from the agency drop-down menu, then click “Submit.” In the Docket ID column, select APHIS–2007–0131 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's “User Tips” link.

Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. APHIS–2007–0131, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS–2007–0131.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be