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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 3, 2011.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 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 within 30 days of this notification. 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.

Risk Management Agency

Title: Acreage/Crop Reporting Streamlining Initiative.

OMB Control Number: 0563-NEW.

Summary of Collection: Section 508(f)(3) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1515); 7 U.S.C. 7333(b)(3); 7 CFR 457.8 and 7 CFR 1437.7(d) mandates the collection of acreage and production information from producers who wish to participate in certain USDA programs. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Risk Management Agency (RMA) are implementing the Acreage/Crop Reporting Streamlining Initiative (ACRSI), a Web-based single source reporting system to establish a single reporting and data collection.

Need and Use of the Information: This new initiative will reengineer the procedures, processes, and standards to simplify commodity, acreage and production reporting by producers, eliminate or minimize duplication of information collection by multiple agencies and reduce the burden on producers, insurance agents and AIPs. Information being collected will consist of, but not be limited to: Producer name, location state, commodity name, commodity type or variety, location county, date planted, land location (legal description, FSA farm number, FSA track number, FSA field number), intended use, prevented planting acres, acres planted but failed, planted acres, and production of commodity produced. Failure to collect the applicable information could result in unearned Federal benefits being issued or producers being denied eligibility to program benefits.

Description of Respondents: Individuals and households.

Number of Respondents: 293,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One time.

Total Burden Hours: 358,925.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document Number AMS-NOP-11-0081; NOP-11-15]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: The meeting dates are Tuesday, November 29, 2011, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, November 30, 2011, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, December 1, 2011, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, December 2, 2011, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Pre-registration requests for public comments at the meeting are due by midnight Eastern Time on Sunday, November 13, 2011. Written comments received after November 13, 2011 may not be reviewed by the NOSB before the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Hilton Savannah Desoto Hotel, 15 East Liberty Street, Savannah, GA 31401.

- View NOSB meeting agenda and draft recommendations at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>. Requests for copies of these materials may be sent to Ms. Lorraine Coke, National Organic Standards Board, USDA-AMS-NOP, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2646-So., Mail Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268; *Phone:* (202) 720-3252; *nosb@ams.usda.gov*.

- Submit written comments at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nosbsavannah>. Comments received after November 13, 2011, may not be reviewed by the NOSB before the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted via mail to Ms. Lorraine Coke, National Organic Standards Board, USDA-AMS-NOP, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2646-S, Mail Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268. It is our intention to have all comments—whether they are submitted by mail or the internet—available for viewing at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nosbsavannah>.

• Pre-register for a public comment slot at the meeting at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nosbsavannahslots> or by calling (202) 720-3252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lorraine Coke, National Organic Standards Board, USDA-AMS-NOP, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2646-So., Mail Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268; *Phone:* (202) 720-3252; *nosb@ams.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*) requires the establishment of the NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to make recommendations about whether a substance should be allowed or prohibited in organic production or handling, to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production, and to advise the Secretary on other aspects of the implementation of the OFPA. The NOSB met for the first time in

Washington, DC, in March 1992, and currently has six subcommittees working on various aspects of the organic program. The committees are: Compliance, Accreditation, and Certification; Crops; Handling; Livestock; Materials; and Policy Development.

In August of 1994, the NOSB provided its initial recommendations for the NOP to the Secretary of Agriculture. Since that time, the NOSB has submitted 269 addenda to its recommendations and reviewed more than 365 substances for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its final National Organic Program regulation in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000, (65 FR 80548). The rule became effective April 21, 2001.

In addition, the OFPA authorizes the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances and provides that no allowed or prohibited substance would remain on the National List for a period

exceeding five years unless the exemption or prohibition is reviewed and recommended for renewal by the NOSB and adopted by the Secretary of Agriculture. This expiration is commonly referred to as sunset of the National List. The National List appears at 7 CFR part 205, subpart G.

The principal purpose of NOSB meetings is to provide an opportunity for the organic community to weigh in on proposed NOSB recommendations and discussion items. These meetings also allow the NOSB to receive updates from the USDA/NOP on issues pertaining to organic agriculture.

Summary of April 2011 Meeting

At the spring 2011 meeting in Seattle, Washington the NOSB voted on the final 28 materials listings that were scheduled to sunset in 2012 (see Table 1). Of the 28 materials, 21 were relisted, 5 were relisted with amended annotations, and 2 were removed from the National List.

TABLE 1—SUNSET 2012 MATERIAL LISTINGS VOTED TO BE RELISTED AT APRIL 2011 MEETING

Substance	NOSB Recommendation
Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production	
Calcium hypochlorite	Relist with amended annotation "For pre-harvest use, residual chlorine levels in the water in direct crop contact or as water from cleaning irrigation systems applied to soil must not exceed the maximum residual disinfectant limit under the Safe Drinking Water Act. For disinfecting or sanitizing equipment or tools or in edible sprout production, chlorine products may be used up to maximum labeled rates."
Chlorine dioxide	
Sodium hypochlorite	
Copper sulfate	Relist.
Copper hydroxide	Relist.
Copper oxide	Relist.
Copper oxychloride	Relist.
Ethanol	Relist.
Isopropanol	Relist.
Newspapers or other	Relist.
Plastic mulch covers	Relist.
Newspapers or other	Relist.
Pheromones	Relist.
Sulfur dioxide	Remove from National List
Vitamin D ₃	Relist.
Streptomycin	Relist with amended annotation "For fire blight control in apples and pears, only until October 21, 2014."
Lignin sulfonate	Relist.
Magnesium sulfate	Relist.
Ethylene gas	Relist.
Sodium silicate	Relist.
Lignin sulfonate	Relist.
Magnesium sulfate	Relist.
Ethylene gas	Relist.
Sodium silicate	Relist.
Lignin sulfonate	Relist.
Nonsynthetic substances prohibited for use in organic crop production	
Sodium nitrate	Relist and remove annotation (complete prohibition).
Nonsynthetic substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as "organic" or "made with organic"	
Enzymes	Relist.
Potassium iodide	Relist.
Synthetic substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as "organic" or "made with organic"	
Nutrient vitamins	Relist.
Nutrient minerals	Relist.

TABLE 1—SUNSET 2012 MATERIAL LISTINGS VOTED TO BE RELISTED AT APRIL 2011 MEETING—Continued

Substance	NOSB Recommendation
Potassium iodide	Relist.
Tocopherols	Relist.

The NOSB voted against relisting sulfur dioxide for use in organic crop production and potassium iodide for use as an ingredient in or on processed products labeled as “organic” or “made with organic.” In addition, the NOSB voted to remove the annotation for sodium nitrate on § 205.602 and establish a complete prohibition by the 2012 Sunset date.

Several petitioned materials were also reviewed at the meeting. The NOSB recommended against listing Nickel as a micronutrient; Calcium acid pyrophosphate as a leavening agent; and Sodium acid pyrophosphate as a sequestrant on cooked and uncooked produce. The NOSB recommended to add attapulgate—used to clarify plant

and animal oils—to the National List as a non-synthetic material and recommended extending the expiration date for Tetracycline (for fire blight control in apples and pears) until October 21, 2014.

In addition to their review of materials, the NOSB also passed recommendations that would: Amend the definition of “chemical change,” and update three sections of their Policy and Procedures Manual: Sections III and IV, to harmonize the Vice Chair and Policy Development Committee job descriptions; and Section V, procedures for completing committee recommendations allowing the presenting committee to convene and vote to withdraw its recommendation

prior to the Board’s vote on the status of the recommendation.

Fall 2011 Meeting Agenda Items

The Crops Committee will present recommendations on material listings for copper sulfate, ozone, peracetic acid, and calcium chloride, which are scheduled to sunset in 2013 (see Table 2). The Crops Committee will also present recommendations to the board on four petitioned materials: Ammonium nonanoate, ferric phosphate (to remove), indole-3-butyric acid, and propane (odorized). The Crops Committee will also provide an update on fire blight in tree fruit and a discussion document on EPA List 3 inerts.

TABLE 2—CROPS SUBSTANCES SCHEDULED TO SUNSET IN 2013 AND BE ADDRESSED AT FALL MEETING

Section	Material	Expiration date
Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production	Copper sulfate	November 3, 2013.
	Ozone	November 3, 2013.
	Peracetic acid	November 3, 2013.
Nonsynthetic substances prohibited for use in organic crop production	Calcium chloride	November 3, 2013.

The Livestock Committee will present recommendations on animal welfare; stocking rates, animal handling, transit, and slaughter; and species-specific scorecards. They will also address animal husbandry.

The Handling Committee will present recommendations on three material

listings scheduled to sunset in 2013 (see Table 3). The Handling Committee will also present recommendations to the board on eight petitioned materials: Annatto extract, arachidonic acid (ARA) single-cell oil, beta-carotene, choline, docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) algal oil,

potassium hydroxide, sulfur dioxide, and silicon dioxide. Other Handling Committee recommendations include a recommendation amending the chlorine materials annotation. They will also provide an update on nutrient vitamins and minerals.

TABLE 3—HANDLING SUBSTANCES SCHEDULED TO SUNSET IN 2013 AND BE ADDRESSED AT FALL MEETING

Section	Material	Expiration date
Nonsynthetic substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic” or “made with organic.”	Animal enzymes	November 3, 2013.
Synthetic substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic” or “made with organic.”	Tartaric acid (made from grape wine)	November 3, 2013.
	Tartaric acid (made from malic acid)	November 3, 2013.

The Materials Committee will present an aquaculture materials review update and a research priorities framework discussion document.

The Compliance, Accreditation, and Certification Committee will present recommendations on the evaluation of material review organizations, unannounced inspections, and inspector qualifications.

The Policy Development Committee will present recommendations on four

sections of the NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual: administrative team, committee transparency, conflict of interest, and NOSB member and leadership transition. The Policy Development Committee will also present a discussion document on public comment procedures.

The Meeting is Open to the Public. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input for Tuesday, November 29, 2011, from 10:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and

Thursday, December 1, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The NOSB will accommodate as many individuals and organizations as possible during these sessions. Individuals and organizations wishing to make oral presentations at the meeting should request one short time slot by visiting <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nosbsavannahslots> or by calling (202) 720-3252. All persons making oral presentations are requested to also provide their

comments in writing. Written submissions may contain information other than that presented at the oral presentation. Anyone may submit written comments at the meeting. Persons submitting written comments at the meeting are asked to provide sixteen copies.

Interested persons may visit <http://www.ams.usda.gov> to view NOSB recommendations, meeting agenda, and submit and/or view public comments.

Dated: September 29, 2011.

David Shipman,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2011-0037]

Notice of Decision To Allow Interstate Movement of Rambutan From Puerto Rico into the Continental United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our decision to begin allowing the interstate movement into the continental United States of fresh rambutan fruit from Puerto Rico. Based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, which we made available to the public for review and comment through a previous notice, we believe that the application of one or more designated phytosanitary measures will be sufficient to mitigate the risks of introducing or disseminating plant pests or noxious weeds via the interstate movement of rambutan from Puerto Rico.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 7, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Philip Grove, Regulatory Coordinator, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 156, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-6280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in “Subpart—Regulated Articles From Hawaii and the Territories” (7 CFR 318.13-1 through 318.13-26, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits or restricts the interstate movement of fruits and vegetables into

the United States from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to prevent plant pests and noxious weeds from being introduced into and spread within the continental United States. (The continental United States is defined in 318.13-2 of the regulations as the 48 contiguous States, Alaska, and the District of Columbia.)

Section 318.13-4 contains a performance-based process for approving the interstate movement of commodities that, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, can be safely imported subject to one or more of the designated phytosanitary measures listed in paragraph (b) of that section. Under that process, APHIS publishes a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with the interstate movement of a particular fruit or vegetable. Following the close of the 60-day comment period, APHIS may begin allowing the interstate movement of the fruit or vegetable subject to the identified designated measures if: (1) No comments were received on the pest risk analysis; (2) the comments on the pest risk analysis revealed that no changes to the pest risk analysis were necessary; or (3) changes to the pest risk analysis were made in response to public comments, but the changes did not affect the overall conclusions of the analysis and the Administrator’s determination of risk.

In accordance with that process, we published a notice¹ in the **Federal Register** on June 16, 2011 (76 FR 35186-35187, Docket No. APHIS-2011-0037), in which we announced the availability, for review and comment, of a pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with the interstate movement of rambutan fruit (*Nephilium lappaceum* L.) from Puerto Rico into the continental United States. We solicited comments on the notice for 60 days ending on August 15, 2011. We received no comments by that date.

Therefore, in accordance with the regulations in 318.13-4, we are announcing our decision to begin allowing the interstate movement of rambutan from Puerto Rico into the continental United States subject to the following phytosanitary measures:

- Inspection and certification by an inspector in Puerto Rico that the rambutan are free of all quarantine pests

likely to follow the pathway of interstate movement of the rambutan;

- Movement of the rambutan as commercial consignments only; and
- Distribution of the rambutan only within a defined area (a prohibition on movement to Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, or Guam) and marking of the boxes or containers in which the rambutan is distributed to indicate those distribution restrictions.

These conditions will be listed in the Puerto Rico Manual, found on the Internet at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/ports/downloads/puerto_rico.pdf. In addition to those specific measures, rambutan from Puerto Rico will be subject to the general requirements listed in 318.13-3 that are applicable to the interstate movement of all fruits and vegetables from Puerto Rico.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701-7772 and 7781-7786; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Dated: Done in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of October 2011.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Domestic Sugar Program—2011-Crop Cane Sugar and Beet Sugar Marketing Allotments and Company Allocations

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is issuing this notice to publish the fiscal year (FY) 2012 State sugar marketing allotments and company allocations to sugarcane and sugar beet processors, which apply to all domestic sugar marketed for human consumption in the United States from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012. Although CCC already has announced most of the information in this notice through a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) news release, CCC is required to publish the determinations establishing, adjusting, or suspending sugar marketing allotments in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Fecso, Dairy and Sweeteners Analysis Group, Economic and Policy Analysis Staff, Farm Service Agency, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave, SW., Mail Stop 0516, Washington, DC 20250-0516; telephone (202) 720-4146; FAX

¹ To view the notice and the pest risk analysis, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0037>.