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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agriculture Marketing Service

[TM-02-07]

Notice of Organic Certification Cost Share Program

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Services, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice invites eligible States to submit a Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance, and to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the Agricultural Marketing Service for the Allocation of Organic Certification Cost-Share Funds. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has allocated \$1.0 million for this organic certification cost-share program in Fiscal Year 2002. Funds will be available under this program to 15 designated States to assist organic crop and livestock producers certified to the National Organic Program. Eligible States interested in obtaining cost-share funds for their organic producers will have to submit an Application for Federal Assistance, and will have to enter into a cooperative agreement with AMS for the allocation of such funds.

DATES: Completed applications for federal assistance along with signed cooperative agreements must be received by October 10, 2002 in order to participate in this program.

ADDRESSES: Applications for federal assistance and cooperative agreements shall be requested from and submitted to: Robert Pooler, Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TMP/NOP, Room 4008-South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0264; Telephone: (202) 720-3252; Fax: (202) 205-7808; E-mail: bob.pooler@usda.gov. Additional information may be found through the National Organic Program's

homepage at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Pooler, Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TM/NOP, Room 4008-South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0264; Telephone: (202) 720-3252; Fax: (202) 205-7808; E-mail: bob.pooler@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This Organic Certification Cost-Share Program is part of the Agricultural Management Assistance Program authorized under Section 1524 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (FCIA), as amended, (7 U.S.C. 1501-1524). Under the applicable FCIA provisions, the Department is authorized to provide cost share assistance to producers in the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming. These 15 States have historically low participation rates in Federal crop insurance programs. This organic certification cost share program provides financial assistance to organic producers certified to the National Organic Program authorized under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*).

To participate in the program, eligible States must complete a Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance, and enter into a written cooperative agreement with AMS. The program will provide cost-share assistance, through participating States, to organic crop and livestock producers who have been certified by a USDA accredited certifying agent from November 1, 2002 until September 30, 2003. The Department has determined that payments will be limited to 75 percent of an individual producer's certification costs up to a maximum of \$500.00.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1501-1524

Dated: August 19, 2002.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TM-02-05]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

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: September 17, 2002, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; September 18, 2002, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and September 19, 2002, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Requests from individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting are due by the close of business on September 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Radisson Barceló Hotel, Board Room, 2121 P Street, NW., Washington, DC. Requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting may be sent to Ms. Katherine Benham at USDA-AMS-TMD-NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4008-South, Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0200. Requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting may also be sent electronically to Ms. Katherine Benham at katherine.benham@usda.gov, via telephone at (202) 205-7806, or via facsimile at (202) 205-7808.

The September NOSB meeting agenda is available at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop> or from Ms. Katherine Benham at (202) 205-7806, preceding addresses or via telephone (202) 205-7806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Mathews, Program Manager, National Organic Program, (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. Section 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 OFPA. The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, DC, in March 1992, and currently has six committees working on various aspects of the organic program. The committees are: Accreditation, Crops, Livestock, Materials, International, and Processing.

In August of 1994, the NOSB provided its initial recommendations for the National Organic Program (NOP) to the Secretary of Agriculture. Since that time, the NOSB has submitted 42 addenda to its recommendations and reviewed more than 220 substances for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The last meeting of the NOSB was held on May 6–8, 2002, in Austin, Texas.

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.

The principal purposes of the meeting are to provide an opportunity for the NOSB to: receive an update from the USDA/NOP, receive a recommendation from the Livestock Committee, and review materials to determine if they should be recommended for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances.

The Livestock Committee will present for NOSB consideration its recommendations on “dairy animal replacement.” The Materials Committee will present 32 materials for consideration for possible inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances.

Materials to be reviewed at the meeting by the NOSB are as follows:

Crop Production: Potassium Sulfate, Ozone Gas (two petitions), Potassium Silicate, Tetrahydrofurfuryl Alcohol, Pheromones (amend annotation), Sodium (Chilean) Nitrate (Remove and Amend Annotation), 1,4 Dimethylnaphthalene.

Livestock Production: Propylene Glycol, Magnesium Hydroxide/Magnesium Oxide, Epinephrine aka Adrenaline, Kaolin Pectin, Bismuth Subsalicylate, Flunixin (Banamine), Xylazine/Tolazoline, Butorphanol, Potassium Sorbate, Cell Wall Carbohydrates, Yeast Derivatives, Proteinated Chelates, Atropine, Heparine, Furosemide, Calcium Propionate, Mineral Oil, Activated Charcoal.

Processing: Calcium Stearate, Tetrasodium Pyrophosphate, Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose, Glucono Delta Lactone, Activated Charcoal, and Glycerol Monoleate.

For further information, see <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>. Copies of the NOSB meeting agenda can be requested from Ms. Katherine Benham by telephone at (202) 205–7806; or obtained by accessing the NOP website at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

The meeting is open to the public. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input on Tuesday, September 17, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.; and Thursday, September 19, 2002, from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m., at the Radisson Barceló Hotel, 2121 P Street, NW., Washington, DC. Individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting may make their requests via letter, telephone, E-mail or facsimile to Ms. Katherine Benham as set forth in the addresses section of this notice. While persons wishing to make a presentation, may also sign up at the door, advance registration will ensure that a person has the opportunity to speak during the allotted time period and will help the NOSB to better manage the meeting and to accomplish its agenda. Individuals or organizations will be given approximately 5 minutes to present their views. All persons making an oral presentation are requested to provide their comments in writing. Written submissions may contain information other than that presented at the oral presentation.

Written comments must be submitted to Ms. Benham, prior to or after the meeting, at USDA–AMS–TMD–NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4008-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250–0200. Written comments may also be submitted at the meeting. Persons submitting written comments at the meeting are asked to provide 30 copies.

Interested persons may visit the NOSB portion of the NOP Web site <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop> to view available documents prior to the meeting. Approximately 6 weeks following the meeting interested persons will be able to visit the NOSB portion of the NOP website to view documents from this meeting.

Dated: August 19, 2002.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13.

Bureau: International Trade Administration.

Title: Steel Import License.

Agency Form Number: N/A.

OMB Number: None.

Type of Request: Regular Submission.

Burden: 166,667 hours.

Number of Respondents: 400.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: On March 5, 2002,

the President announced temporary safeguards for the steel industry. As part of those safeguards, the President mandated that the Commerce Department and the Secretary of the Treasury institute an import licensing system to facilitate the monitoring of certain steel imports. The Import License information is necessary for the U.S. Government to assess import trends of covered products, especially covered products imported from countries excluded from the President's safeguard provisions. In order to monitor steel imports and to effectively implement the safeguards cited in the President's announcement, the Department of Commerce must collect and provide timely aggregated summaries about imports of certain steel products, especially from the countries excluded from the remedy. The Steel Import License proposed by the Import Administration of the Department of Commerce will be the tool used to collect the necessary information. The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) will use the information to track increases in imports from excluded countries. If a surge is noted, USTR will initiate consultations with the country increasing its steel exports to the U.S. and discuss ways the country could reduce this steel trade to historical levels.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6608, 14th and