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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

USDA Reassigns Domestic Cane Sugar Allotments and Increases the Fiscal Year 2010 Raw Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture today announced a reassignment of surplus sugar under domestic cane sugar allotments of 300,000 short tons raw value (STRV) to imports, and increased the fiscal year (FY) 2010 raw sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) by the same amount.

DATES: Effective Date: July 6, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angel F. Gonzalez, Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, AgStop 1021, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-1021; or by telephone (202) 720-2916; or by fax to (202) 720-0876; or by e-mail to: angel.f.gonzalez@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced the reassignment of projected surplus cane sugar marketing allotments and allocations under the FY 2010 (October 1, 2009–September 30, 2010) Sugar Marketing Allotment Program. The FY 2010 cane sector allotment and cane State allotments are larger than can be fulfilled by domestically produced cane sugar. This surplus was reassigned to raw sugar imports as required by law. Upon review of the domestic sugarcane processors' sugar marketing allocations relative to their FY 2010 expected raw sugar supplies, CCC determined that all sugarcane processors had surplus allocation. Therefore, all sugarcane States' sugar marketing allotments are reduced with this reassignment. The new cane State allotments are Florida,

1,796,451 STRV; Louisiana, 1,575,563 STRV; Texas, 142,777 STRV; and Hawaii, 201,101 STRV. The FY 2010 Sugar Marketing Allotment Program will not prevent any domestic sugarcane processors from marketing all of their FY 2010 sugar supply.

On September 25, 2009, USDA established the FY 2010 TRQ for raw cane sugar at 1,231,497 STRV (1,117,195 metric tons raw value, MTRV*), the minimum to which the United States is committed under the World Trade Organization Uruguay Round Agreements. On April 27, 2010, the Secretary increased the FY 2010 TRQ for raw cane sugar by 200,000 STRV (181,437 MTRV) to a total of 1,431,497 STRV (1,298,632 MTRV).

Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to Chapter 17 of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) and Section 359(k) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, the Secretary of Agriculture today increased the quantity of raw cane sugar imports of the HTS subject to the lower tier of duties during FY 2010 by 300,000 STRV (272,155 MTRV). With this increase, the overall FY 2010 raw sugar TRQ is now 1,731,497 STRV (1,570,787 MTRV). Raw cane sugar under this quota must be accompanied by a certificate for quota eligibility and may be entered under subheading 1701.11.10 of the HTS until September 30, 2010. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative will allocate this increase among supplying countries and customs areas.

This action is being taken after a determination that additional supplies of raw cane sugar are required in the U.S. market. USDA will closely monitor stocks, consumption, imports and all sugar market and program variables on an ongoing basis, and may make further program adjustments during FY 2010 if needed.

* Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.

Dated: June 29, 2010.

Tom Vilsack,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 7, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Jermolowicz, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA, STOP 3220, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 720-8460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Business Opportunity Grants.

OMB Number: 0570-0024.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2010.

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

Abstract: The objective of the Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural areas. This purpose is achieved through grants made by the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) to public and private non-profit organizations and cooperatives to pay costs of economic development planning and technical assistance for rural businesses. The regulations contain various requirements for information from the grant applicants and recipients. The information requested is necessary for RBS to be able to process applications in a responsible manner, make prudent program decisions, and effectively monitor the grantees' activities to ensure that funds obtained from the Government are used appropriately. Objectives include gathering information to identify the applicant, describe the applicant's

experience and expertise, describe the project and how the applicant will operate it, and other material necessary for prudent Agency decisions and reasonable program monitoring.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 9 hours per response.

Respondents: Non-profit corporations, public agencies, and cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 248.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 8.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,863.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 17,104.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0043.

Comments:

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Rural Business-Cooperative Service, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Rural Business-Cooperative Service'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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, Washington, DC 20250. 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.

Dated: June 29, 2010.

Curtis A. Wiley,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-FV-10-0018; FV-10-328]

Domestic Origin Verification System Questionnaire and Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Processed Fruits and Vegetables and Related Products

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 intention of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to request an extension and revision of a currently approved information collection that will combine a number of forms issued under inspection and grading services under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 and section 8e of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937. AMS is combining all burden hours with this submission.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before September 7, 2010.

Additional Information or Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit comments. Comments must be sent to Chere L. Shorter, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0247; fax (202) 690-1527; or can be submitted to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments should make reference to the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection at the above office during regular business hours. Please be advised that all comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public on the Internet via <http://www.regulations.gov>. Also, the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be made public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* "Domestic Origin Verification System Questionnaire and Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Processed Fruits and Vegetables and Related Products—7 CFR Part 52."

OMB Number: 0581-0234.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval.

Type of Request: Request for extension and revision of currently approved information collections to be merged into one collection, the addition

of two new forms, and revision of one form.

Abstract: Merger of two currently approved information collections.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) directs and authorizes the Department to develop standards of quality, grades, grading programs, and other services to facilitate trading of agricultural products and assure consumers of quality products which are graded and identified under USDA programs. Section 203(h) of the Act specifically directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to inspect, certify, and identify the grade, class, quality, quantity, and condition of agricultural products under such rules and regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, including assessment and collection of fees for the cost of the service.

The grading and certification of processed fruit and vegetable services under 7 CFR part 52 contains provisions for the collection of fees from users of the Processed Product Branch services that equal the cost of providing the requested services to the closest extent possible. In order for the Agency to satisfy those requests for service, the Agency must request certain information from those who apply for service. An application for service is a request for AMS to perform such services and requests such information as the applicant name, address, and product to be inspected. AMS also provides other types of voluntary services under the same regulations, e.g., contract and specification acceptance services, facility assessment services, certifications of quantity and quality, import product inspections, and export certification.

The "Domestic Origin Verification" (DOV) program's application for service is FV-DOV-1. This information collection is currently approved under OMB No. 0581-0234. The DOV program is an assessment program designed to provide validation of the applicant's domestic origin verification program prior to bidding on contracts to supply food products to the Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Domestic Feeding programs, and/or may be conducted after a contract is awarded.

The DOV Program assists companies in meeting the domestic origin requirement for the USDA Purchase Program efficiently and eliminates redundancy in trace paperwork for USDA contracts.

Affected public may include any partnership, association, business trust, corporation, organized group, and state, county or municipal government, and any authorized agent that has a financial