

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
ACF-801	56	4	20	4320

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,320

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20047, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: September 21, 2000.

Bob Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request Proposed Projects

Title: TANF High Performance Bonus Report.

OMB No.: 0970-0180.

Description: Public Law 104-193 (The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996) established the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program. It also included provisions for rewarding States that attain the highest levels of success in achieving the legislative goals of that program. The purpose of this collection is to obtain data upon which to base the computation for measuring State performance in meeting those goals and for allocating the bonus grant funds appropriated under the law. States will not be required to submit this information unless they elect to compete for the bonus grants. Respondents, therefore, may include any of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. We are requesting extension of this currently approved information collection through November 30, 2001.

Respondents: States and Territorial Government.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
ACF-200, TANF High Performance Bonus Report	54	4	30	6,480

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,480

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for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Grant to National Adoption Center, Inc. ACF/ACY/CB-2000-03

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of award.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that ACYF will award grant funds without competition to the National Adoption Center, Inc. (NAC), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This grant is a sole source award which will support the operation of the National Adoption Information Exchange and the continued development, expansion and implementation of a national Internet-based photo-listing activity. This award is made noncompetitively after our review of a proposal submitted by the NAC.

Background

In 1983, the National Adoption Center (then doing business as the Adoption Center of Delaware Valley) received a competitive grant award for a field-initiated proposal to develop a computerized database of children freed for adoption and waiting placement from state child welfare agencies. This database activity became known as the National Adoption Exchange and had been authorized in law in 1978 with the passage of the Adoption Opportunities Act. Currently, children are entered into the database by caseworkers from 44 States, though all 50 States are members of the exchange system and may enter information on adoptable children into the database. Subsequent to the development of the database/exchange in the mid-1990s, NAC developed a small internet-based listing, with accompanying photographs, of some of the children, using privately generated funds and in-kind expert services from computer software corporations. Currently, this photo listing has expanded to include children from 43 State child welfare agencies.

In 1998, President Clinton announced an initiative to mount a national internet-based photo listing of children adoptable from public child welfare agencies. In FY 2000, the Congressional Conference Report Language included a reference to NAC by saying, "The conference agreement includes \$400,000 for the National Adoption Center to develop a national adoption photo listing service on the Internet." The Senate Report Language also referenced NAC by saying "The Committee recognizes that, under the Adoption and Safe Families Act, States are required to use all available resources to find homes for children. The Committee is aware that the National Adoption Center operates a multi-state, technology-based adoption clearinghouse to facilitate placement of needy children with adoptive parents. The Committee understands that the Department plans to implement a national adoption photo listing service on the Internet to help

increase the number of adoptions. The Committee supports the idea that a national web site could include all youngsters available in public adoptions and will increase the likelihood that children will find loving, stable homes. The National Adoption Center has been at the forefront of developing and implementing technology-based resources to help facilitate adoptions and could be instrumental in creating a national adoption web site."

Following our review of the proposal submitted by the NAC for these activities, this award is made noncompetitively. The NAC proposal presents a unique opportunity to produce important progress on a set of tasks of significant interest to the Department.

The project period will be for 24 months, beginning September 29, 2000 and ending September 30, 2001. The grantee will be awarded \$900,000 during the first twelve months of the project period. The grantee may, in the second twelve months of the project period, be awarded additional noncompetitive continuation funding of up to \$1.6 million, depending on the availability of funds, satisfactory performance by the grantee, and a determination that such continued funding would be in the best interest of the government.

Authority: This award will be made pursuant to the Adoption Opportunities: Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, as amended [42 U.S.C. 5111]. (CFDA 93.652).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sally Flanzer, Children's Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, 330 C Street, SW, Room 2429, Washington, D.C. 20447; Telephone: (202) 205-8914.

Dated: September 20, 2000.

Patricia Montoya,

Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00F-0812]

Bayer Co.; Filing of Food Additive Petition; Amendment; Withdrawal in Part

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the filing notice for a food additive petition filed by Bayer Co. to clarify that the petitioner's request to amend the food additive regulations to provide for a more descriptive term in place of "inhibitor of yeast," for the safe use of dimethyl dicarbonate (DMDC) will also involve adding related limitations to 21 CFR 172.133. The agency is also announcing the withdrawal of the petitioner's additional request to amend the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of DMDC in noncarbonated juice beverages containing up to and including 100 percent juice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Martha D. Peiperl, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3077.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of March 7, 2000 (65 FR 12014), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 0A4718) had been filed by Bayer Co., c/o McKenna & Cuneo LLP, 1900 K St. NW., Washington, DC 20006-1108. The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations in § 172.133 *Dimethyl dicarbonate* (21 CFR 172.133) both to provide for the safe use of DMDC in noncarbonated juice beverages containing up to and including 100 percent juice and to provide for a more descriptive term in place of "inhibitor of yeast," for the safe use of DMDC.

Upon further review of the petition, FDA determined that, if granted, the requested amendment of § 172.133 to provide for a more descriptive term in place of "inhibitor of yeast" for the safe use of DMDC will also require adding related limitations to this regulation. Therefore, FDA is amending the filing notice of March 7, 2000, to indicate that this proposed amendment will involve adding related limitations to § 172.133.

The petitioner's additional request, to amend the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of DMDC in noncarbonated juice beverages containing up to and including 100 percent juice, was converted to a food contact substance notice (FCN 0035), 21 U.S.C. 348(h)(5). This request to amend the food additive regulations was withdrawn from the petition as of the effective date of FCN 0035 (June 9, 2000).

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.30(I) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore,