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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-CN-22-0084]

Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension of the nomination application period for the advisory committee on universal cotton standards.

SUMMARY: On March 31, 2023, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intent to re-establish and solicit nominations for membership on the USDA Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards (Committee). The nomination application period for this notice has been extended to provide additional opportunities for interested persons to submit their nomination application. The nomination application period for individuals who wish to serve and/or submit nominations to recommend potential candidates for the Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards has been extended until July 1, 2023. USDA seeks nominations of individuals to be considered for selection as Committee members. Re-establishment of the Committee is necessary and in the public interest. The Committee will review official Universal Standards for American Upland cotton prepared by USDA and make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the establishment or revision of standards.

DATES: The deadline for submitting nominations and application materials for membership on the Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards as published on March 31, 2023, (88 FR 19238), has been extended. Nominations and application materials must be submitted by July 1, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Nominations and application materials should be sent to Gretchen Deatherage, Designated Federal Official, Cotton & Tobacco Program, AMS, USDA, 3275 Appling Road, Room 5, Memphis, TN 38133, or by email to Gretchen.Deatherage@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gretchen Deatherage, Designated Federal Official; Phone: (901) 384-3030; Email: Gretchen.Deatherage@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice published in the March 31, 2023, **Federal Register** announced the Secretary of Agriculture's (Secretary) intent to re-establish the Committee for two years. The notice explained the Committee's composition of foreign and domestic cotton industry representatives and explained the Committee's purpose, which would be to review official Universal Standards for U.S. Upland cotton prepared by USDA and make recommendations to the Secretary regarding establishment or revision of the standards established under the United States Cotton Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 51 *et seq.*). The notice also described the terms for Committee appointees, as well as the process for nominating members and submitting application materials.

The deadline for submitting nominations and application materials was originally announced as May 1, 2023. USDA has received multiple industry requests for an extension to the application period to provide interested persons adequate time to apply. USDA is extending the deadline for nominations and submission of written application materials, which must be received on or before July 1, 2023.

Dated: April 24, 2023.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 are

requested regarding; 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 regarding this information collection received June 1, 2023 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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.

Economic Research Service

Title: Data Security Requirements for Accessing Confidential Data.

OMB Control Number: 0536-NEW.

Summary of Collection: Title III of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (hereafter referred to as the Evidence Act) mandates that OMB establish a Standard Application Process (SAP) for requesting access to certain confidential data assets. Specifically, the Evidence Act requires OMB to establish a common application process through which agencies, the Congressional Budget Office, State, local, and Tribal governments, researchers, and other individuals, as appropriate, may apply for access to confidential data assets collected, accessed, or acquired by a

statistical agency or unit. This new process will be implemented while maintaining stringent controls to protect confidentiality and privacy, as required by law.

Need and Use of the Information:

Data collected, accessed, or acquired by statistical agencies and units is vital for developing evidence on conditions, characteristics, and behaviors of the public and on the operations and outcomes of public programs and policies. Access to confidential data on businesses, households, and individuals from federal statistical agencies and units enables agencies, the Congressional Budget Office, State, local, and Tribal governments, researchers, and other individuals to contribute evidence-based information to research and policy questions on economic, social, and environmental issues of national, regional, and local importance. This evidence can benefit the stakeholders in the programs, the broader public, as well as policymakers and program managers at the local, State, Tribal, and National levels.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 96.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket No. FSA-2023-0010]

Information Collection Request; Power of Attorney

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act requirement, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension and a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with the form of the Power of Attorney. This information collection is used to support the FSA, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) and Risk Management Agency (RMA) in conducting business and accepting signatures on certain

documents from individuals acting on behalf of other individuals or entities.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by July 3, 2023.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments, identified by Docket ID: FSA-2023-0010 in the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Jody Kenworthy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jody Kenworthy; by telephone: 202-290-4230; or by email: jody.kenworthy@usda.gov. Individuals who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and text telephone (TTY)) or dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay service (both voice and text telephone users can initiate this call from any telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Power of Attorney.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0190.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2023.

Type of Request: Revision and extension.

Abstract: Individuals or entities that want to appoint another to act as an attorney-in-fact in connection with certain FSA, CCC, NRCS, FCIC, and RMA programs and related actions must complete a form of FSA-211, Power of Attorney form. The form is used by a grantor to appoint another to act on the individual's or entity's behalf for certain FSA, CCC, NRCS, FCIC and RMA programs or other specific actions, giving the appointee legal authority to enter into certain programs, agreements, or contracts, or other specific actions on the grantor's behalf. The form also provides FSA, CCC, NRCS, FCIC and RMA a source to verify an individual's authority to sign and act for another in the event of errors or fraud. The information collected on the form is limited to grantor's name, signature and identification number, the grantee's address, and the applicable FSA, CCC, NRCS, FCIC and RMA programs or transactions.

The burden hours in this collection increased by 1,526 hours since the last OMB approval. The reason for the increase in hours is due to the increase in FSA customers during the pandemic. The increase in customers is due to the multiple pandemic programs that

provided help to producers who were not normally covered by FSA programs.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hours is the estimated average time per responses multiplied by the estimated total annual of responses.

Estimate of Average Time To Respond: Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average 0.4843 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Type of Respondents: Individuals and households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 16,000.

Estimated Average Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 16,000.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 0.4843.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,750 hours.

FSA is requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Evaluate the quality, utility and clarity of the information technology; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who respond through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses where provided, will be made a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

Zach Ducheneaux,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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