

Importers and brokers who participate in this pilot will transmit PGA Message Set data to ACE using the electronic data interchange known as the Automated Broker Interface, or ABI. The AMS data is required to determine whether inspection of the shipment is required, to send an email notification to AMS inspection offices about those shipments that will require inspection, and to provide CBP with information to determine whether to conditionally release the merchandise. The transmission of this PGA Message Set data will be done in lieu of importers and brokers filing CBP Forms 3461 and 7501 or a shipment invoice to AMS inspection service personnel at the port of entry prior to the arrival of shipments. AMS anticipates that this pilot program will help prepare for a successful transition from the paper-based “stamp and fax” process to the electronic entry and transmission of data to ACE/CEMS.

The data elements in the PGA Message Set are generally those found on the AMS Specialty Crops Inspection (SCI) Division form FV-357 (Notification of Entry, 8e Products and Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, Nuts and Specialty Crops). These data elements are set forth in the Customs and Trade Automated Interface Requirements (CATAIR) guidelines for AMS, which can be found at the following Internet link: <http://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/AMS%20CATAIR%20Guidelines%20MARCH%202015.pdf>.

Pilot Program Participant Responsibilities

Importers and brokers who participate in this PGA Message Set pilot will be required to:

- File, when applicable, data elements contained in AMS form FV-357 for fruits, vegetables, and specialty crops listed in CBP Directive No. 3250-0078 and regulated under section 8e of the AMAA. All modes of transportation will be included in this pilot;
- Include PGA Message Set import filings only as part of an ACE Entry Summary certified for cargo release;
- Use a software program that has completed ACE certification testing for the PGA Message Set;
- Transmit import filings to CBP via ACE in response to a request for documentation or in response to a request for release information for certified ACE Entry Summaries; and
- Only transmit information to CBP that has been requested by CBP or AMS.

Waiver of Requirements and Regulation Under the Pilot Program

For purposes of this pilot program, requirements under CBP Directive No. 3250-007B, Section 5.2 (“*Stamp and Fax procedure*”), will be waived for participants only insofar as eliminating the requirement to present paper CBP Forms 3461 or 7501 or invoices and instead requiring the electronic submission of data elements generally contained in AMS form FV-357.

This notice does not waive any other requirements under CBP Directive No. 3250-007B nor does it waive any requirements under section 8e of the AMAA (7 U.S.C. 601-674, § 608e) or under parts 944, 980, and 999 of title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR 944, 7 CFR 980, and 7 CFR 999), which contain the section 8e import regulations for fruits, vegetables, and specialty crops, respectively.

Misconduct Under the Test

A test participant may be subject to fines, civil penalties, and/or administrative sanctions as provided under the AMAA and/or may be removed from participation in the pilot for failing to follow the terms and conditions of this pilot or for failing to abide by applicable laws and regulations that have not been waived by this notice.

Pilot Program Participant Eligibility and Application

AMS is initiating the pilot at certain ports as indicated on the following Web site: <http://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/list-aceitds-pga-message-set-pilot-ports>. AMS may expand the pilot to include other U.S. ports and, therefore, invites importers and brokers at any U.S. port to request to participate in the pilot. To be eligible to apply for and participate in the pilot, an applicant must:

- Be a self-filing importer or broker who has the ability to file ACE Entry Summaries certified for cargo release; and
- File entries for AMS commodities that are the subject of this pilot.

Any party seeking to participate in the AMS PGA Message Set test should contact their CBP client representative. Interested parties without an assigned CBP client representative should submit an email to Richard Lower at Richard.Lower@ams.usda.gov with the subject heading “AMS PGA Message Set Test FRN—Request to Participate.”

AMS will accept and consider requests to participate in the pilot starting on the date of this publication and will accept requests to participate

for the duration of the test. AMS will notify the selected parties by email of their selection and the starting date of their participation (selected participants may have different starting dates). Any applicant who provides incomplete information or otherwise does not meet participation requirements will be notified by email and given an opportunity to resubmit a request to participate.

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the PGA Message Set data that will be collected in this pilot has been previously submitted by AMS for OMB approval as a new information collection under OMB No. 0581-NEW. The new information collection (FV-NEW, “Notification of Entry, 8e Products and Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, Nuts and Specialty Crops”) contains data elements that will be collected by CBP in ACE through the use of the PGA Message Set being tested in this pilot. The use of the PGA Message Set will enable importers and brokers to enter information required by AMS directly into ACE, and ACE’s integration with MOAD’s CEMS will simplify and expedite the process of conditionally releasing shipments for inspection. Upon approval of this new information collection by OMB, a request will be made to merge the new form with the forms currently approved for use under OMB No. 0581-0125, “Regulations Governing Inspection Certification of Fresh and Processed Fruits, Vegetables, and Other Products.”

AMS is committed to complying with the E-Government Act, to promote the use of the Internet and other information technologies to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

Dated:

Rex A. Barnes,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 31, 2015.

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 and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by September 8, 2015 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725—17th Street NW., Washington, DC, 20503. Commentors are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. 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.

Forest Service

Title: Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0227.

Summary of Collection: The Forest Service (FS) is authorized to implement the Community Forest and Open Space Program (CFP) under Section 8003 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-234; 122 Stat. 2043), which amends the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2103d). The purpose of the CFP is to achieve community benefits through grants to local governments, Indian Tribes, and nonprofit organizations to establish community forests by acquiring and protecting private forestlands.

Need and Use of the Information: The applicant will need to provide

information as outlined in the rule and the request for proposal. Applicants representing local governments or non-profits will submit CFP applications to their State Foresters. Indian Tribes submit applications directly to the Forest Service. The State Forester or the equivalent Indian Tribe official, per section § 230.03 of the rule, will forward all applications to the FS. The FS would not be able to implement the program effectively or at all if the collection was conducted less frequently or not at all.

Description of Respondents: Non-profit Organizations; State, Local and Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents: 75.

Frequency of Responses: Annually; Quarterly; Reporting and Record Keeping.

Total Burden Hours: 5,343.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Tribal Relations; Council for Native American Farming and Ranching

AGENCY: Office of Tribal Relations, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of The Council for Native American Farming and Ranching (CNAFR), a public advisory committee of the Office of Tribal Relations (OTR). Notice of the meetings are provided in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). This will be the fourth meeting of the 2014–2016 CNAFR and will consist of, but not limited to: Hearing public comments, update of USDA programs and activities, and discussion of committee priorities. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 21st, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and September 22th, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public on both days. Note that a period for public comment will be held on September 22th, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Whitten Building; 1400 Independence Avenue SW.; Washington, DC 20250. The public comment period and CNAFR meeting will take place within Room 107-A, Whitten Building.

Written Comments: Written comments may be submitted to: Dana Richey, Designated Federal Officer, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Administrator Farm Service Agency, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Whitten Bldg., 501-A, Washington, DC 20250; by Fax: (202) 720-1058; or by email: Dana.Richey@wdc.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions should be directed to Dana Richey, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Administrator, FSA, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Whitten Bldg., 501-A, Washington, DC 20250; by Fax: (202) 720-1058 or email: Dana.Richey@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), USDA established an advisory council for Native American farmers and ranchers. The CNAFR is a discretionary advisory committee established under the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture, in furtherance of the *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* settlement agreement that was granted final approval by the District Court for the District of Columbia on April 28, 2011.

The CNAFR will operate under the provisions of the FACA and report to the Secretary of Agriculture. The purpose of the CNAFR is (1) to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on issues related to the participation of Native American farmers and ranchers in USDA farm loan programs; (2) to transmit recommendations concerning any changes to FSA regulations or internal guidance or other measures that would eliminate barriers to program participation for Native American farmers and ranchers; (3) to examine methods of maximizing the number of new farming and ranching opportunities created by USDA farm loan programs through enhanced extension and financial literacy services; (4) to examine methods of encouraging intergovernmental cooperation to mitigate the effects of land tenure and probate issues on the delivery of USDA farm loan programs; (5) to evaluate other methods of creating new farming or ranching opportunities for Native American producers; and (6) to address other related issues as deemed appropriate.

The Secretary of Agriculture selected a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in providing solutions to the challenges of the aforementioned purposes. Equal opportunity practices were considered in all appointments to the CNAFR in accordance with USDA policies. The