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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 10, 2006.

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 or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB),

OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. 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.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: CCC's Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSA-102) and Supplier Credit Guarantee Program (SCGP).

OMB Control Number: 0551-0004.

Summary of Collection: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture administers 7 CFR Part 1493, the Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102) and the Supplier Credit Guarantee Program (SCGP). These programs provide guarantees to exporters in order to maintain and increase overseas importers ability to purchase U.S. agricultural goods. The Export Credit Guarantee Programs are designed to stimulate U.S. private sector financing of foreign purchases of U.S. agricultural commodities on credit terms. Since the Export Credit Guarantee Programs operate off commercial sales, the majority of the information required for program participation, including the guarantee application, evidence of export report, assignment notice, and filing of notices of default. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) will collect information from the guarantee application submitted by the participants in writing (via fax or e-mail) or mail.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect information from participating U.S. exporters in order to determine the exporters eligibility for program benefits. The information is also used in fulfilling CCC obligation under the issued payment guarantee. If the information were not collected CCC would be unable to determine if export sales under the programs would be eligible for coverage or, if coverage conformed to program requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 298.

Frequency of Responses: Record keeping, Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 8,458.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: Request for Administrative Review

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) invites comments on this information collection for which FNS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The proposed collection is a revision of a currently approved collection.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 17, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Courtney L. Wilkerson, Chief, Administrative Review Branch, Benefit Redemption Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 608, Alexandria, Virginia 22302. Comments may also be faxed to the attention of Mr. Wilkerson at (703) 305-2820, or e-mailed to Courtney.Wilkerson@fns.usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instructions should be

directed to Courtney L. Wilkerson on (703) 305-2820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Administrative Review.

OMB Number: 0584-0520.

Expiration Date: April 30, 2006.

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

Abstract: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is the Federal agency responsible for administering the Food Stamp Program. The Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 2011-2036) requires that the FNS determine the eligibility of retail food stores and certain food service organizations who apply to participate in the Food Stamp Program. If a food retailer or wholesale food concern is aggrieved by certain administrative action by FNS, that store has the right to file a written request for review of the administrative action with FNS.

The information collection burden for retail food stores and certain food service organizations has slightly increased over the past three fiscal years. The number of respondents reported in the previously approved collection was based on a collective total of three consecutive fiscal years (FY 2001-2003). In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice reflects an estimated total annual burden on respondents based solely on fiscal year 2005 data. Therefore, while the previously approved collection reflects 1,140 as the total number of respondents for fiscal years 2001-2003, this notice accurately reflects 652 respondents for fiscal year 2005, a slight annual increase over the last three fiscal years.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.17 an hour per response.

Respondents: Retail food stores and wholesale food concerns.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 652.

Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.2.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.17 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 133 hours.

Dated: February 3, 2006.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; Urgent Removal of Timber

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of an information collection associated with timber sale contract term extensions for urgent removal of salvage timber from other than National Forest system lands. Regulations at 36 CFR 223.53 allow timber sale purchasers to ask for extensions of certain National Forest timber sale contracts when the manufacturing facilities or logging equipment capacity available to purchasers are insufficient to provide for both the rapid harvest of damaged non-National Forest System timber in need of expeditious removal and the continued harvest of undamaged (green) timber under contract with the Forest Service. When requesting an urgent removal extension purchasers are required to provide documentation supporting the need. The collected information is necessary for the contracting officer to make a determination whether the purchaser meets the conditions for receiving an urgent removal extension on one or more National Forest System timber sale contracts.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before April 17, 2006 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Director, Forest Management, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 1103, Washington, DC 20250-0003.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 205-1045 or by e-mail to: urgentremoval@fs.fed.us. In addition, comments may be submitted via the World Wide Web/Internet Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. Conditions that must be met for obtaining an Urgent Removal Contract Term Extension are detailed in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 223.53, and can be viewed on the World Wide Web/Internet site at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/>

[waisidx_05/36cfr223_05.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_05/36cfr223_05.html).

Alternatively, these can be viewed in the Office of the Director, Forest Management, Third Floor, Southwest Wing, Yates Building, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead at (202) 205-1496 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lathrop Smith, Forest Management Staff, at (202) 205-0858, or Richard Fitzgerald, Forest Management Staff, at (202) 205-1753. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Urgent Removal of Timber.

OMB Number: 0596-0167.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Abstract: In order to facilitate the expeditious removal of timber in other ownerships damaged by catastrophic events beyond the landowner's control, the Forest Service promulgated a final rule at § 223.53 of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations on January 2, 2004 (69 FR 29).

Periodically, catastrophic events such as severe drought conditions, insect and disease outbreaks, wildfires, floods, and windthrow occur on forested lands within, or near, NFS lands. As a result of such catastrophic events, substantial amounts of private and other public timber may be severely damaged. This damaged timber must be harvested within a relatively short time period to avoid substantial losses due to deterioration in both the quantity and quality of the timber. The critical time period for harvesting this damaged timber and avoiding substantial deterioration varies with the season of the year, the species of timber, the damaging agent, and the location of the damaged timber. In most cases, substantial deterioration can be avoided if the damaged timber is harvested within 1 year of the catastrophic event. The number of wildfires, and the extent of damage to public and private forested land experienced in recent years resulted in the Forest Service adjusting its contracting procedures to support the urgent removal of damaged timber on non-NFS lands.

This information collection provides data to permit the discretionary extension of certain National Forest System timber sale contracts by the Contracting Officer. Such extensions will allow purchasers to divert