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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 24, 2013.

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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by August 29, 2013 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 20502. Commenters 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) 720-8958.

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.

Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Animal Health Monitoring System; Dairy 2014 Study.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0205.

Summary Of Collection: Collection and dissemination of animal health data and information is mandated by 7 U.S.C. 391, the Animal Industry Act of 1884, which established the precursor of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services, the Bureau of Animal Industry. The collection, analysis and dissemination of livestock and poultry health information on a national basis are consistent with the APHIS mission of protecting and improving American agriculture's productivity and competitiveness. In connection with this mission, the National Animal Health Monitoring System's (NAHMS) program includes periodic national commodity studies to investigate current issues and examine general health and management practices used on farms. NAHMS will initiate the fifth national data collection for dairy through Dairy 2014. The Dairy 2014 study is a part of an ongoing series of NAHMS studies on the U.S. dairy population.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of this fifth dairy study is to collect information, through two on-farm questionnaires and biological sampling to: (1) Describe trends in dairy cattle health and management practices; (2) describe management practices and production measures related to animal welfare; (3) estimate the herd level prevalence of lameness and identify housing and management factors associated with lameness; (4) evaluate dairy calf health from birth to weaning; (5) describe antibiotic use and residue prevention methods used to ensure milk and meal quality; and (6) estimate the prevalence and antimicrobial resistance pattern of foodborne pathogens.

Without this type of national data, the U.S.'s ability to detect trends in management, production, and health status, either directly or indirectly, would be reduced or nonexistent.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 3,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 7,439.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document Number AMS-FV-09-0028, FV-13-328]

United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Vegetables

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) has revised eight United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Vegetables. This revision replaces dual grade nomenclature with single letter grade designations. "U.S. Grade A" (or "U.S. Fancy"), "U.S. Grade B" (or "U.S. Extra Standard"), and "U.S. Grade C" (or "U.S. Standard") become "U.S. Grade A," "U.S. Grade B," and "U.S. Grade C," respectively. This change conforms to recent changes in other grade standards. AMS has also updated contact information for obtaining copies of the grade standards and color standards. These changes bring these grade standards in line with the present quality levels being marketed today and provide guidance in the effective use of these products. The grade standards covered by these revisions are: frozen asparagus, frozen lima beans, frozen speckled butter beans, frozen cooked squash, frozen summer squash, frozen sweetpotatoes, frozen turnip greens with turnips, and frozen mixed vegetables.

DATES: *Effective Date:* August 29, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian E. Griffin, Standardization Branch, Specialty Crops Inspection Division, Fruit and Vegetable Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 0709,

South Building; STOP 0247, Washington, DC 20250; fax: (202) 690-1527; or email at Brian.Griffin@ams.usda.gov. Copies of the revised U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Vegetables are available on the AMS Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/scihome>, and on <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1622(c)), directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture “to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging, and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices.”

AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request. Those United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are maintained by USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Program at the following Web site: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/scihome>. AMS has revised these U.S. Standards for Grades using the procedures that appear in part 36 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36).

Background: AMS periodically reviews the processed fruit and vegetable grade standards for usefulness in serving the industry. AMS has identified 18 grade standards covering various frozen vegetables for possible revision. More recently developed grade standards use a single term, such as “U.S. Grade A” or “U.S. Grade B” to describe each level of quality within a grade standard. Older standards use a dual system, such as “U.S. Grade A” and “U.S. Fancy” to describe the same level of quality within a grade standard. Prior to undertaking detailed work developing the proposed revisions to these grade standards, AMS published a notice in the **Federal Register** on July 23, 2010 (75 FR 43141) soliciting comments on the possible changes and any other comments regarding these grade standards to better serve the industry. A 60-day period was provided for interested persons to submit comments on the proposed grade standards. In response to the Notice, AMS received one comment from by the American Frozen Food Institute (AFFI). AFFI’s comments are available on the web at <http://www.Regulations.gov>. AFFI is a national trade association representing the interests of U.S. frozen food processors and their suppliers.

AFFI’s more than 500 member companies represent approximately 90 percent of the frozen food processed annually in the United States. AFFI’s comment was in support of the proposed revisions to the U.S. grade standards because its membership believes “moving to a one-term system of grading (e.g., referring to “Grade A” solely, instead of allowing the use of “Grade A” and/or “Extra Fancy” to describe the same degree of quality) will help to improve consistency between new and old standards and minimize any confusion that might arise in the marketplace in interpreting or understanding the grading terminology used on packaging.”

AMS published a second Notice with a 60-day comment period in the **Federal Register** on January 15, 2013 (78 FR 2946). All comments are posted on <http://www.Regulations.gov>. In response to the second Notice, AMS received two comments. The first commenter, representing a state agency, agreed with the overall proposed change to the standards. This commenter went on to ask why the notice proposes to change the grading for only particular vegetables, e.g., asparagus, lima beans, speckled butter beans, cooked squash, summer squash, etc., and not other vegetables. AMS periodically reviews the processed fruit and vegetable grade standards for usefulness in serving the industry. Other grade standards have been identified and AMS has determined that these grade standards may require additional revisions before moving forward. The commenter also raised a question concerning frozen vegetables genetic modification, which is outside of the scope of this action. Further, the commenter was of the view that a good step overall in helping clarify the grading system would be to add an explanation of what a particular grade on a product means. For example, Grade A means that the product is carefully selected for color and tenderness. With regard to this suggestion, it should be noted that in each of the revised standards, there is a section titled “Grades of (name of commodity).” Within this section there is a definition of what each particular grade of a product means. The second commenter, representing a university, was in support of AMS revising the eight frozen vegetable standards identified in this Notice.

This Notice revises eight of the 18 grade standards identified in notices published July 23, 2010 (75 FR 43141) and January 15, 2013 (78 FR 2946). The changes to each of the grade standards are as follows:

United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Asparagus

Update address for AMS. Change “U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy” to “U.S. Grade A.” Change “U.S. Grade B or U.S. Extra Standard” to “U.S. Grade B.”

United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Cooked Squash

Update address for AMS. Change “U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy” to “U.S. Grade A.” Change “U.S. Grade B or U.S. Extra Standard” to “U.S. Grade B.” Correct a typographical error to read: “U.S. Grade B is the quality of frozen cooked squash that possesses reasonably good flavor and odor.” This would ensure that these requirements are consistent throughout the document.

United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Lima Beans

Update address for AMS. Change “U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy” to “U.S. Grade A.” Change “U.S. Grade B or U.S. Extra Standard” to “U.S. Grade B.” Change “U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard” to “U.S. Grade C.” Update contact information for obtaining color standards for frozen lima beans.

United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Mixed Vegetables

Update address for AMS. Change “U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy” to “U.S. Grade A.” Change “U.S. Grade B or U.S. Extra Standard” to “U.S. Grade B.” Change “U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard” to “U.S. Grade C.” Update references to color standard and definitions to eliminate conflict with current U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Lima Beans (remove reference to Maerz and Paul’s Dictionary of Color and replace with current USDA Color Standards for Frozen Lima Beans). Update definition for color to “Green means that not less than 50 percent of the surface area of the individual lima bean possesses as much or more green color than U.S.D.A. lima bean green color standard for frozen lima beans.” Update definition to “White means that more than 50 percent of the surface area of the individual lima bean is lighter in color than U.S.D.A. lima bean white color standard for frozen lima beans.” Add “Information regarding these color standards may be obtained by contacting the Specialty Crops Inspection Division.” These changes would eliminate the inconsistency in evaluating the color of frozen lima beans when they are a component in frozen mixed vegetables.

United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Speckled Butter (Lima) Beans

Update address for AMS. Change “U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy” to “U.S.

Grade A.” Change “U.S. Grade B or U.S. Extra Standard” to “U.S. Grade B.”

United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Squash (Summer Type)

Update address for AMS. Change “U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy” to “U.S. Grade A.” Change “U.S. Grade B or U.S. Extra Standard” to “U.S. Grade B.”

United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Sweet Potatoes

Update address for AMS. Change “U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy” to “U.S. Grade A.” Change “U.S. Grade B or U.S. Extra Standard” to “U.S. Grade B.”

United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Turnip Greens With Turnips

Update address for AMS. Change “U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy” to “U.S. Grade A.” Change “U.S. Grade B or U.S. Extra Standard” to “U.S. Grade B.” Change references for “flavor” to “flavor and odor” to ensure that these requirements are consistent throughout the document.

The other grade standards identified in the original notice (75 FR 43141), namely frozen carrots, frozen whole kernel corn, frozen corn on the cob, frozen breaded onion rings, frozen peas, frozen peas and carrots, frozen French fried potatoes, frozen sweet peppers, frozen succotash, and frozen tomato juice and tomato juice from concentrate will be revised at a later date. AMS determined that these grade standards require additional revisions to take into account U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Standards of Identity, new styles and pack types, and new commercially cultivated varieties (such as supersweet corn) which possess unique characteristics. AMS will seek additional guidance from the industry to

update these grade standards so that they reflect current marketing practices and serve the needs of the industry.

The revisions to these frozen vegetable grade standards made in this notice provide a common language for trade and better reflect the current marketing of frozen vegetables. The changes are made effective 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627.

Dated: July 24, 2013.

Rex A. Barnes,
Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Amarillo, TX; Cairo, IL; Baton Rouge, LA; Raleigh, NC; and Belmond, IA Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA is announcing the designation of Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc. (Amarillo), Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc. (Cairo), Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (Louisiana), North Carolina Department of Agriculture (North Carolina), and D.R. Schaal Agency, Inc. (Schaal) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Eric J. Jabs, Chief, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, QACD, QADB, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric J. Jabs, 816–659–8408 or Eric.J.Jabs@usda.gov.

Read Applications: All applications and comments will be available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the December 28, 2012 **Federal Register** (77 FR 76453), GIPSA requested applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas presently serviced by Amarillo, Cairo, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Schaal. Applications were due by January 28, 2013. Amarillo, Cairo, Louisiana, North Carolina and Schaal were the sole applicants for designation to provide official services in these areas. As a result, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in section 79(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Amarillo, Cairo, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Schaal are qualified to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the **Federal Register** on December 28, 2012 and as corrected in the **Federal Register** on July 22, 2013, for the Cairo and Belmond geographic areas. This designation action to provide official services in these specified areas is effective October 1, 2013 and terminates on September 30, 2016.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting these agencies at the following telephone numbers:

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start	Designation end
Amarillo	Amarillo, TX (806) 372–8511	10/1/2013	9/30/2016
Cairo	Cairo, IL (618) 734–0689	10/1/2013	9/30/2016
Louisiana	Baton Rouge, LA (225) 922–1341	10/1/2013	9/30/2016
North Carolina	Raleigh, NC (919) 733–4491	10/1/2013	9/30/2016
D.R. Schaal	Belmond, IA (641) 444–3122	10/1/2013	9/30/2016

Section 79(f) of the USGSA authorizes the Secretary to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services (7 U.S.C. 79(f)).

Under section 79(g) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for no longer than three years unless terminated by the Secretary; however, designations may be renewed

according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 79(f) of the USGSA.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71–87k.

Larry Mitchell,
Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Colorado Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the Colorado Advisory Committee to the