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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Scenturion, Inc., of Clinton, Washington, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/156,348 filed September 18, 1998, entitled, "Chemical Attractants for Moths." Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on November 3, 1999.

DATES: (**Federal Register**) Comments must be received on or before February 13, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1158; Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Scenturion, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license

would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request a reinstatement of a previously approved information collection under the Sugar Program. The Sugar Program is authorized by Section 156 of the 1996 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act) and implemented by regulations issued by CCC. Paragraph 156(h)(1) of the 1996 Act requires cane sugar refiners, sugar beet processors, and sugarcane processors to "furnish the Secretary, on a monthly basis, such information as the Secretary may require to administer sugar programs, including the quantity of purchases of sugarcane, sugar beets, and sugar, and production, importation, distribution, and stock levels of sugar."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 13, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Thomas W. Bickerton, Economic Policy Analysis Staff (EPAS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), STOP 0516, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0516; e-mail thomas_bickerton@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Sugar Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0138.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: The information which will be collected under OMB control number

0560-0138 will allow CCC to effectively administer the Sugar Program authorized and mandated by Section 156 of the 1996 Act. The 1996 Act requires USDA to collect and publish, on a monthly basis, information as the Secretary may require to administer sugar programs, including sales of sugarcane, sugar beets, and sugar, and production, importation, distribution, and stock levels of sugar. This legal requirement to publish monthly data could not be satisfied with less frequent collections.

FSA uses these data to estimate supply and use for the monthly *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates* report; publish the monthly *Sweetener Market Data* report; establish regional sugar loan rates; make appropriate adjustments in loan rates for raw and beet sugar for differences in grade, type, quality, and other factors; and estimate the impact of alternative sugar policy options on the sugar market. Also, these data help USDA determine the adequacy of the amount of sugars, syrups, and molasses permitted to be imported.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 0.5554 hours per response.

Respondents: Cane sugar refiners, sugar beet processors, and sugarcane processors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 51.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 17.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 18,698 hours.

Proposed topics for comments include, but are not limited to: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of informational technology. Comments regarding this information collection requirement should be