

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4.25 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

Upon OMB approval, this information collection will be merged into the information collection currently approved under OMB No. 0581-0178, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Marketing Orders.

Comments should reference OMB No. 0581-0211 and the California Dried Prune Marketing Order No. 993, and be mailed to Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Tel: (202) 720-2491, Fax: (202) 720-8938; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or e-mail: moab.docketclerk@usda.gov. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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

Dated: June 23, 2005.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV05-993-4 NC]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Dried Prunes Produced in California-Prune Handler Compensation Survey, Marketing Order 993.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 29, 2005.

Additional Information or Comments: Contact Valerie L. Emmer-Scott, Marketing Specialist, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Tel: (202) 720-2491, Fax: (202) 720-8938, or E-mail: moab.docketclerk@usda.gov.

Small businesses may request information on this notice by contacting Jay Guerber, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; telephone (202) 720-2491; Fax (202) 720-8938, or E-mail: Jay.Guerber@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Dried Prunes Produced in California, Marketing Order 993.

OMB Number: 0581-0208.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Marketing order programs provide an opportunity for producers of fresh fruits, vegetables and specialty crops, in a specified production area, to work together to solve marketing problems that cannot be solved individually. Order regulations help ensure adequate supplies of high quality product and adequate returns to producers. Under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), marketing order programs are established if favored in referendum among producers. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) is authorized to oversee the order's operations and issue regulations recommended by a committee or board of representatives from each regulated commodity industry. The Prune Marketing Committee (Committee) is responsible for locally administering the California Dried Prune Marketing Order, M.O. No. 993 (order).

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the AMAA, to provide the respondents the

type of service they request, and to administer the dried prune marketing order program (7 CFR part 993), which has been operating since 1949.

The California dried prune marketing order authorizes the issuance of grade and size regulations, inspection requirements, and volume regulations, when in effect. Regulatory provisions apply to dried prunes shipped both within and outside the production area to any market, except those specifically exempt. The order also has authority for research and development projects. Import grade and conditions requirements are implemented on dried prunes imported into the United States, pursuant to section 608(e)(1) of the AMAA.

Under the order, handlers are compensated for necessary services performed in connection with reserve prunes including, but not limited to, inspection, receiving, storing, grading and fumigation. To assist the Committee in formulating the compensation rates, current costs associated with those services will be obtained through a survey voluntarily submitted by dried prune handlers. The Committee will compute average costs, based on the number of handlers participating in the survey, and will announce the compensation rate for handling reserve prunes.

This survey is needed so that the Committee can compute the average industry cost for holding reserve prunes. It will also allow the Committee to evaluate this information, update the compensation rate, and reimburse handlers for actual costs incurred in holding reserve prunes. This survey will be used when a reserve pool is recommended by the Committee.

The information collected is used only by authorized representatives of the USDA, including AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs' regional and headquarter's staff, and authorized employees of the Committee. Authorized Committee employees and the industry are the primary users of the information and AMS is the secondary user.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 hours per response.

Respondents: Dried Prune Handlers who handle reserve prunes.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5.5 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

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Dated: June 23, 2005.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-088-6]

RIN 0579-AB47

Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Approval Received

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces the Office of Management and Budget's approval of a collection of information contained in the Animal

and Plant Health Inspection Service's final rule regarding the possession, use, and transfer of select agents and toxins.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, MRPBS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 123, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238; (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule published in the **Federal Register** on December 13, 2002 (67 FR 76908-76938, Docket No. 02-088-1) and effective on February 11, 2003, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) established regulations in 7 CFR part 331 and 9 CFR part 121 governing the possession, use, and transfer of biological agents and toxins that have been determined to have the potential to pose a severe threat to public health and safety, to animal health, to plant health, or to animal or plant products (*i.e.*, select agents and toxins).

On March 18, 2005, we published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 13242-13292, Docket No. 02-088-4) a final rule that adopts, with changes, the December 2002 interim rule. The final rule includes certain regulatory provisions that differ from those included in the December 2002 interim rule. Some of those provisions involve changes from the information collection requirements set out in the December 2002 interim rule, which were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB control number 0579-0213.

In accordance with section 3507(j) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et. seq.*), the information collection and recordkeeping requirements included in the final rule were submitted for emergency approval to OMB. OMB approved the collection of information requirements with respect to the final rule under OMB control number 0579-0213 (expires October 31, 2005).

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of June 2005.

Elizabeth E. Gaston,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-007-3]

Ventria Bioscience; Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Field Tests of Genetically Engineered Rice Expressing Lysozyme

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an environmental assessment and reached a finding of no significant impact for confined field tests of rice plants genetically engineered to express the protein lysozyme. The environmental assessment provides a basis for our conclusion that these field tests will not present a risk of introducing or disseminating a plant pest and will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Based on its finding of no significant impact, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared for these field tests.

DATES: *Effective Date:* June 21, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may read the environmental assessment, the finding of no significant impact, and any comments that we received on Docket No. 05-007-1 in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

You may view APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register** and related information on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Levis Handley, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301)734-5721. To obtain copies of the environmental assessment, contact Ms. Ingrid Berlander, at (301) 734-4885; e-mail ingrid.e.berlander@aphis.usda.gov. The environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact are also available on the Internet at <http://>