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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

Date: January 10, 2001 (8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.).

Location: Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC.

This meeting will feature discussion of the Committee's recommendations for U.S. policymakers on major new priorities for development and humanitarian assistance. The findings of an ACVFA-USAID study on best practices in USAID/PVO relations will also be discussed.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting can fax or e-mail their name to Kari Wickenheiser, (703) 741-0567, Kari.AMATech@juno.com.

Dated: December 5, 2000.

Noreen O'Meara,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Announcement of Draft Guidelines for Title II Cooperating Sponsor Results Reports and Resources Requests

Pursuant to the Agricultural Market and Transition Act of 1996 (Public Law 480, as amended), notice is hereby given that the Draft Guidelines for Title II Cooperating Sponsor Results Reports and Resource Requests are being made available to interested parties of the required thirty (30) day comment period.

Individuals who wish to receive a copy of these draft guidelines should contact: Office of Food for Peace, Agency for International Development, RRB 7.06-120, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20523-0809. Individuals who have questions or comments on the draft guidelines should contact Richard Newberg at the above address or at (202) 712-1828.

The thirty-day comment period will begin on the date that this announcement is published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 13, 2000.

William T. Oliver,

Director, Office of Food for Peace Bureau for Humanitarian Response.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guides for NRCS in California

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of change.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 343 of Subtitle E of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIRA) that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to provide public notice and comment under section 553 of Title 5, United States Code, with regard to any future revisions to those provisions of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State technical guides that are used to carry out Subtitles A, B, and C of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*), the Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture, gives notice of revisions to all conservation practices in section IV of State technical guides in California. The distribution of these revisions and an updated index of conservation practice standards and specifications was made to all California NRCS offices via California Technical Guide Notice 43 dated September 29, 2000.

These revisions to conservation practices in Section IV of State technical

guides are subject to these provisions since one or more are used, or could be used, as a part of a conservation management system to comply with the Highly Erodible Land Conservation or Wetland Conservation requirements of the Food Security Act of 1985.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane B. Holcomb, State Resource Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, 430 G Street, Davis, CA 95616-4164. Telephone Number (530)-792-5667, FAX #(530)-792-5793, or email diane.holcomb@ca.usda.gov.

A copy of the new index and any of the revised items can be obtained on the Web at <http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/rts/fotgintro.htm>, or from Ms. Holcomb, either in paper copy format, or electronic copy on compact disk (CD). These items are also available at each of the NRCS field offices in California.

Comments can be sent at anytime to Diane B. Holcomb or to the District Conservationist at any NRCS field office in California. Comments will be reviewed and considered by NRCS technical discipline specialists and the California State Technical Guide Committee, which meets approximately four times a year at the NRCS State Office in Davis, California.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In California, "State technical guides" refers to the State Office Technical Guide maintained by the NRCS State Resource Conservationist in Davis, California, to the Area Office Technical Guide maintained at each NRCS Area Office in Red Bluff, Salinas, Fresno, and Riverside, California, and to the Field Office Technical Guide maintained at each NRCS Field Office in California.

Practice standards establish the minimum level of acceptable quality for planning, designing, installing, operating, and maintaining conservation practices. National standards from the National Handbook of Conservation Practices form the basis for developing State supplements to the standards. Practice specification guidance are developed by each State and establish and list the terms and conditions, and how the practice standard will be made site-specific.

The last revisions to conservation practices in State technical guides in California were completed in July, 2000, and issued via California Technical Guide Notice Number 43 on September 29, 2000. The current California "Index

of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications" and practice standards and specifications are dated July 2000. All practice standards and specifications are reviewed by the State Technical Guide Committee at least once every five years from their date of issuance to determine if the standard is needed and reflects the latest acceptable technology.

The July, 2000, revisions cover all of the 221 conservation practice standards, 132 conservation practice specifications and their practice requirements sheets, 128 conservation practice material specifications, and 9 conservation practice construction specifications in California. Revisions include word changes, reformatting sections of practice standards, name changes, renumbering, additions, deletions, updates of technical requirements, changing dates, and adding some new practices.

Diane B. Holcomb,

State Resource Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Report of Privately Owned Residential Building or Zoning Permits Issued (Building Permits Survey).

Form Number(s): C-404.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0094.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 30,716 hours.

Number of Respondents: 19,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 9 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau conducts the Building Permits Survey to collect data that will provide estimates of the number and valuation of new residential housing units authorized by building permits. We use the data, a component of the index of leading economic indicators, to estimate the number of housing units started, completed, and sold, if single-family. The Census Bureau also uses these data to select samples for its demographic surveys. Policymakers, planners, businessmen/women, and others use the

detailed geographic data collected from state and local officials on new residential construction authorized by building permits to monitor growth and plan for local services, and to develop production and marketing plans. The Building Permits Survey is the only source of statistics on residential construction for states and smaller geographic areas.

Due to budget reductions, the collection of nonresidential data was discontinued as of January 1996. With this submission we have decreased the estimated number of annual responses, accordingly. We have also eliminated the Forms C-404(I) and C-404(B). The primary instructions, C-404(I), are now included on the reverse side of Form C-404. The C-404(B) booklet listing classification of many types of nonresidential construction is no longer needed.

Affected Public: State, local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency: Monthly and annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 9(b), 161, and 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 8, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements Under the Wassenaar Arrangement

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing

effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Dawnielle Battle, Management Analyst, Bureau of Export Administration (BXA), Department of Commerce, Room 6883, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information required by this collection is required semiannually from all exporters of certain items specified in § 743.1 of the Export Administration Regulations controlled for national security reasons on the Commerce Control List and exported under certain License Exceptions.

II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected in electronic and written form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0106.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit institutions, small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 12 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 734 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: No start-up capital expenditures.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information shall have