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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 are requested regarding (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 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by July 15, 2024 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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.

Office of the Chief Economist

Title: Generic Clearance of Multiple Crop and Pesticide Use.

OMB Control Number: 0503–0026.

Summary of Collection: The primary purpose of this information will be to support the Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP) understanding of agricultural practices pertaining to pest management. OPMP is undertaking this effort to satisfy legislative requirements outlined in title X, section 10109 of the 2018 Farm Bill, which mandates that The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Office of the Chief Economist's Director of OPMP, collect this information. Pest management information is critical to supporting a key responsibility of OPMP, *i.e.*, to "consult with agricultural producers that may be affected by pest management or pesticide-related activities or actions of the Department or other agencies," as outlined in the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998.

Need and Use of the Information: This request for approval will improve OPMP's ability to better understand the utilization of pest management tools by agricultural producers via input from pest management advisors—including Extension experts and crop consultants, who in addition to being advisors are often agricultural producers themselves. Data collected are intended to capture agricultural practices and needs to support Federal activities that pertain to pest management, which are typically time-sensitive and necessitate the need for rapid data collection. OPMP will use several methods to collect information under this generic collection. The methods will be web-based surveys, telephone surveys, interviews, and/or focus groups may be needed under certain circumstances.

If the information is not collected, it would deny the agricultural industry the ability to afford important and insightful input towards a better understanding of pest management practices that may be unknown by the Federal Government, this consequence is especially valid for underrepresented specialty crops.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit

institutions; farms; Federal Government; State, local or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 15,583.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 6,131.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Pistachios Grown in California, Arizona and New Mexico.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0215.

Summary of Collection: The Pistachio Marketing Order, (7 CFR part 983), covering pistachios grown in California, Arizona and New Mexico is established and regulated under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, secs. 1–19, 48 Stat. 31, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 601–674), herein referred to as the Act. The Act authorizes the formation of marketing orders for certain agricultural commodities to provide orderly marketing conditions in interstate and intrastate commerce and to improve producer returns. The order regulates the handling of pistachios, authorizes grade and size requirements, as well as a requirement for aflatoxin testing on domestic shipments only. The Secretary is authorized to oversee the order operations and issue regulations recommended by representatives from the Pistachio Committee.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agricultural Marketing Service has developed forms as a convenience for handlers and producers who are required to file certain information with the Committee relating to pistachio supplies, shipments, dispositions, and other information needed to effectively implement the requirements of the order and carry out the purposes of the Act. If the information collection herein was not collected, the Secretary could not ascertain the support level for the order, nor in fact, carry out obligations required by the Act. Use of the forms is required by regulations governing marketing order administration. Collecting data less frequently would also eliminate the Secretary's ability to administer the order.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Monthly; Quarterly; Biennially; Semi-annually; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 541.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Christmas Tree Promotion, Research, and Information Order.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0268.

Summary of Collection: A Christmas Tree Promotion, Research and Information Order created under the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–

127, 110 Stat. 1032, April 4, 1996, 7 U.S.C. 744–7425) requires collection of information to carry out the program. This legislation is hereinafter referred to as the 1996 Act. Under the enabling legislation, Congress has delegated the Department of Agriculture (USDA) the responsibility of establishing and overseeing agricultural commodity research and promotion orders, which may include a combination of promotion, research, industry information, and consumer information activities funded by mandatory assessments. The program includes projects relating to research, information, advertising, sales promotion, market development and production research to assist, improve, or promote the marketing, distribution, competitive position and stimulate sales of Christmas trees.

Need and Use of the Information: The Christmas tree program will be administered by the Christmas Tree Promotion Board appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and financed by a mandatory assessment on producers and importers of fresh cut Christmas trees. The program will provide for an exemption for producers and importers that cut and sell or import fewer than 500 Christmas trees annually. The forms covered under this collection require the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the program, and their use is essential to carry out the intent of the Order. If the information collection herein were not collected, the Board could not carry out the coordinated research, promotion, consumer education, and industry information program on Christmas trees, ensure compliance with the mandatory program or ensure proper assessment collection. Collecting data less frequently also would limit the Secretary's ability to oversee the Order.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually; Recordkeeping.

Total Burden Hours: 3,956.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Determination of Total Amounts of Fiscal Year 2025 WTO Tariff-Rate Quotas for Raw Cane Sugar and Certain Sugars, Syrups and Molasses

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Foreign Agricultural Service announces the establishment of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 (October 1, 2024–September 30, 2025) in-quota aggregate quantity of raw cane sugar at 1,117,195 metric tons raw value (MTRV), and the establishment of the FY 2025 in-quota aggregate quantity of certain sugars, syrups, and molasses (also referred to as refined sugar) at 232,000 MTRV.

DATES: This notice is applicable on June 14, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Souleymane Diaby, Multilateral Affairs Division, Trade Policy and Geographic Affairs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1070, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–1070; by telephone (202) 720–2916; or by email Souleymane.Diaby@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The provisions of paragraph (a)(i) of the Additional U.S. Note 5, Chapter 17 in the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) authorize the Secretary to establish the in-quota tariff-rate quota (TRQ) amounts (expressed in terms of raw value) for imports of raw cane sugar and certain sugars, syrups, and molasses that may be entered under the subheadings of the HTS subject to the lower tier of duties during each fiscal year. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) is responsible for the allocation of these quantities among supplying countries and areas. Section 359(k) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, requires that at the beginning of the quota year the Secretary of Agriculture establish the TRQs for raw cane sugar and refined sugars at the minimum levels necessary to comply with obligations under international trade agreements, with the exception of specialty sugar.

The Secretary's authority under paragraph (a)(i) of the Additional U.S. Note 5, Chapter 17 in the HTS and Section 359(k) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, has been delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs (7 CFR 2.26). The Under Secretary has subsequently