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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number FV-06-311]

United States Standards for Grades of Cultivated Ginseng

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), of the Department of Agriculture (USDA), is soliciting comments on the proposed voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Cultivated Ginseng. AMS received a request from the Ginseng Board of Wisconsin (GBW), to develop the standards. The proposed standards would provide a common language for trade and a means of measuring value in the marketing of cultivated ginseng, thus promoting orderly and efficient marketing of ginseng.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 28, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 1661 South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250-0240; Fax (202) 720-8871, e-mail FPB.DocketClerk@usda.gov. Comments should make reference to the dates and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours.

The proposed United States Standards for Grades of Cultivated Ginseng are available either from the above address or by accessing the AMS, Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbdoctetlist.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheri L. Emery, at the above address or call (202) 720-2185, E-mail Cheri.Emery@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), as amended, 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. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables not connected with Federal Marketing Orders or U.S. Import Requirements, no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations, but are maintained by USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

AMS is proposing to establish the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Cultivated Ginseng using procedures that appear in Part 36, Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36).

Background

AMS received a request from the GBW to develop United States Standards for Grades of Cultivated Ginseng. The GBW represents shippers, processors and all the cultivated ginseng growers in Wisconsin. AMS met with members of the GBW on a number of occasions to develop the proposed U.S. Standards for Grades of Cultivated Ginseng. The proposal would establish the following grades, as well as a range of numerical values for each grade: U.S. Premium, U.S. Select, U.S. Medium and U.S. Standard. In addition, proposed basic requirements for all grades, size, sample size, color, wrinkle and a definitions section would be established. The proposal will provide a common language for trade and a means of measuring value in the marketing of cultivated ginseng.

The official grade of a lot of cultivated ginseng covered by the standards will be determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification, and Standards

of Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, and Other Products (7 CFR 51.1 to 51.61).

This notice provides for a 60-day comment period for interested parties to comment on changes to the standards.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: June 23, 2006.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, Rural Development, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for rural housing loans.

DATES: *Effective Date:* Comments on this notice must be received by August 28, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra A. Terrell, Senior Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, Mail Stop 0784, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0784, Telephone (202) 720-0099 or (918) 534-3254, E-mail debra.terrell@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 1980-D, Rural Housing Loans.

OMB Number: 0575-0078.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2006.

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

Overview

The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized under section 517(d) of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to issue loan guarantees for

the acquisition of new or existing dwellings and related facilities to provide decent, safe, and sanitary living conditions and other structures in rural areas by eligible recipients.

The Act also authorizes the Secretary to pay the holder of a guaranteed loan the difference between the rate of interest paid by the borrower and the market rate of interest.

The purpose of the program is to assist low and moderate income individuals and families acquire or construct a single family residence in a rural area with loans made by private lenders. Eligibility for this program includes low- and moderate-income families or persons whose income does not exceed 115 percent of the median income for the area, as determined by the Secretary.

The Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program (SFHGLP) was authorized under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act and the Agency issued a final rule implementing the SFHGLP on April 17, 1991, before departmental reorganization. The program began as a pilot program in 20 States on May 17, 1991. In 1992, the SFHGLP was offered on a nationwide basis. During the implementation process, the Agency looked for ways to improve the program and make it more user friendly.

The Agency recognized the need to make its program even more compatible with the existing structure of the mortgage lending community. On May 22, 1995, the Agency published the final rule incorporating the needed changes to encourage greater participation by lenders and the secondary market for mortgage loans.

The information requested by the Agency includes borrower financial information such as household income, assets and liabilities, and monthly expenses. All information collected is vital for the Agency to determine if borrowers qualify for and assure they receive all assistance for which they are eligible. Information requested on lenders is required to ensure lenders are eligible to participate in the SFHGLP. Lender requirements are in compliance with OMB Circular A-129.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .44 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households and business or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 27,650.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 10.82.

Estimated Number of Responses: 299,120.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 132,263 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Renita Bolden, Management Analyst, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0035.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of HCFP, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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 may be sent to Renita Bolden, Management Analyst, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. 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 21, 2006.

Russell T. Davis,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, July 5, 2006, 12 p.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20425. Via Teleconference, Public Call-In number: 1-800-347-3350, Access Code Number: 50835285, Federal Relay Service: 1-800-877-8339.

STATUS:

Agenda

I. Approval of Agenda.

II. Approval of Minutes of May 4, May 5, and June 16, 2006 Meetings.

III. Announcements.

IV. Staff Director's Report.

V. Program Planning.

- FY 2008 Statutory Report on Religious Discrimination and Prisoner Rights.
- Schedule for Briefing on Magnet Schools and Racial Discrimination.
- Schedule for Briefing on Racially Identifiable School Districts in Omaha, NE.

VI. Management and Operations.

- Web site: Posting Addendum to Transcript of November 2005 Briefing on Campus Anti-Semitism.
- Proposed Information Quality Guidelines.
- Strategic Planning.

VII. State Advisory Committee Issues.

- Religious Discrimination and Prisoner Rights.
- Recharter Package for the North Carolina State Advisory Committee.

VIII. Future Agenda Items.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Audrey Wright of the Office of the Staff Director at (202) 376-7700 or TTY (202) 376-8116, by noon (EST) on Monday, July 3, 2006.

Any interested member of the public may call the above call-in number and listen to the meeting. Callers will incur no charges for calls using the call-in number over land-line connections. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service and providing the Service with the conference call-in number and access code.

Kenneth L. Marcus,

Staff Director, Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
Title: NOAA Aviation Safety Program.
Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 250.