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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number: FV-02-336]

United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit Juice

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), prior to undertaking research and other work associated with revising an official grade standard, is soliciting comments on the petition to change the United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit Juice. AMS received a petition from the Indian River Citrus League asking USDA to consider replacing the current Grade "A" minimum standard with content of proposed the Florida Department of Citrus "Gold Standard".

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments must be sent to Karen L. Kaufman, Standardization Section, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 0709, South Building; STOP 0247, Washington, DC 20250; Fax (202) 690-1527, e-mail Karen.Kaufman@usda.gov. The United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit Juice is available either through the address cited above or by accessing the AMS Home Page on the Internet at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/ppb.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

AMS received a petition from Indian River Citrus League requesting the

revision of the United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit Juice. The standards are established under the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627). The petitioner represents growers on Florida's East Coast, along the Indian River called the Indian River District. Only grapefruit grown in this area can be labeled 'Indian River Grapefruit'.

The petitioner is requesting that USDA replace the current Grade "A" minimum standards with the content of the "Gold Standard" as proposed by the Florida Department of Citrus. The "Gold Standard" proposes that grapefruit juice have the following analytical requirements: Brix: minimum 9.5°, and a maximum 10.7°; Acid: minimum 0.85, maximum 1.20; Brix/Acid Ratio: minimum 9.0:1, maximum 11.0:1; and Limonin (ppm): minimum 3.5, maximum 5.5; Naringin (ppm) minimum 300, maximum 650.

The standard for grapefruit (unsweetened) juice is based on score points for Grade "A" and "B". The quality factors scored are for color, defects and flavor. Analytical factors for Grade "A" Brix: minimum 9.0°; Brix/Acid ratio: minimum 8.0:1, maximum 14.0:1; free and suspended pulp (percent by volume): maximum 10 and recoverable oil (percent by volume): .020.

The petitioner believes changing the standard will improve the quality of grapefruit juice produced, therefore increasing overall consumption.

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Prior to undertaking detailed work to develop a proposed revised standard AMS is soliciting for comment on the petition submitted by the Indian River Citrus League to change the standard for Grades of Grapefruit Juice. In particular, AMS would welcome comments and information regarding the likely utility of a new grade standard for grapefruit juice and the probable impact on consumers, processors, and growers.

This notice provides for a 60 day comment period for interested parties to comment on changes to the standard. Should AMS conclude that there is a substantial interest in the proposal, the Agency will develop a proposed new standard that will be published in the **Federal Register** with a request for comments in accordance with 7 CFR Part 36.

Dated: June 4, 2002.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public comment period on the information collection requests (ICRs) associated with crop insurance policies administered by Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

DATES: Written comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business August 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Timothy Hoffmann, Director, Product Development Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, United States Department of Agriculture, 6501 Beacon Drive, Stop 0812, Kansas City, MO 64133. Comments titled "Information Collection OMB 0563-0057" may be sent via the Internet to: DirectorPDD@rm.fcic.usda.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Louise Narber, Risk Management Specialist, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, at the address listed above, telephone (641) 535-6025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: New Crop Insurance Programs (Pilot and Private Crop Insurance Policies).

OMB Number: 0563-0057.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2003.

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

Abstract: FCIC is proposing to renew the currently approved information collection, OMB Number 0563-0057. It is currently up for renewal and extension for three years. FCIC is