

for a variety of commodities including cotton, dairy, eggs, beef, pork, soybeans, honey, potatoes, watermelons, mushrooms, kiwifruit, popcorn, and olive oil. The enabling legislation includes the Cotton Research and Promotion Act of 1966 [7 U.S.C. 2101–2118]; the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 [7 U.S.C. 4501–4513]; the Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990 [7 U.S.C. 6401–6417]; the Egg Research and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 4301–4319]; the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985 [7 U.S.C. 2901–2911]; the Pork Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act of 1985 [7 U.S.C. 4801–4819]; the Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 6301–6311]; Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act, as amended [7 U.S.C. 4601–4612]; the Potato Research and Promotion Act [7 U.S.C. 2611–2627]; the Watermelon Research and Promotion Act [7 U.S.C. 4901–4916]; the Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 [7 U.S.C. 6101–6112]; the National Kiwifruit Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 7461–7473]; the Popcorn Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 7481–7491]; and the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 [7 U.S.C. 7401–7425].

These programs carry out projects relating to research, consumer information, advertising, sales promotion, producer information, market development, and product research to assist, improve, or promote the marketing, distribution, and utilization of their respective commodities. Approval of the programs is required through referendum of those who would be covered. Industry boards administer the programs. These boards usually composed of producer, handler, processor, and in some cases, importer and public members, are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to administer the programs. The funding for such programs is from assessments on designated industry segments. The appointed boards are responsible for collecting assessments from the affected persons covered under these programs.

The Secretary also approves the boards' budgets, plans, and projects. These responsibilities have been delegated to the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). The applicable commodity program areas within AMS have direct oversight of the respective programs.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intents of the

various Acts authorizing such programs, thereby providing a means of administering the programs. The objective in carrying out this responsibility includes assuring the following: (1) Funds are collected and properly accounted for; (2) expenditures of all funds are for the purposes authorized by the enabling legislation; and (3) the board's administration of the programs conforms to USDA policy. The applicable commodity programs within AMS have direct oversight of these freestanding programs. The forms covered under this collection require the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the respective orders, and their use is necessary to fulfill the intents of the Acts as expressed in the orders. The information collected is used only by authorized employees of the various boards and authorized employees of USDA.

The boards administering the various programs utilize a variety of forms to carry out the responsibilities. Such forms may include reports concerning status information such as handler and importer reports; transaction reports; exemption from assessment forms and reimbursement forms; forms and information concerning referenda including ballots; forms and information concerning board nominations and selection and acceptance statements; certification of industry organizations; and recordkeeping requirements. The forms and information covered under this information collection require the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the programs and their use is necessary to fulfill the intent of the applicable authorities.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .0792943 hours per response.

Respondents: Producers, processors, handlers, and/or importers of a variety of agricultural commodities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Total respondents are estimated to be 354,690.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: Number of responses per respondent is estimated to average 12.389776.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: Estimated total annual burden is 348,461 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to A. Lee Cliburn, Program Appraisal Staff, Cotton Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 96456, Rm. 2633–South Building, Washington, DC 20090. 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 become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 16, 2000.

Lee Cliburn,

Acting Deputy Administrator, Cotton Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Province Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on June 8, 2000 in Roseburg, Oregon at the Roseburg Bureau of Land Management Office at 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Forest Service Roadless Initiative; (2) Public Comment; (3) Implementation Monitoring; (4) Refinement of Province Dead and Wood Policy; and (4) Current issues as perceived by Advisory Committee members.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Roger Evenson, Province Advisory Committee Coordinator, USDA, Forest Service, Umpqua National Forest, 2900 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon 97470, phone (541) 957–3344.

Dated: May 16, 2000.

Michael D. Hupp,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Tennessee

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Tennessee, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Tennessee for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Tennessee to issue a revised conservation practice standard, Filter Strip (Code 393), in Section IV of the FOTG.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before June 21, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to James W. Ford, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 675 U.S. Courthouse, 801 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee 37203. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS state technical guides used to perform highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Tennessee will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Tennessee regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: May 10, 2000.

James W. Ford,

State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nashville, Tennessee.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of first request for panel review.

SUMMARY: On May 12, 2000, Nycomed Amersham Canada Limited filed a First Request for Panel Review with the Canadian Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. A second request was filed by Bracco Diagnostics Inc. and Bracco Diagnostics Canada Inc. Panel review was requested of the final determination made by the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, respecting Certain Contrast Media Used for Radiographic Imaging, Originating in or Exported from the United States of America (Including Puerto Rico). This determination was published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, (Vol. 134, No. 16) on April 15, 2000. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number CDA-USA-00-1904-01 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the Canadian Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on May 12, 2000, requesting panel review of the final determination described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is June 12, 2000);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is June 26, 2000); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: May 15, 2000.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904, NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of First Request for Panel Review.

SUMMARY: On May 4, 2000, Agromex Fertilizantes, S.A. de C.V. filed a First Request for Panel Review with the Mexican Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the final antidumping investigation determination made by the Secretaria de Comercio y Fomento Industrial, respecting Urea, Originating in the United States of America and the Russian Federation. This determination was published in the *Diario Oficial*, on