

of stocks of cotton. In addition, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) collects, authenticates, publishes, and distributes timely information of the market supply, demand, location, and market prices for cotton (7 U.S.C. 473B). This information is needed and used by all segments of the cotton industry.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information on the quality of cotton in the carryover stocks along with the size or volume of the carryover. Growers use this information in making decisions relative to marketing their present crop and planning for the next one; cotton merchants use the information in marketing decisions; and the mills that provide the data also use the combined data in planning their future purchase to cover their needs. Importers of U.S. cotton use the data in making their plans for purchases of U.S. cotton. AMS and other government agencies are users of the compiled information.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 725.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 770.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under Regulations (Other than Rules of Practice) Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0031.

Summary of Collection: The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) establishes a code of fair trading practices covering the marketing of fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables in interstate or foreign commerce. It protects growers, shippers and distributors by prohibiting unfair practices. PACA requires nearly all persons who operate as commission merchants, dealers and brokers buying or selling fruit and or vegetables in interstate or foreign commerce to be licensed. The license for retailers and grocery wholesalers is effective for three years and for all other licensees up to three years, unless withdrawn.

Need and Use of the Information: Using various forms, AMS will collect information from the applicant to administer licensing provisions under the Act, to adjudicate contract disputes, and for the purpose of enforcing the PACA and its regulations. If this information were unavailable, it would be impossible to identify and regulate those individuals or firms that are restricted due to sanctions imposed because of the reparation or administrative actions.

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

Number of Respondents: 14,492.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 87,328.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Reporting Forms under Milk Marketing Order Programs.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0032.

Summary of Collection: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) oversees the administration of the Federal Milk Marketing Orders authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended. The Act is designed to improve returns to producers while protecting the interests of consumers. The Federal Milk Marketing Order regulations require places certain requirements on the handling of milk in the area it covers. Currently, there are 10 milk marketing orders regulating the handling of milk in the respective marketing areas.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is needed to administer the classified pricing system and related requirements of each Federal Order. Forms are used for reporting purposes and to establish the quantity of milk received by handlers, the pooling status of the handler, and the class-use of the milk used by the handler and the butterfat content and amounts of other components of the milk. Without the monthly information, the market administrator would not have the information to compute each monthly price nor know if handlers were paying producers on dates prescribed in the order. Penalties are imposed for violation of the order, such as the failure to pay producers by the prescribed dates.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 740.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 22,315.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection for Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Processed Fruits and Vegetables and Related Products

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the intention of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to request an extension and revision of a currently approved information collection that will combine a number of forms issued under inspection and grading services under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 and section 8e of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937. AMS is combining all burden hours with submission.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before February 7, 2011.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Interested persons are invited to submit comments. Comments must be sent to Myron Betts, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0247; Phone (202) 720-9906; fax (202) 690-1527; or can be submitted to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments should make reference to the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection at the above office during regular business hours. Please be advised that all comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public on the Internet via <http://www.regulations.gov>. Also, the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be made public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: "Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Processed Fruits and Vegetables and Related Products—7 CFR Part 52".

OMB Number: 0581-0123.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval.

Type of Request: Request for extension and revision of currently approved information collection, the

addition of two new forms, and revision of one form.

Abstract: Currently approved information collection.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) directs and authorizes the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to develop standards of quality, grades, grading programs, and other services to facilitate trading of agricultural products and assure consumers of quality products which are graded and identified under USDA programs. Section 203(h) of the Act specifically directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to inspect, certify, and identify the grade, class, quality, quantity, and condition of agricultural products under such rules and regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, including assessment and collection of fees for the cost of the service.

The grading and certification of processed fruit and vegetable services under 7 CFR Part 52 contains provisions for the collection of fees from users of the Processed Product Branch services that equal the cost of providing the requested services to the closest extent possible. In order for the Agency to satisfy those requests for service, the Agency must request certain information from those who apply for service. An application for service is a request for AMS to perform such services and requests such information as the applicant's name, address, and product to be inspected. AMS also provides other types of voluntary services under the same regulations, e.g., contract and specification acceptance services, facility assessment services, certifications of quantity and quality, import product inspections, and export certification.

Affected public may include any partnership, association, business trust, corporation, organized group, and state, county or municipal government, and any authorized agent that has a financial interest in the commodity involved and requests service.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection including the additional two new forms, and the revised form is estimated to average 0.33 hours per response. (6,161 total hours divided by 18,812 total annual responses).

Respondents: Applicants who are applying for grading and inspection services.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,142.

Estimated Number of Responses: 18,812.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 20.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6,167.

The following are two new forms to be added to this information collection: Form FV–16, Notice for Hold for Re-Examination and FV–358, Request for Surety Bond.

Notice for Hold for Re-Examination (FV–16)

When foreign material or Grade Not Certified (GNC) product is found in an original sample submitted for inspection in excess of AMS requirements or the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) defect action levels, an inspector will notify an applicant and make arrangements with the applicant for re-examination, if desired. The top part of Form FV–16 is completed by the inspector.

Each "hold" lot must be conspicuously marked and distinguished from other lots as to code mark(s) and location when recording information on inspection documents, so that the lot may be easily found and identified. If the applicant disposes of GNC product immediately, Form FV–16 is not issued, and inspection records are marked accordingly.

Applicants have a number of options available, such as, segregation, reworking, destruction, or disposal for non-food use under AMS supervision. The option taken is reported to the inspector within two weeks from the date shown on the FV–16. The applicant indicates their desired option on the FV–16 form, and dates and signs the form.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.083 hours per response (1 total hour divided by 12 total annual responses).

Respondents: Applicants who use grading and inspection services.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12.

Estimated Number of Responses: 12.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1.

Request for Surety Bond (FV–358)

The information collected on the "Request for Surety Bond" form assures the inspection service that fees and charges for any inspection service are paid by the interested party making the application for such service in accordance with the applicable provisions of the regulation. The inspection service payments are guaranteed by either an advance of funds prior to rendering inspection service or a suitable surety bond.

Applicants that enter into a contract or an agreement for inspection service must provide acceptable surety. Form FV–358 sets forth the agreement for surety and provides for the amount to be paid.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.20 hours per response (5.0 total hours divided by 25 total annual responses).

Respondents: Applicants who request grading and inspection services.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5.

Application for Inspection and Certification of Sampling (FV–356)

Form FV–356 is revised to include additional data required for inspection of products and services and combined under the same OMB control number. These include export certification, inspection of section 8e import products, and applicant submittal of unofficial samples.

The revised form includes additional data elements for section 8e import product inspection. The information required for this type of inspection pertains to imported canned ripe olives, raisins, and dates which are required to be inspected by AMS, subject to exemptions listed in the applicable Marketing Orders, Import Regulations (7 CFR parts 944.401, 999.300, and 999.1). Section 8e regulations are issued under section 608e–1 of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 608e–1). The revised request includes such information as: Importer of record; port of entry; name of vessel, container number, country of origin, customs entry number, bill of lading number, broker reference number, date of entry, harmonized tariff code, consignee number, and Food Canning Establishment (FCE) Number obtained from the FDA.

The revised application also includes information collected for the inspection of unofficially submitted samples of food products. This was previously Form FV–159 on the previous collection of OMB 581–0123. Form FV–159 will become obsolete as a result of the revision of this form.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.33 hours per response (6,124 total hours divided by 18,560 total annual responses).

Respondents: Applicants requesting grading and inspection services.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,160.

Estimated Number of Responses: 18,560.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6,124.

Application for License to Sample Processed Foods (FV-468)

The information collected is used to subcontract applicants desiring to sample processed foods and certify as to the identification, location, and condition of containers of the processed products that are sampled. The information at the top of the form (application) is intended as a general guide that indicates what is to be expected of the applicant, if the applicant is hired.

FV-468 provides for a listing of previous employers who may be contacted for references and for determining length of service benefits when the employer is either a Federal or State agency. A review of the applicant's previous duties provides USDA with an indication of his or her ability to perform the job functions. The applicant's signature on the bottom of the FV-468 certifies that the statements made thereon are correct. It also certifies that he or she is both aware of and willing to comply with the conditions outlined in the regulations regarding all licensed samplers upon approval of the application.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.17 hours per response (36.55 total hours divided by 215 total annual responses).

Respondents: Applicants requesting grading and inspection services.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 215.

Estimated Number of Responses: 215.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 36.55.

Forms FV-16, FV-356, FV-358, and FV-468 will be made available in hard copy form. Applicants also may submit information by telephone, facsimile, or by e-mail. Forms FV-16, FV-356, FV-358, and FV-468 are accessible at <http://efrms.ams.usda.gov/#CustomersFV>.

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.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 1, 2010.

David R. Shipman,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2010-0109]

Notice of Revision and Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Importation of Equines Into the United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision and extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to revise an information collection associated with regulations for the importation of equines and to request extension of approval of the information collection to safeguard the health of the U.S. equine population.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before February 7, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2010-0109> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send one copy of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2010-0109, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD

20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2010-0109.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on regulations for the importation of equines into the United States, contact Dr. Barry Meade, Staff Veterinarian, Technical Trade Services Team—Animals, NCIE, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale MD 20737; (301) 734-0819. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Importation of Equines into the United States.

OMB Number: 0579-0324.

Type of Request: Revision and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates the importation and interstate movement of certain animals and animal products to prevent the introduction into or dissemination within the United States of pests and diseases of livestock.

The regulations in 9 CFR part 93 prohibit or restrict the importation of certain animals into the United States to prevent the introduction of communicable diseases of livestock and poultry. In accordance with Subpart C of the regulations, the importation of equines into the United States involves a variety of information collection activities, including import permit application; foreign health certificates; submission of requests for space at USDA quarantine facilities with declaration of importation and payment terms; specimen submission forms; requests for inspection, other services, dipping treatments; cooperative, trust fund, and written agreements; certification statements; daily records and logs; photographs for identification;