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SUBJECT: Non-substantive Change Request to increase burden hours for information collection authorized under OMB No. 0551-0025 due to Panama Trade Promotion Act.

FAS requests OMB's approval for a non-substantive change to adjust the burden for the approved information collection (IC) for the Specialty Sugar Certificate program. The burden will increase after the United States implements the U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement because additional specialty sugar certificates will be required to accommodate Panama's increased specialty sugar access.

The United States will likely soon announce implementation of the U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (TPA). Under the TPA, the United States committed to administer Panama's specialty sugar tariff-rate quota utilizing specialty sugar certificates.

It is estimated that the additional tariff-rate quota for specialty sugar provided for Panama will generate requests for 1 additional specialty sugar certificate per year, and it is estimated that the form takes 2 hours to fill out. Thus the burden under the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB No. 0551-0025, is estimated to increase by 2 hours, or \$78.50.