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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of a Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces the Department's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Dairy Tariff-rate Import Quota Licensing program.

DATES: Comments should be submitted no later than November 12, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

Additional Information and Comments: Contact Bettyann Gonzales, Dairy Import Specialist, STOP 1021, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1021, telephone (202) 720-1344. Bettyann.Gonzales@fas.usda.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Dairy Tariff-rate Import Quota Licensing Program.

OMB Number: 0551-0001.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2013.

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

Abstract: The currently approved information collection supports the Dairy Tariff-rate Import Quota regulation (the Regulation) (7 CFR 6.20-6.37) which governs the administration of the import licensing system applicable to most dairy products subject to tariff-rate quotas (TRQs). The TRQs were established in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) as a result of the entry into force of certain provisions in

the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (PL 103-465) that converted existing absolute quotas to TRQs. Imports of nearly all cheeses made from cow's milk (except soft-ripened cheese such as Brie) and certain non-cheese dairy products (including butter and dried milk) are subject to TRQs and the Regulation. Licenses are issued each quota year to eligible applicants and are valid for 12 months (January 1 through December 31). Only licensees may enter specified quantities of the subject dairy articles at the applicable in-quota tariff-rates. Importers who do not hold licenses may enter dairy articles only at the over-quota tariff-rates.

Each quota year, all applicants must submit form FAS 923 (rev. 7-96). This form, available online, requires applicants to: (1) Certify they are an importer, manufacturer or exporter of certain dairy products; (2) certify they meet the eligibility requirements of § 6.23 of the Regulation; and (3) submit documentation required by § 6.23 and § 6.24 as proof of eligibility for import licenses. Applicants for non-historical licenses must also submit form FAS 923-A (rev. 7-96) (cheese) and/or FAS 923-B (rev. 7-96) (non-cheese dairy products). This form requires applicants to request licenses in descending order of preference for specific products and countries listed on the form.

After licenses are issued, § 6.26 requires licensees to surrender by October 1 on form FAS 924-A, License Surrender Form, any license amount that a licensee does not intend to enter that year. These amounts are reallocated, to the extent practicable, to existing licensees for the remainder of that year based on requests submitted on form FAS 924-B, Application for Additional License Amounts. Forms 924A and 924B require the licensee to complete a table listing the surrendered amount by license number, or listing the additional amounts requested by dairy article and supplying country in descending order of preference.

The estimated total annual burden of 426 hours in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) inventory for the currently approved information collection will be increased by 10 hours to 436 hours. The public reporting burden for this collection of currently approved forms FAS 923, FAS 923-A and 923-B (one form) (rev.7-96) is estimated to average 436 hours; and

FAS 924-A and FAS 924-B (one form) is 23 hours. The estimated increase in burden hours is due to the increased number of applications.

Estimate of Burden: The average burden, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data needed, completing forms, and record keeping is estimated at .75 hour for form FAS 923, 923-A, 923-B (rev.7-96) and .15 hour for form 924-A, 924-B.

Respondents: Importers and manufacturers of cheese and non-cheese dairy products, and exporters of non-cheese dairy products.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 550 for form FAS 923, 923-A, 923-B (rev.7-96) and 150 for form 924-A, 924-B (rev.7-96).

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 436 hours.

Requests for Comments: Send comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Bettyann Gonzales, Dairy Import Specialist, Stop 1021, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1021, or telephone (202) 720-1344, or email bettyann.gonzales@fas.usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments also will become a matter of public record.

FAS is committed to compliance with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), which requires Government agencies, in general, to provide the

public the option of submitting information or transacting business electronically to the maximum extent possible. Electronic submission of the information collection was implemented on September 2009 in compliance with the GPEA.

Signed at Washington, DC on August 21, 2013.

Janet Nuzum,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for New Approval of Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) intends to request the approval of a new information collection process involving the Trade Show Evaluation forms used in support of FAS' Exporter Assistance Programs.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 12, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

Requests for Comments: Send comments regarding (a) 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; (b) 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; (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 automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments and questions regarding the Trade Show Evaluation forms should be sent to: Maria Nemeth-Ek, Deputy Director, Trade Services Staff, Office of Trade Programs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 1020, Washington, DC 20250-1020. All written comments received will be

available for public inspection at the above address during business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria Nemeth-Ek at the address stated above or telephone (202) 720-3623, or by email at: *Maria.Nemeth-Ek@fas.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Trade Show Evaluation Forms
OMB Number: TBD

Type of Request: New information collection process.

Abstract: FAS is requesting the approval of a Trade Show Evaluation form to collect information from participants of USDA/FAS-endorsed trade shows. This form is used by FAS' Office of Trade Programs/Trade Services Staff (OTP/TSS) to gather feedback from participants in USDA-endorsed trade shows and helps to improve the services provided by FAS. This form will also allow FAS to capture information about the companies' experiences at the trade show in a more concise manner and update contact information of the offices responsible for managing the trade show program.

Each year a certain number of trade shows are selected to be endorsed by USDA/FAS and host a U.S.A. Pavilion for U.S. companies to promote their products to foreign buyers. A list of USDA endorsed shows is available at: www.fas.usda.gov/agx/trade_events/trade_events.asp.

The data collected through the Trade Show Evaluation form is tabulated by FAS to provide information on performance measures that track progress towards attaining FAS' export objectives. This information is necessary to manage, plan, and evaluate the effectiveness of FAS' services, which are intended to help U.S. companies market and sell their products overseas.

Estimate of Burden: The burden to U.S. exporters is estimated to average 0.13 hours (8 minutes) per response.

Respondents: U.S. agricultural exporters of food, farm, and forest products.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1400 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 139 hours per annum.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Connie Ehrhart, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1578.

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. Persons with disabilities who require an

alternative means to communicate information (Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Dated: August 29, 2013.

Philip C. Karsting,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural 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, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Housing Service (RHS) invites comments on this information collection for which approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested. The intention is to request a revision an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR Part 3550, Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants and its accompanying Handbooks.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 12, 2013 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shantelle C. Gordon, Program Analyst, USDA Rural Housing Service, Single Family Housing, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0783, Washington, DC 20250-0783, Telephone: (202) 205-9567, Fax: (202) 720-2232. Email: shantelle.gordon@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) required that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RHS is submitting to OMB for approval. Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the