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SUBJECT: Request for Emergency Approval of a new Information Collection for the Pima Agricultural Cotton Trust Fund

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) is requesting emergency approval for a new information collection. A burden is being imposed on eligible entities who may receive a share of funds awarded under Section 12314 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill). Entities will submit affidavits to FAS for payments under the "Pima Agricultural Cotton Trust Fund".

The 2014 Farm Bill authorizes the Secretary to distribute \$16 million per year from a Pima Agriculture Cotton Trust Fund in each of calendar years 2014 through 2018. Eligibility is delineated in the Act and is limited to nationally recognized associations established for the promotion of pima cotton, certain yarn spinners of pima cotton, and certain manufacturers who cut and sew cotton shirts in the United States who certify that they used imported cotton fabric during calendar year 2013. The number of claimants is not known but could be as few as seven, but not likely to exceed a few dozen.

The Act requires applicants to provide information within 60 days of passage of the legislation, which was February 7, 2014. To effectively prepare for submissions from claimants of the Fund as soon as possible, FAS requests OMB review and approval of this information collection by April 22, 2014.

If there are any questions or concerns, please call Ron Lord at 202-720-6939 or Paul Trupo at 202-720-1335.