

Dated: January 25, 2018.

Brandon Lipps,
Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Revision 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 of 1995, this notice announces that the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) intends to request a revision for a currently approved information collection procedure for entry of specialty sugars into the United States.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before April 9, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments as requested in this document. In your comment, include the volume, date, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail, hand delivery, or courier:* William Janis, International Economist, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-1021;

- *Email:* William.Janis@fas.usda.gov;

- *Telephone:* (202) 720-2194.

Comments will be available for inspection online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and at the mail address listed above between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Janis, (202) 720-2194, William.Janis@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Specialty Sugar Certificate Application.
OMB Number: 0551-0025.
Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2018.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The quota system established by Presidential Proclamation 4941 of May 5, 1982, prevented imports of certain sugars used for specialized purposes which originated in countries without quota allocations. Therefore, the regulation at 15 CFR part 2011 (Allocation of Tariff-Rate Quota on Imported Sugars, Syrups and Molasses, subpart B—Specialty Sugar) established terms and conditions under which certificates are issued permitting U.S. importers holding certificates to enter specialty sugars from specialty sugar source countries under the sugar tariff-rate quotas (TRQ). Nothing in this subpart affects the ability to enter specialty sugars at the over-TRQ duty rates. Applicants for certificates for the import of specialty sugars must supply the information required by 15 CFR 2011.205 to be eligible to receive a specialty sugar certificate. The specific information required on an application must be collected from those who wish to participate in the program in order to grant specialty sugar certificates, ensure that imported specialty sugar does not disrupt the current domestic sugar program, and administer the issuance of the certificates effectively.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response.

Respondents: Importers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 120 hours.

Request for Comments: We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to: (1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FAS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of FAS's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Connie Ehrhart, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1578 or email at Connie.Ehrhart@fas.usda.gov.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

E-Government Act Compliance

FAS is committed to complying with the E-Government Act, to promote the use of the internet and other information technologies to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

Dated: January 19, 2018.

Bobby Richey Jr.,
Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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Foreign Agricultural Service

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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 a revision for a currently approved information collection procedure for Sugar Import Licensing Programs.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before April 9, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments as requested in this document. In your comment, include the volume, date, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Sugar Imported for Export as
Refined Sugar or as a Sugar-Containing
Product, or used in the Production of
Certain Polyhydric Alcohols.

OMB Number: 0551-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30,
2018.

Type of Request: Revision of a
currently approved information
collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the
Sugar Import Licensing Program is to
permit entry of raw cane sugar,
unrestricted by the quantitative limit
established by the sugar tariff-rate quota,
for re-export in refined form or in a
sugar containing product or for the
production of certain polyhydric
alcohols. These programs are in use by
as many as 250 licensees currently
eligible to participate. Under 7 CFR part
1530, licensees are required to submit
the following: (1) "Application for a
license" information required for
participation as set forth in section
1530.104; (2) "Regular reporting" of
import, export, transfer, or use for
charges and credits to licensees under
section 1530.109; and (3)
"Miscellaneous submission" of bonds or
letters of credit under section 1530.107,
appeals to determinations by the
licensing authority under section
1530.112, or requests to the licensing
authority for waivers under section
1530.113.

In addition, each participant must
maintain records on all program reports
as set forth in section 1530.110. The
information collected is used by the
licensing authority to manage, plan,
evaluate, and account for program
activities. The reports and records are
required to ensure the proper operations
of these programs.

Estimate of Burden: (1) "Application
for a license" would require 20 hours
per response; (2) "Regular reporting"
would require between 10 and 15
minutes per transaction with the
number of transactions varying per
respondent; and (3) "miscellaneous
submission" would require between 1 to
2 hours per bond or letter of credit, 2 to
10 hours per waiver request, and 10 to
100 hours per appeal.

Respondents: Sugar refiners,
manufacturers of sugar containing
products, and producers of polyhydric
alcohol.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
270.

*Estimated Number of Responses per
Respondent:* New/Renew License: 1;
Regular reporting: 75 transactions, total;
Miscellaneous: Bonds/letters of credit:
1; Waiver requests: 1; Appeals: 1.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours on
Respondents:* 1,653 hours.

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requesting comments on all aspects of
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including the validity of the
methodology and assumptions used; (3)
Enhance the quality, utility and clarity
of the information to be collected; and
(4) Minimize the burden of the
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services, and for other purposes.

Dated: January 29, 2018.

Bobby Richey, Jr.,

*Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural
Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

**Natural Resources Conservation
Service**

[Docket No. NRCS-2018-0001]

**Notice of Request for an Extension of
Existing Information Collection
Package**

AGENCY: Natural Resources
Conservation Service (NRCS) and the
Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC),
United States Department of Agriculture
(USDA).

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this
notice announces that NRCS will
request an extension for a currently
approved information collection for
long-term contracting forms.

DATES: Comments must be received 60
days after publication in the **Federal
Register** to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim
Berns, Easement Programs Division,
Room 5241-S, U.S. Department of
Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave.
SW, Washington, DC 20250; telephone
(202) 720-5074.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Long-Term Contracting.

OMB Number: 0578-0013.

Expiration Date of Approval: 3 years
from approval date.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of
NRCS is to work in partnership with the
American people and the farming and
ranching community to protect,
conserve, and sustain our Nation's
natural resources on privately owned
land. The purpose of the long-term
contracting information collection is to
allow for programs to provide Federal
technical and financial cost-sharing
assistance through long-term contracts
to eligible producers, landowners, and
entities. These long-term contracts
provide for making land use changes
and installing conservation measures
and practices to protect, conserve,
develop, and use the soil, water, and