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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Assessment of Fees for Dairy Import Licenses for the 2023 Tariff-Rate Import Quota Year

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a fee of \$350 to be charged for the 2023 tariff-rate quota (TRQ) year for each license issued to a person or firm by the Department of Agriculture authorizing the importation of certain dairy articles, which are subject to tariff-rate quotas set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States.

**DATES:** This notice is applicable on August 3, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Riley, Dairy Import Licensing Program, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, at (202) 720-6868; or by email at: [Elizabeth.riley@usda.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.riley@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Import Licensing Regulation promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and codified at 7 CFR 6.20-6.36 provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy articles that are subject to TRQs set forth in the HTS. Those dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the in-quota TRQ tariff-rates by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country of origin. The use of such licenses is monitored by the Import Program within the Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Customs and

Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) provides that a fee will be charged for each license issued to a person or firm by the Licensing Authority to defray the Department of Agriculture's costs of administering the licensing system under this regulation.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) also provides that the Licensing Authority will announce the annual fee for each license and that such fee will be set out in a notice to be published in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, this notice sets out the fee for the licenses to be issued for the 2023 calendar year.

The total cost to the Department of Agriculture of administering the licensing system for 2023 has been estimated to be \$789,068.00 and the estimated number of licenses expected to be issued is 2,250. Of the total cost, \$572,200.00 represents staff and supervisory costs directly related to administering the licensing system, and \$216,868.00 represents other miscellaneous costs, including travel, publications, forms, and Automatic Data Processing (ADP) system support.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that the fee for each license issued to a person or firm for the 2023 calendar year, in accordance with 7 CFR 6.33, will be \$350 per license.

**Aileen Mannix,**  
*Acting Licensing Authority, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Commodity Credit Corporation

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

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service and Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension for a currently approved

information collection in support of the CCC Facility Guarantee Program (FGP).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by October 3, 2022 to be assured consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0551-0032, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. This portal enables respondents to enter short comments or attach a file containing lengthier comments.

- *Email:* [Juan.McCoy@usda.gov](mailto:Juan.McCoy@usda.gov). Include OMB Control Number 0551-0032 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail, Courier, or Hand Delivery:* Juan McCoy, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 5768, Washington, DC 20250.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency names and OMB Control Number for this notice. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Amy Slusher, 202 720-0775,  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* CCC Facility Guarantee Program (FGP).

*OMB Number:* 0551-0032.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* November 30, 2022.

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

*Abstract:* Under the FGP, CCC provides payment guarantees to facilitate the financing of manufactured goods and U.S. services to improve or establish agriculture-related facilities in emerging markets. By supporting such goods and services exports, the FGP is designed to enhance sales of U.S. agricultural commodities and products to emerging markets where the demand for such commodities and products may be limited due to inadequate storage, processing, handling, or distribution capabilities for such products.

The FGP is currently available in 84 countries. Under 7 CFR part 1493, U.S. sellers, foreign financial institutions (FFI), and U.S. financial institutions (USFI) are required to submit the following: (1) information about the seller, FFI, and USFI for program

participation; (2) applications for payment guarantees; (3) environmental impact statement/assessment; (4) notice of assignment of payment guarantee; (5) evidence of performance; (6) notice of default and claims for loss; and (7) documents supporting dispute resolution and appeals. In addition, each seller and seller's assignee (U.S. financial institution) must maintain records on all information submitted to CCC and in connection with sales made under FGP. The information collected is used by CCC to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

**Estimate of Burden:** The public reporting burden for these collections is estimated to average 1.282 hours per response.

**Type of Respondents:** U.S. exporters (sellers), U.S. financial institutions, and foreign financial institutions.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 18 per year.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 15.6 per year.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents:** 360.5 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Dacia Rogers, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at [Dacia.Rogers@usda.gov](mailto:Dacia.Rogers@usda.gov).

**Request 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 collection of information including validity of the methodology and assumption 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.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be available without change, including any personal information provided, 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.

Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact [FAS-ReasonableAccommodation@usda.gov](mailto:FAS-ReasonableAccommodation@usda.gov) or Cynthia Stewart (RA Coordinator), [cynthia.stewart@usda.gov](mailto:cynthia.stewart@usda.gov).

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**Daniel Whitley,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Final 2021 Marine Mammal Stock Assessment Reports**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; response to comments.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS has considered public comments for revisions of the 2021 marine mammal stock assessment reports (SARs). This notice announces the availability of 50 final 2021 SARs that were updated and finalized.

**ADDRESSES:** The 2021 Final SARs are available in electronic form via <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/marine-mammal-stock-assessment-reports-region>.

Copies of the Alaska Regional SARs may be requested from Nancy Young, Alaska Fisheries Science Center; copies of the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Regional SARs may be requested from Sean Hayes, Northeast Fisheries Science Center; and copies of the Pacific Regional SARs may be requested from Jim Carretta, Southwest Fisheries Science Center (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below).

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[Jim.Carretta@noaa.gov](mailto:Jim.Carretta@noaa.gov), regarding Pacific regional stock assessments.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Section 117 of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) requires NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to prepare stock assessments for each stock of marine mammals occurring in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States, including the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). These SARs must contain information regarding the distribution and abundance of the stock, population growth rates and trends, estimates of annual human-caused mortality and serious injury (M/SI) from all sources, descriptions of the fisheries with which the stock interacts, and the status of the stock. Initial SARs were completed in 1995.

The MMPA requires NMFS and FWS to review the SARs at least annually for strategic stocks and stocks for which significant new information is available, and at least once every 3 years for non-strategic stocks. The term "strategic stock" means a marine mammal stock: (A) for which the level of direct human-caused mortality exceeds the potential biological removal level or potential biological removal rate PBR (defined by the MMPA as the maximum number of animals, not including natural mortalities, that may be removed from a marine mammal stock while allowing that stock to reach or maintain its optimum sustainable population); (B) which, based on the best available scientific information, is declining and is likely to be listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) within the foreseeable future; or (C) which is listed as a threatened species or endangered species under the ESA or is designated as depleted under the MMPA. NMFS and FWS are required to revise a SAR if the status of the stock has changed or can be more accurately determined.

In order to ensure that marine mammal SARs constitute the best scientific information available, the updated SARs under NMFS's jurisdiction are peer-reviewed within NOAA Fisheries Science Centers and by members of three regional independent Scientific Review Groups (SRGs), established under the MMPA to independently advise NMFS and FWS. Because of the time it takes to review, revise, and assess available data, the period covered by the 2021 Final SARs is 2015 through 2019. While this results in a time lag, the extensive peer review process ensures the best scientific information is available in the SARs.