

Receivable (USDA/FCIC-1), containing records on approximately 3,600 debtors (approximately 3,600 will be sent for the match), a full description of which was last published in the Federal Register at 53 FR 4047 on February 11, 1988 (routine use number 9); (3) Claims Data Base (Automated) (USDA/ASCS-28), containing records on approximately 25,000 debtors, (approximately 25,000 will be sent for the match) a full description of which was last published in the Federal Register at 53 FR 12175 on April 13, 1988 (routine use number 9); and (4) Administrative Billings and Collections (USDA/OFM-3), containing records on approximately 46,500 debtors (approximately 4,500 will be sent for the match) a full description of which was last published in the Federal Register at 54 FR 25883 on June 20, 1989 (routine use number 6).

8. *Individual notice and opportunity to contest.* USDA will provide to matched individuals due process consisting of USDA's verification of debt; 30-day written notice to the debtor explaining the debtor's rights; provision for debtor to examine and copy of the USDA's documentation of the debt; provision for debtor to seek USDA's review of the debt and opportunity for the individual to enter into a written agreement satisfactory to USDA for repayment. Prior to use of the salary offset provision, an individual will be afforded the opportunity for a hearing concerning the amount or existence of the debt or the offset repayment schedule. The hearing will be before an individual not under the supervision or control of the Secretary, USDA. Unless the individual notifies USDA otherwise within 30 days from the date of the notice, USDA will conclude that the date provided to the individual is correct and will take the necessary action to recoup the debt.

9. *Inclusive date of the matching program.* This computer matching program is subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congress. If no objections are raised by either and the mandatory 30 day public notice period for comment has expired for this Federal Register notice with no significant adverse public comments having been received that would result in a contrary determination, then this computer matching program becomes effective and the respective agencies may begin the exchange of data on the later of 30 days after the date of this published notice or 40 days after notice to OMB and Congress, at a mutually agreeable time. Exchange of data will be repeated on an annual basis, unless OMB or the Treasury Department requests a match

twice a year. Under no circumstances will the matching program be implemented before the respective 30 and 40-day notice periods have elapsed, as this time period cannot be waived. By agreement between USDA and USPS, the matching program will be in effect and continue for 18 months with an option to renew for 12 additional months. The matching program may be terminated by written notification from either participating agency to the other.

10. *Address for receipt of public comments or inquiries.* Reynaldo Gonzalez, USDA/OCFO, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Room 3313, South Building, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone (202) 720-1168.

Signed at Washington, DC on December 21, 1995.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV-96-352]

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

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements Under Regulations (Other Than Rules of Practice) Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930 (PACA) (7 U.S.C. 499a-499s).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 4, 1996.

FOR INFORMATION OR COMMENTS CONTACT: 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 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 appropriate technology. Comments may be sent to Michael A. Clancy, Head, License and Program Review Section, PACA Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456, (202) 720-2814.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements Under Regulations (Other Than Rules of Practice) Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930.

OMB Number: 0581-0031.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1996.

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

Abstract: The PACA was enacted by Congress in 1930 to establish a code of fair trading practices covering the marketing of fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables in interstate or foreign commerce. It protects growers, shippers, and distributors dealing in those commodities by prohibiting unfair and fraudulent practices.

The law provides for the enforcement of contracts by providing a forum for resolving contract disputes, and for the collection of damages from anyone who fails to meet contractual obligations. In addition, the PACA impresses a statutory trust on licensees for perishable agricultural commodities received, products derived from them, and any receivables or proceeds due from the sale of the commodities for the benefit of suppliers, sellers, or agents that have not been paid. An amendment to the PACA, enacted into law on November 15, 1995, reduced the record keeping and reporting burden imposed under the trust provision by removing the requirement that trust claimants file notices of intent to preserve trust benefits with the Department of Agriculture. The burden is, therefore being revised to remove the record keeping and time requirements that were necessary for the filing of trust claims. This action will decrease the time requirement by 20,741 total hours and the paperwork burden by 124,445 total annual responses.

The PACA is enforced through a licensing system and is user-fee financed through a license fee. All commission merchant, dealers, and brokers engaged in business subject to the PACA must be licensed. The license is effective for one (1) year unless withdrawn by USDA for valid reasons, and must be renewed annually. Those

who engage in practices prohibited by the PACA may have their licenses suspended or revoked.

The information collected from respondents is used to administer licensing provisions under the PACA. The records maintained are used to adjudicate reparation and administrative complaints filed against licensees to determine the imposition of sanctions on firms and responsibly connected individuals who have engaged in unfair trading practices. We estimate the paperwork and time burden as follows:

Form FV-211 Application for License: average of 15 minutes per application per response.

Form FV-231 Application for Renewal of License: average of 5 minutes per application per response.

Regulations Section 46.13—Letters to Notify USDA of Changes in Business Operations: average of 5 minutes per notice per response.

Regulations Section 46.20—Records Reflecting Lot Numbers: average of 8.25 hours with approximately 1,000 record keepers.

Regulations Section 46.46(d)(2)—Waiver of Rights to Trust Protection: average of 15 minutes per notice with approximately 100 principals.

Regulations Sections 46.46(f) and 46.2(aa)(11)—Copy of Written Agreement Reflecting Times for Payment: average of 20 hours with approximately 2,000 record keepers.

Estimate of Burden: The total public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response.

Respondents: commission merchants, dealers, and brokers engaged in the business of buying, selling, or negotiating the purchase or sale of fresh and/or frozen fruits and vegetables in interstate or foreign commerce are required to be licensed under the PACA (7 U.S.C. 499(c)(a)).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,550

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 49,448 hours

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Michael A. Clancy, Head, License and Program Review Section, PACA Branch, at (202) 720-2814.

Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection for information to:

Michael A. Clancy, Head, License and Program Review Section, PACA Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2715—South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

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.

Dated: December 26, 1995.
Kenneth C. Clayton,
Acting Administrator.
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Food and Consumer Service

Collection Requirements Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: Study of Direct Certification

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review of the Study of Direct Certification.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 4, 1996.

ADDRESSES: 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 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 appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Michael E. Fishman, Acting Director, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael E. Fishman, (703) 305-2117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Study of Direct Certification.
OMB Number: Not yet assigned.
Expiration Date: N/A.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: Direct certification is a simplified method used to certify National School Lunch Program (NSLP) eligibility for children who reside in households which participate in the Food Stamp Program (FSP) or in Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). This study will estimate the costs and administrative savings of using direct certification as an alternate means of approving automatically eligible children for free school meals under the terms and conditions of Section 9(b)(6) of the National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(6). It will also assess the affect that direct certification has on the certification and participation rates of children eligible for free meals; provide descriptive information on the use of direct certification; and identify factors that contribute to a successful direct certification program.

The study's data collection component is comprised of five telephone-interview surveys: (1) interviews with all the state NSLP agencies in the contiguous forty-eight states to ascertain the status of direct certification in each state; (2) screening interviews with 1,000 randomly chosen school food authorities (SFAs) to determine if they use direct certification; (3) interviews with the SFAs identified as utilizing direct certification; (4) interviews with 150 schools, randomly selected from schools in the direct certification SFAs, on their experiences with direct certification; and (5) interviews with a purposively selected sample of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children/Food Stamp (AFDC/FS) offices that work with the direct certification SFAs on their experiences with direct certification. All survey respondents will be administered one data collection instrument, except the SFAs using direct certification. They will be administered two.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 50 minutes for the NSLP state agencies, 20 minutes for the SFAs in the screening interview, 120 minutes for the direct certification SFAs, 120 minutes for the direct certification schools, and 30 minutes for the AFDC/FS offices.

Respondents: For each survey, the entity providing the data will be asked to have the individual most knowledgeable of direct certification