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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV96-946-3NC]

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

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

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 for and revision of a currently approved information collection for Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington, Marketing Order No. 946.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 4, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Teresa L. Hutchinson, Marketing Specialist, Northwest Marketing Field Office, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1220 SW Third Avenue, Room 369, Portland, OR 97204, Tel: (503) 326-2724, Fax: (503) 326-7440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington, Marketing Order No. 946.
OMB Number: 0581-0070.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 1997.

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

Abstract: Marketing order programs provide an opportunity for producers of fresh fruits, vegetables and specialty crops, in a specified production area, to work together to solve marketing problems that cannot be solved

individually. Order regulations help ensure adequate supplies of good quality product and adequate returns to producers. Under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), marketing order programs are established if favored by producers in referenda. The handling of the commodity is regulated. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to oversee order operations and issue regulations recommended by a committee of representatives from each commodity industry.

The Washington potato marketing order, which has been operating since 1949, authorizes the issuance of grade, size, quality, maturity, pack, inspection, and reporting requirements. Regulatory provisions apply to potatoes shipped both within and out of the production area to any market, except those specifically exempt.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the AMAA, to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the Washington potato marketing order program.

Under the Washington potato marketing order, potatoes sent to processing are exempt from inspection and grade requirements, but must be shipped under a special purpose shipment exemption. To ensure good quality fresh market shipments, handlers must notify the State of Washington Potato Committee (committee), which locally administers the marketing order, of such special purpose shipments. Further, any business which operates as a potato canner, freezer, processor, or pre-peeler must register with the committee. Also, shipments of potatoes from areas where inspection is not readily available are exempt from inspection requirements, but handlers must apply for a modification of inspection exemption. The order requires handlers to notify the committee of the disposition of any potatoes that fail to meet the handling requirements. These forms enable the committee, and thus, the Secretary to better monitor exempt shipments and ensure compliance with provisions of the marketing order and the AMAA.

Potato producers and handlers who are nominated by their peers to serve as representatives on the committee must

file nomination forms with the Secretary.

Formal rulemaking amendments to the order must be approved in referenda conducted by the Secretary. Also, the Secretary may conduct a continuance referendum to determine industry support for continuation of the order. Handlers are asked to sign an agreement to indicate their willingness to abide by the provisions of the order whenever the order is amended. These forms are included in this request.

These forms require the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the order, and their use is necessary to fulfill the intent of the AMAA as expressed in the order, and the rules and regulations issued under the order.

The information collected is used only by authorized representatives of the USDA, including AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Division regional and headquarter's staff, and authorized employees of the committee. AMS is the primary user of the information and authorized committee employees are the secondary user.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.1505 hours per response.

Respondents: Potato producers and for-profit businesses handling fresh potatoes and potatoes for processing produced in Washington.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 490.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.976.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 246 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of the information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 should reference OMB No. 0581-0070 and Washington Potato Marketing Order No. 946, and be sent to the USDA in care of Teresa L. Hutchinson, Marketing Specialist, Northwest Marketing Field Office, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1220 SW Third Avenue, Room 369, Portland, OR 97204. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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.

Dated: August 29, 1996.

Robert C. Keeney,
Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.
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Forest Service

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee will meet on September 19, 1996, at the Red Lion Hotel, Columbia River, 1401 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. Agenda items to be discussed include, but are not limited to: (1) recommendations on the riparian reserve evaluation methods and techniques, (2) implementation monitoring, and (3) recommendations from the Joint Planning Team. The IAC meeting will be open to the public and is fully accessible for people with disabilities. Interpreters are available upon request in advance. Written comments may be submitted for the record at the meeting. Time will also be scheduled for oral public comments. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Don Knowles, Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW 1st Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone: 503-326-6265).

Dated: August 29, 1996.

Donald R. Knowles,
Designated Federal Official.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Patent and Trademark Office.

Title: Fastener Quality, Fastener Insignia, Insignia Recordal.

Agency Number: PTO Form 1611.

OMB Number: 0651-0028.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

Burden: 100 hours.

Number of Respondents: 600.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The purpose of this collection is to ensure that a fastener (nuts, bolts, etc.) can be traced to its manufacturer or private label distributor. The information is used by PTO to process applications for recorded of insignias, and to maintain a database of recordal information for use by the public. The information is needed to comply with the Fastener Quality Act, Public Law 101-592.

Affected Public: Individuals, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for profit institutions, farms, federal government, state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: On occasion, recordkeeping.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: Maya A. Bernstein, (202) 395-4816.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3271, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Maya A. Bernstein, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: August 30, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,
Acting Department Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.
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Bureau of the Census

Survey of Income and Program Participation—Wave 4 of the 1996 Panel

ACTION: Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 4, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Michael McMahon, c/o U.S. Census Bureau, DSD—Room 3319-3, Washington, DC 20233-8400, or telephone 301/457-3819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) is a household-based survey designed as a continuous series of national panels, each lasting four years. Respondents are interviewed once every four months, in monthly rotations. Approximately 37,000 households are in the current panel.

The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single, unified data base so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic policy formulators depend heavily upon SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits, and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population.

The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis since late 1983, permitting levels of economic