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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 28, 1997.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) Whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20523 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such

persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

- Rural Business-Cooperative Service  
*Title:* Intermediary Relending Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0575-0130.

*Summary:* Information collected includes an application contract, agreements, work plans, certifications and budget information.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information is necessary in order to make prudent credit and financial analysis decisions.

*Description of Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households; business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 160.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 16,930.

- Rural Utilities Service

*Title:* 7 CFR 1717, Subpart Y, Settlement of Debt Owed by Electric Borrowers.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-New.

*Summary:* Information will be collected concerning the need for debt settlement, the amount of debt that can be repaid, scheduling of repayment and the range of opportunities for enhancing the amount of debt that can be recovered.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information is needed to determine whether debt settlement is required and the amount of relief that is needed.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 2.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 6,000.

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### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-005N]

### User Fees To Cover On-site Inspection Costs of Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

### ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) will hold a public meeting on March 10, 1997, to discuss user fees for the inspection of meat, poultry, and egg products. The meeting will be an initial step in identifying the most equitable user fee system, and will enable the public to begin focusing on identifying criteria to be evaluated and options to be considered in establishing such a system.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 1997, in the Patio in the Jamie A. Whitten Building, Department of Agriculture, 12th and Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To register for the meeting, contact Ms. Lisa Parks at (202) 501-7138, FAX (202) 501-7642, or E-mail usdafs/s=sconfer@mhs.attmail.com. For questions about the meeting or to obtain copies of a draft agenda, contact Mr. Charles Danner, FSIS, at (202) 501-7138.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Administration believes that the collection of user fees is essential to the successful long-term implementation of meat, poultry and egg inspection reforms. In Fiscal Year 1998, it is estimated that the new fees would generate \$390 million for the Federal Government and result in savings to taxpayers. This March 10, 1997, public meeting will be convened for the purpose of identifying the criteria FSIS will use in considering available user fee options. Attendees will be asked to address (1) What criteria should be used in developing and evaluating user fee options? and (2) What user fees options FSIS should be considering?

Done at Washington, DC, on February 27, 1997.

Thomas J. Billy,

*Administrator.*

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