

Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) intention to request approval for a new information collection from applicants for Federal financial assistance, in order to ensure compliance with civil rights laws and regulations.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 22, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Gene P. Spory, Associate Deputy Administrator, Financial Management, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 6303 Ivy Lane, Room 820, Greenbelt, Md. 20770-1433, (301) 344-8106.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for ARS funding for grants and assistance-type cooperative agreements.

Type of Request: Approval to collect information regarding applicants for Federally funded programs.

Abstract: ARS's Federally assisted programs consist of the following types of extramural awards executed under the requirements of Public Law 95-224, Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977:

1. Grants and Assistance-Type Cooperative Agreements awarded in support of basic or applied research.
2. Grants awarded in support of research conferences and symposiums, and other non-research activity.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, has determined that ARS has the responsibility to collect such data from entities that have applied or received Federal assistance in the form of grants or assistance-type cooperative agreements in order to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Together, these acts prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in any program receiving Federal financial assistance.

ARS's data collection duties are pursuant to 28 CFR part 42 §§ 42.401-42.415), which the Department of Justice references as the legal basis regarding Title VI for all Federal agencies extending Federal assistance. The purpose of part 42 is "to insure that Federal agencies which extend financial assistance properly enforce Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964." Part 42 further states that Federal agencies which extend financial assistance have the responsibility to enforce Title VI, in accordance with the authority under Executive Order 12250. In addition, the Department of Agriculture's Title VI regulations at 7 CFR 15.5(a) require the

ARS, as the administering agency to conduct compliance reviews of the practices of recipients of ARS grants and assistance-type cooperative agreements to determine compliance with requirements of Title VI.

Furthermore, the Department of Agriculture is responsible for ensuring compliance with Title IX pursuant to Executive Order 12250, 45 CFR 86.1 *et seq.*, and 7 CFR 15a.1 *et seq.*, and compliance with the Rehabilitation Act pursuant to Executive Order 12250, 28 CFR 41.1 *et seq.*, and 7 CFR 15b.1 *et seq.*

Data requested to assure compliance with these Civil Rights Acts and regulations include (1) race, ethnic, sex, and disability information on employees conducting the research, and membership of planning and advisory bodies, and (2) other information necessary to effectively enforce Title VI, Title IX, and the Rehabilitation Act.

Information to be obtained from the public includes: Project Proposal; Application for Funding; Budget Information; Other Federal Financial Assistance Support; Research Assurance Statement; Civil Rights Assurance Certification; Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension; Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace; Certification Requirements Related to Lobbying.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average four hours per set, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Respondents: Universities, animal and plant research scientists and individuals who perform research relevant to the mission of ARS.

Estimated Number of respondents: 200.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 800 hours.

Copies of the information to be collected can be obtained from Gene P. Spory, Associate Deputy Administrator, Financial Management, at (301) 344-8106.

Comments: 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 on those who are to respond,

such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques. Comments may be sent to Gene P. Spory, Associate Deputy Administrator, Financial Management, ARS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 6303 Ivy Lane, Room 820, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1433. 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.

Signed at Washington, D.C.

Gene P. Spory,

Associate Deputy Administrator, Financial Management.

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Commodity Credit Corporation

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

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to request an extension for, and revision of, an information collection currently in effect with respect to the Standards for Approval of Warehouses for grain, rice, dry edible beans, and seed.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 19, 1997 to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Steve Closson, Chief, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Storage Contract Branch, STOP 0553, PO Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20250-2415, (202) 720-7434.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Standards for Approval of Warehouses, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements.

OMB Number: 0560-0009.

Expiration Date: June 30, 1997.

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

Abstract: The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0560-0009, as identified above, allows CCC to effectively administer storage agreements. These agreements are authorized by the CCC Charter Act. 15 U.S.C. 714 note. The forms allow CCC to contract for

warehouse storage and related services and to monitor and enforce all provisions of 7 CFR part 1421. These forms are furnished to interested warehouse operators or used by warehouse examiners employed by CCC to secure and record information about the warehouse operator and the warehouse. The general purpose of the forms is to provide those charged with executing contracts for CCC a basis to determine whether the warehouse and the warehouse operator meet applicable standards for a contract and to determine compliance once the contract is approved.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average .67 hours per response.

Respondents: Warehouse Operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,130.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.7.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 379,240 hours.

Proposed topics for comment include: (a) Whether the continued 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 CCC's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhancing the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; or (d) minimizing the burden of the collection of the 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 be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Steve Closson, Chief, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Storage Contract Branch, STOP 0553, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20250-2415, (202) 720-7434.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 7, 1997.

Bruce R. Weber,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Farm Service Agency

List of Warehouses and Availability of List of Cancellations and/or Terminations

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA

ACTION: Notice of publication

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Farm Service Agency has published a list of warehouses licensed under the United States Warehouse Act (7 U.S.C. 241 *et seq.*) as of December 31, 1996, as required by section 26 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 266). A list of cancellations or terminations that occurred during calendar year 1996 is also available. Interested parties may obtain a copy of either list from the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Judy Fry, Farm Service Agency, Warehouse and Inventory Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP: 0553, P.O. Box 2415, 5962-South Agriculture Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2415, telephone: 202-720-3822.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on March 10, 1997.

Bruce R. Weber,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 12-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 18, San Jose, CA, Request for Manufacturing Authority, Solecron Corporation Plant (Electronic/Computer/Telecommunication Equipment), San Jose, California

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by San Jose Distribution Services, operator of FTZ 18, pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1)(ii) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400), requesting authority on behalf of Solecron Corporation, to "kit"/assemble computer/telecommunication subassemblies and products within FTZ 18. It was formally filed on March 7, 1997.

Solecron Corporation is a contract assembler/manufacturer of computer/telecommunication subassemblies and products, specializing in the production of complex printed circuit boards. Solecron plans to use a site (up to 20,000 sq. ft.) within FTZ 18 to conduct a range of activities under zone procedures as an adjunct to operations

at its Milpitas, California, plant. The requested scope of authority for manufacturing under zone procedures parallels the range of activity conducted at the Milpitas plant.

Solecron is proposing to "kit"/assemble a variety of computer/telecommunication equipment and subassemblies within FTZ 18, including printed circuit board assemblies, computers and components, telecommunication equipment and components, fax machines and modems.

Foreign components, which will account for an estimated 40 to 50 percent of material value, may include printed circuit boards, conductors, resistors, transmitters, diodes, transistors, capacitors, fuses, circuit breakers, switches, surge suppressors, motor starters, modems, facsimile machines and parts, routers and bridges, computer and telecommunications equipment parts. It is estimated that some 40 percent of the FTZ production would be exported.

Zone procedures would exempt Solecron from Customs duty payments on foreign components used in production for export. On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rate (duty-free to 8.5%, with most less than 2.7%) that applies to the finished product. The duty rates on foreign components range from duty-free to 9.8% percent. The application indicates that zone procedures will improve the plant's international competitiveness and will help increase exports.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 19, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to May 2, 1997.

A copy of the request will be available for public inspection at the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, 5201 Great American Pkwy., #456, Santa Clara, California 95054

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230

Dated: March 10, 1997.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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