

regarding eligibility of applicants and selection priority, to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and to evaluate the program.

Description of Respondents: Not for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Monthly; Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 8704.

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Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Economic Research Service

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval to Collect Information

AGENCY: Economic Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub.L. No. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Economic Research Service's (ERS) intention to request approval for a new information collection on the demographic and economic characteristics of participants in USDA's Single Family Direct Loan Rural Housing Program in order to better understand how this program helps provide adequate and affordable housing for rural residents.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 30, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Linda Ghelfi or Leslie Whitener, Food Assistance, Poverty, and Well-Being Branch, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M. St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036-5801, 202-694-5420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for ERS collection of information on participants in USDA's Single Family Direct Loan Rural Housing Program.

Type of Request: Approval to collect information on participants in USDA's Single Family Direct Loan Rural Housing Program.

Abstract: The Economic Research Service has the responsibility to provide

social and economic intelligence on changing rural housing needs in the United States to help assess the relationship between Federal housing assistance policies and rural development. Research activities focus on three major objectives: (1) Identification of trends in rural housing availability, affordability, and adequacy which underlie an understanding of rural housing needs; (2) assessment of the use and effectiveness of Federal housing assistance programs in rural areas; and (3) investigation of the potential effects of Federal policy changes on rural housing programs and the residents they serve. Housing has an enormous influence on the quality of life of rural residents, and rural housing is an important focus of the Department's rural development efforts. Research findings are provided to public and private decision-makers for use in developing and evaluating policies and programs to insure that adequate and affordable housing is available to rural residents.

The USDA, through its Rural Development Single Family Direct Loan Housing Program, has provided billions of dollars to over 600,000 low-income rural borrowers nationwide. The Department has only sporadic and incomplete information on the residents that benefit from these program outlays and what this program means for the stock of available, affordable, and adequate single family housing in rural areas. The data collection effort proposed here will provide a unique and detailed information base on the characteristics of USDA's Section 502 Direct Loan Program participants to help (1) assess the impact of this housing-assistance program on rural residents and their communities and (2) provide a better understanding of the effects of changing Federal policies, such as welfare reform, on rural borrowers's participation in the direct loan program. The survey will collect information from USDA-assisted borrowers to determine their demographic, employment, income, and housing characteristics; reliance on other public assistance programs; and dependence on rural housing program funds. This information will help to fill a serious gap in our understanding of the nature of housing needs in rural areas and will provide USDA and other policy makers with sound information to help evaluate current programs and develop more effective rural housing policies. ERS, working with Washington State University's Social and Economic Sciences Research Center, will conduct a telephone survey of borrowers

participating in USDA's Section 502 Single Family Direct Loan Housing Program. Borrowers to be interviewed will be selected from a simple random national sample of recent borrowers who obtained loans during 1995, 1996, or 1997, taken from USDA's Rural Development administrative records. Survey data will be collected using Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) techniques, which are more efficient and less time consuming than traditional written interview techniques. Responses are voluntary and confidential. Survey data will be used with other data for statistical purposes and reported only in aggregate or statistical form.

Information to be obtained from borrowers includes: characteristics of current and past housing; housing problems; satisfaction with current residence, neighborhood, and the USDA financing experience; demographic characteristics of household members; education and employment characteristics of borrowers; public assistance program participation; and sources and amounts of household income. No existing data sources, including USDA administrative data or the biennial American Housing Survey, are sufficiently detailed to allow an in-depth analysis of the relationships among these variables for participants in the Section 502 program. These data and the research they will support are vital to the Department's ability to assess the impact of its rural housing programs on rural residents and rural community development.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this data collection is estimated to average 20 minutes per completed interview, including time for listening to instructions, gathering data needed, and responding to questionnaire items.

Respondents: Homeowners who obtained a loan during 1995, 1996, and 1997 through USDA's Section 502 Single Family Direct Loan Program.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,000 hours. Copies of information concerning the data collection can be obtained from Linda Ghelfi or Leslie Whitener, Food Assistance, Poverty and Well-Being Branch, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M. St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036-5801, 202-694-5420.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper 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 Linda Ghelfi, Food Assistance, Poverty and Well-Being Branch, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M. St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036-5801. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of antidumping and countervailing duty administrative reviews and request for revocation in part.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with October anniversary dates. In accordance with the Department's regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews. The Department also received a request to revoke one countervailing duty order in part.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 26, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly A. Kuga, Office of AD/CVD

Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department has received timely requests, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b) (1997), for administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with October anniversary dates. The Department also received a request to revoke in part the countervailing duty order on certain agricultural tillage tools from Brazil.

Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with section 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we are initiating administrative reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings. We intend to issue the final results of these reviews not later than October 31, 1998.

| Antidumping duty proceedings | Period to be reviewed |
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| Italy: Pressure Sensitive Tape A-475-059 N.A.R.S.p.A. | 10/1/96-9/30/97 |
| Japan: Tapered Roller Bearings, Under 4 Inches A-588-054 Koyo Seiko Co., Ltd. NSK, Ltd. Fuji Heavy Industries, Ltd. | 10/1/96-9/30/97 |
| Japan: Tapered Roller Bearings, Over 4 Inches A-588-604 NSK Ltd. NTN Fuji Heavy Industries, Ltd. | 10/1/96-9/30/97 |
| Malaysia: Extruded Rubber Thread A-557-805 Filati Lastex Sdn. Bhd. Filmax Sdn. Bhd. Heveafil Sdn. Bhd. Rubberflex Sdn. Bhd. Rubfil Sdn. Bhd. | 10/1/96-9/30/97 |
| The People's Republic of China: Helical Spring Lock Washers* A-570-822 Hangzhou Spring Washer Plant Zhejiang Wanxin Group Co., Ltd. *If one of the above named companies does not qualify for a separate rate, all other exporters of helical spring lock washers from the People's Republic of China who have not qualified for a separate rate are deemed to be covered by this review as part of the single PRC entity of which the named exporters are a part. | 10/1/96-9/30/97 |
| The People's Republic of China: Chrome-Plate Lug Nuts*/** A-570-808 China National Automotive Industry I/E Corp. China National Machinery & Equipment I/E Corp. Shanghai Automobile Import & Export Co. Tianjin Automobile Import & Export Co. Ningbo Knives & Scissors Factory China National Automotive Import & Export Corp./Yangzhou Branch Jiangsu Rudong Grease Gun Factory China National Automotive Industry I/E Corp./Nantong Branch | 9/1/96-8/31/97 |

* Inadvertently omitted from previous initiation notice.