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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Requests for Written Comment

The Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce (the Commission) was established by Pub. L. 105-277 to conduct a thorough study of federal, state, local and international taxation and tariff treatment of transactions using the Internet and Internet access and other comparable intrastate, interstate or international sales activities. The Commission is to report its findings and recommendations to the Congress no later than April 21, 2000. Notice is hereby given that the Commission requests the submission of written comments from interested persons or organizations with respect to its mandates. These comments must be prepared in conformity with the guidelines set out below. Potential contributors should be aware of two deadlines. The deadline for receipt of documents to be available to the Commission for its September 14-15 meeting is September 1, 1999. Other submissions should be received as soon as possible, but no later than November 15, 1999. The Commission's Web site, www.ecommercecommission.org, will contain the latest information about meeting agendas and any written submission guideline updates.

The Commission may study the following issues:

- Barriers imposed in foreign markets on U.S. property, goods, services or information engaged in E-commerce and on United States providers of telecommunications services;
- How the imposition of such barriers affects U.S. consumers, the competitiveness of U.S. businesses in foreign markets and the growth of the Internet;
- The collection and administration of consumption taxes on E-Commerce in the U.S. and abroad, the impact this has on the global economy and the

relationship between the collection and administration of such taxes when using the Internet or not using the Internet;

- The impact of the Internet and Internet access (particularly voice transmission) on the revenue base for taxes imposed under section 4251 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- Model state legislation that:
 1. Provides uniform definitions of categories of property, goods, service or information subject to or exempt from sales and use taxes;
 2. Ensures that Internet access services, online services, and communications and transactions using Internet, Internet access service, or online services are treated in a tax and technology neutral manner relative to other forms of remote sales;
- The effects of taxation (or absence of) on all interstate sales transactions, including those using the Internet, on retail businesses and on state and local governments. This examination may include a review of purchases from out-of-state sellers; and
- The ways to simplify federal, state and local taxes imposed on the provision of telecommunications services.

The Commission Must Adhere to These Other Parameters

- The Commission is not authorized to examine any fees or charges imposed by the Federal Communications Commission or states related to the following:
 1. Obligations under the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.);
 2. The implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (or amendments made by the Act);
- The Commission "shall, to the extent possible, ensure that its work does not undermine the efforts of the National Tax Association Communications and Electronic Commerce Tax Project."

Written Submissions

Interested persons are invited to provide comments in writing to the Commission. Written comments should be related to the Commission's mandate. All those persons submitting comments should be aware that such comments will be available for public inspection. The following guidelines should be followed for written comments that will be considered by the Commission:

- All written comments and any accompanying exhibits must be typed in double-space.

- One version of all written comments should be sent electronically to comments@ecommercecommission.org. Thirty (30) hard copies of all written comments should be sent to: Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce, 3401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201-4498.

- Comments must contain the name, address, phone number and e-mail address (if available) and capacity of the person submitting the comments, as well as the names of any clients or persons or organizations for which the comments are submitted.

- For those comments exceeding two pages in length an executive summary must accompany the submission. The executive summary should not exceed two (2) pages in length.

For further information, contact the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce, 3401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201-4498, (703) 993-8049.

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ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Meetings

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Records shall be kept of all Commission proceedings and shall be available for public inspection given adequate notice at the Commission's offices at 3401 North Fairfax Dr., Arlington, Virginia 22201-4498.

A listing of the members of the commission and details concerning their appointment were published in the **Federal Register** on June 9, 1999, at 64 FR 30958.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 9, 1999.

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, D.C. 20503 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 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) 720-6746.

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 person who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless if

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Forest Service

Title: Grazing Permit Administration Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0003.

Summary of Collection: Domestic livestock grazing currently exist on approximately 90 million acres of National Forest Service (NFS) lands. This grazing is subject to authorization and administrative oversight by the Forest Service (FS). Information is required for the issuance and administration of grazing permits, including fee collections, on NFS lands as authorized by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended, and the subsequent Secretary of Agriculture regulation 5 U.S.C. 301, 36 CFR 222, Subparts A and C. The bills for collection of grazing fees are based on the number of domestic livestock grazed on national forest lands and are a direct result of issuance of the grazing permit. Information must be collected on an individual basis through the permit issuance and administration process. FS will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: FS will collect information on the ownership or control of livestock and base ranch property; the need for additional grazing to round out year long ranching operations; and citizenship. The information collected is used by FS in administering the grazing use program on NFS lands. If information is not collected, it would be impossible for the agency to administer a grazing use program in accordance with the statutes and regulations.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms, State, Local or Tribal Government; individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 7,200.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually; Other (as needed basis).

Total Burden Hours: 2,950.

Economic Research Service

Title: Study of Re-Engineering the Welfare System.

OMB Control Number: 0536-NEW.

Summary of Collection: In 1996, President Clinton signed into law the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), thereby dramatically changing the system that had provided welfare cash assistance and food stamp benefits to low-income households since the early 1970's. In addition to the changes enacted in PRWORA, states have begun the process of modernizing and improving their FSPs. New

technological innovations have increased the use of computers to provide enhanced systems for service delivery, eligibility determination, benefit delivery and maintenance of program integrity. The primary purpose of the study is to provide USDA with a thorough view of the administrative changes states have made, are making, or will make to their Food Stamp Programs in FY 1999. The Economic Research Service (ERS) has awarded a contract to the Health Systems Research, Inc. (HSR) to collect existing documents from Food Stamp Directors and abstract data from these documents into a descriptive database. States will be requested to provide documents that fit within six basic re-engineering categories: the changing role of the caseworkers; organizational changes; changes in client tracking and accountability systems; changes in program accessibility and certification systems; increases in program monitoring and evaluation; and plans for implementing the simplified Food Stamp Program. ERS will collect information using mail and telephone surveys.

Need and Use of the Information: ERS will collect information on the number and percentage of states that have implemented or plan to implement administrative changes in their Food Stamp Program; the number and percentage of states and county-administered programs that have implemented or plan to implement administrative changes; methods used by states (regulatory, legislative, executive order, etc.) to implement changes; differences between the type of administrative changes made between states with state-administered FSPs and county-administered FSPs; number and percentage of states making organizational changes in their governmental structure as a result of welfare reform; the number and percentage of states making privatization efforts, by type of state and administrative activity; and the type of privatization efforts being made by states, by state demographic characteristics. The report will be used to assist ERS in determining future needs and measuring progress toward achieving Food Stamp Program goals.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 102.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 119.

Economic Research Service

Title: Emergency Food Assistance System Study.