

proof of U.S. origin, and all USDA contract documents. The vendor will make available key personnel and production workers for interview.

The TQSA team coordinates the audit with the vendor's management. The team makes detailed assessments of the vendor's production facilities, equipment, and procedures. Quality procedures and documentation are reviewed and assessed for compliance to TQSA standards. Records pertaining to purchasing, production, shipping, and safety are appraised. A review of CCC contracted products is made.

Four types of TQSA audits are performed:

1. Baseline audits are done for new or potential TQSA participants. The audit provides the company with guidelines to meet the TQSA standards.

2. Full audits are mandatory for those vendors that have previously met the TQSA standards and wish to remain in compliance with the TQSA program.

3. Surveillance audits are limited in scope to confirm corrective actions, found during full audits, are complete and successfully implemented.

4. Destination reviews are conducted at a point in the commodity distribution chain to verify the product conforms to standards. The review is usually conducted as part of an audit program to check product quality, but may be conducted in response to a customer complaint.

To be compliant with TQSA standards the vendor must completely conform to Good Manufacturing Practices (21 CFR Part 110), Applicable Federal or State food safety requirements, and current commodity announcement/invitations, if applicable. Vendors must also demonstrate an acceptable level of conformance with ISO/ANSI/ASQ 9001-1994 Quality Systems Model for Quality Assurance in Design, Development, Production, Installation, and Servicing Standards.

All observations and findings of non-conformance will be recorded on the Audit Summary (KC-1TQ). Evidence of major non-conformance or system failures will be reported on the Corrective Actions Request (KC-3TQ).

At the conclusion of the audit a score is determined according to established procedures. This score is also used to determine the frequency of future audits. The score, the audit results on the KC-1TQ, the KC-3TQ, and the billable hours are discussed with the vendor's representative at an exit meeting. Any disputes will be settled during this meeting and the results and the score revised if necessary. The score

finalized during this meeting cannot be disputed at a later date.

The Audit Summary (KC-1TQ) and the Corrective Action Request (KC-3TQ) require the signature of the vendor's representative. The signature constitutes agreement with the results and score of the audit. The signed forms are provided to KCCO. This information may be used to determine the eligibility for and awarding of contracts.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, 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: Food vendors participating in the TQSA Program.

Respondents: 250.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Total Annual Responses: 500.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 250.

Proposed topics for comment include:

- (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 collected; or
- (d) ways to minimize 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 regarding this information collection requirement may be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for USDA, Washington, DC 20503, and to Timothy P. Mehl, Chief, Warehouse Licensing and Examination Division, Kansas City Commodity Office, 9200 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114, telephone (816) 926-6843, fax (816) 926-1774.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 25, 1999.

Keith Kelly,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Public Law 480, Title I program, found at 7 CFR part 17.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 28, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Acting Director, Public Law 480 Operations Division, Export Credits, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4549 South Building, Stop 1033, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1033. Telephone: (202) 720-3664.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Declaration of Sale, Form FAS-359.

OMB Number: 0551-0009.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 29, 2000.

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

Abstract: Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, (Public Law 480) authorizes the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to finance the sale and exportation of agricultural commodities on concessional credit terms. 7 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* Commodity suppliers must report details of sales for price approval. Form FAS-359, "Declaration of Sale," is the written record, signed by the commodity supplier, of the terms of sale as reported by telephone. When signed for the General Sales Manager, it provides evidence of the USDA price approval required for CCC financing.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden is 15 minutes per response for commodity suppliers reporting details of sales.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 30.25 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimberly Chisley, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-2568.

Request for 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 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 may be sent to Acting Director, Public Law 480 Operations Division, Export Credits, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4549 South Building, Stop 1033, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1033 and the desk officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

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.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 21, 1999.

Richard Fritz,

General Sales Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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approved information collection in support of the Public Law 480, Title I program, found at 7 CFR part 17.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 28, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

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Acting Director, Public Law 480 Operations Division, Export Credits, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4549 South Building, Stop 1033, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1033. Telephone: (202) 720-3664.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations-Financing Commercial Sales of Agricultural Commodities under Title, Public Law 480.

OMB Number: 0551-0005.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 29, 2000.

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

Abstract: Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, (Public Law 480) authorizes the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to finance the sale and exportation of agricultural commodities on concessional credit terms. 7 U.S.C. 1701 et seq. Suppliers of commodities and ocean transportation must retain records for three years. Prospect commodity suppliers must provide information for the Department to determine eligibility. Commodity suppliers must report details of sales for price approval and to submit to USDA, for approval, information on any amendments to the sales. Shipping agents nominated by importing countries must submit information to allow identification of possible conflicts of interest.

Estimate of Burden: CCC estimates the public reporting burden to be eight hours per year per supplier for the recordkeeping requirements; two hours for new suppliers that need to develop the information necessary for eligibility under Public Law 480, Title I program; 15 minutes for commodity suppliers to prepare telephonic notices of sale and requests for approval of sale amendments; and, one hour for shipping agents to prepare a complete package of information required by the regulations each fiscal year and 15 minutes to prepare each subsequent submission updating information as changes occur.

Respondents: Suppliers of commodities and ocean transportation; prospective commodity suppliers; shipping agents.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 64.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 441.75 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimberly Chisley, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-2568.

Request for 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 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 may be sent to Acting Director, Public Law 480 Operations Division, Export Credits, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4549 South Building, Stop 1033, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1033 and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

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.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 21, 1999.

Richard Fritz,

General Sales Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletions from Procurement List