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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance for Victims of Disasters.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0336.

Summary of Collection: The authority to operate the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) is found in section 5(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, formerly the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended and the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Assistance Act of 1988 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish temporary emergency standards of eligibility for victims of a disaster if the commercial channels of food distribution have been disrupted, and subsequently restored. Section 11(e)(14) of the Food and Nutrition Act authorizes the Secretary to require State agencies to develop a plan of operation that includes procedures for informing the public about the D-SNAP, including how to apply for benefits, coordination with Federal and private disaster relief agencies and local government officials, developing application procedures to reduce hardship and inconvenience and deter fraud, and instruct caseworkers in procedures for implementing and operating the DFSP.

Need and Use of the Information: This information collection concerns information obtain from State welfare agencies seeking to operate D-SNAP. A State agency request to operate a D-SNAP must contain the following information: Procedures for promptly assessing the geographical limits of the

areas in need of D-SNAP assistance; household responsibilities; a description of post-disaster reviews; procedures to inform both the general public and households already certified under the disaster program if the operation of the D-SNAP is extended; procedures to issue benefits during a disaster; and procedures to coordinate with other State agencies to obtain additional workers and other personnel if needed to supplement the State agency's regular staff.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 14.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 140.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 19, 2009.

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), *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental 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.

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Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program (FMDCP) and Market Access Program (MAP).

OMB Control Number: 0551-0026.

Summary of Collection: The basic authority for the Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program (FMDCP) is contained in Title VII of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978, 7 U.S.C. 5721, *et seq.* Program regulations appear at 7 CFR part 1484. Title VII directs the Secretary of Agriculture to "establish and, in cooperation with eligible trade organization, carry out a foreign market development cooperator program to maintain and develop foreign markets for United States agricultural commodities and products." The primary objective of the Market Access Program (MAP) is to encourage the development, maintenance and expansion of commercial export markets for U.S. agricultural products through cost-share assistance to eligible trade organizations that implement a foreign market development program. The programs are administered by personnel of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS).

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information will be used by FAS to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for government resources. Specifically, data is used to assess the extent to which: applicant organizations represent U.S. commodity interests; benefits derived from market development effort will translate back to the broadest possible range of beneficiaries; the market development efforts will lead to increases in consumption and imports of U.S. agricultural commodities; the applicant is able and willing to commit personnel and financial resources to assure adequate development, supervision and execution of project activities; and private organizations are able and willing to support the promotional program with aggressive marketing of the commodity in question. Without the collected information the program could not be implemented.

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

Number of Respondents: 71.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 91,070.

Foreign Agricultural Agency

Title: Emergency Relief from Duty-Free Imports of Perishable Products Under the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA).

OMB Control Number: 0551-0033.

Summary of Collection: The Andean Trade Preference Act (the Act) (19 U.S.C. 3201 *et seq.*) was signed into law on December 4, 1991 and expired December 4, 2001. Section 3104 of H.R. 3009, the "Trade Act of 2002" amended section 208(b) of the Act to extend the termination date to December 31, 2006, retroactive to December 4, 2001. The Act authorizes the President to provide duty-free treatment to imports from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, except for those few products specifically excluded. Section 204(d) provides, in part, that a petition for emergency import relief may be filed with the Secretary of Agriculture at the same time a petition for import relief is filed with the United States International Trade Commission (ITC). Emergency import relief is limited to restoration of MFN tariffs during the period of the ITC's investigation.

Need and Use of the Information: The Foreign Agricultural Service will collect the following information to be included in a petition: a description of the imported perishable product concerned; country of origin of imports; data indicating increased imports are a substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic industry producing a like or directly competitive product; evidence of serious injury; and a statement indicating why emergency action would be warranted. The information collected provides essential data for the Secretary regarding specific market conditions with respect to the industry requesting emergency relief.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 23.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops Program.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0038.

Summary of Collection: The Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC) program is authorized by

Section 3205 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171). This section provides that the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish a program to address unique barriers that prohibit or threaten the export of U.S. specialty crops. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) administers the program for the Commodity Credit Corporation. The TASC is designed to assist U.S. organizations by providing funding for projects that address sanitary, phytosanitary, and technical barriers that prohibit or threaten the export of U.S. specialty crops.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS collects data for fund allocation, program management, planning and evaluation. FAS will collect information from applicant desiring to receive grants under the program to determine the viability of requests for funds. The program could not be implemented without the submission of project proposals, which provide the necessary information upon which funding decisions are based.

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

Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1600.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Assignments of Payments and Joint Payment Authorization.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0183.

Summary of Collection: When the recipient of a Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) or a Farm Service Agency (FSA) payment chooses to assign a payment to another party or have the payment made jointly with another party, the other party must be identified. This is a free service that is available upon request by the program payee. The regulations for assignment of payments are at 7 CFR part 1404. FSA will collect information using forms CCC-36, CCC-251, CCC-252.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected on the forms will be used by FSA employee to record payment or contract being assigned, the amount of the assignment, the date, and the name and address of the assignee and the assignor. This is to enable FSA employee to pay the proper party when payments become due. FSA will also use the information to terminate joint payments at the request of both the producer and joint payee. If the information is not collected, there would be no payment to third party at the request of the respondents.

Description of Respondent: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 70,900.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.