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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

[Doc. Number: AMS–FTPP–18–0024]

Information Collection; United States Warehouse Act (USWA)

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and extension of a currently approved information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension of a currently approved information collection process associated with the regulations, licensing, and electronic provider agreements issued pursuant to the United States Warehouse Act (“USWA”). The only revision to this information collection involves the transfer of functions from the Farm Service Agency to the Agricultural Marketing Service due to internal reorganization within the United States Department of Agriculture.

DATES: Comments on this Notice must be received by July 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this Notice. All comments should reference the docket number AMS–FTPP–18–0024, the date, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, at www.regulations.gov and will be included in the record and made available to the public. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail, hand delivery, or courier:* Brandi Kujawa, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural

Marketing Service, Fair Trade Practices Program, Warehouse Commodity and Management Division—Examination Branch, STOP 9148, P.O. Box 419205, Kansas City, MO 64141–9205.

Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Brandi Kujawa as provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, contact Brandi Kujawa, (816) 926–6582. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA’s TARGET Center at (202)720–2600 (Voice).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: United States Warehouse Act (USWA).

OMB Control Number: 0581–0305.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2018.

Type of Request: Revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: AMS is responsible, as required by the USWA, 7 U.S.C. 241 *et seq.*, to license public warehouse operators that are in the business of storing agricultural products, to examine such federally-licensed warehouses and to license qualified persons to sample, inspect, weigh, and classify agricultural products. The AMS licenses under the USWA cover approximately half of all commercial grain and cotton warehouse capacities in the United States. The regulations that implement the USWA govern the establishment and maintenance of systems under which documents, including documents of title on shipment, payment and financing, may be issued or transferred for agricultural products. Some of these systems and documents issued may be electronic. The regulations are found at 7 CFR 735 *et seq.*

This information collection allows AMS to effectively administer the regulations, licensing, and electronic provider agreements and related reporting and recordkeeping requirements as specified in the USWA.

The forms in this information collection are used to provide those charged with issuing licenses under the USWA a basis to determine whether the warehouse and the warehouse operator meet application requirements to

receive a license, and to determine compliance once the license is issued.

In keeping the public informed, this information collection request was previously approved by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and due to an internal reorganization, the USWA functions were transferred to AMS. The OMB control number for the forms is currently 0581–0305. AMS is not making any changes to the burden hours in this request since the prior submission to OMB made by FSA.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hours is the estimated average time per response multiplied by the estimated total annual responses.

Estimate of Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average 0.46 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collections of information.

Type of Respondents: Warehouse operators, electronic providers and producers participating in AMS or Commodity Credit Corporation programs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Average Number of Responses per Respondent: 5.9574.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 17,872.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 0.46.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,162.50 hours.

Comments are invited on all aspects of this information collection to help AMS to:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Evaluate the quality, utility, and clarity of the information technology; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are

to respond through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will become a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection.

Dated: May 2, 2018.

Greg Ibach,

Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Child Nutrition Programs: Income Eligibility Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Department's annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals and free milk for the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the National School Lunch Program (and Commodity School Program), School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program for Children, Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program. The annual adjustments are required by section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The guidelines are intended to direct benefits to those children most in need and are revised annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

DATES: *Implementation Date:* July 1, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jessica Saracino, Program Monitoring and Operational Support Division, Child Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Suite 628, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507),

no recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice has been determined to be not significant and was not reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in conformance with Executive Order 12866. The affected programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.553, No. 10.555, No. 10.556, No. 10.558, and No. 10.559 and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 2 CFR part 415).

Background

Pursuant to sections 9(b)(1) and 17(c)(4) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(1) and 42 U.S.C. 1766(c)(4)), and sections 3(a)(6) and 4(e)(1)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1772(a)(6) and 1773(e)(1)(A)), the Department annually issues the Income Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced price meals for the National School Lunch Program (7 CFR part 210), the Commodity School Program (7 CFR part 210), School Breakfast Program (7 CFR part 220), Summer Food Service Program (7 CFR part 225) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (7 CFR part 226) and the guidelines for free milk in the Special Milk Program for Children (7 CFR part 215).

These eligibility guidelines are based on the Federal income poverty guidelines and are stated by household size. The guidelines are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price meals and free milk in accordance with applicable program rules.

Definition of Income

In accordance with the Department's policy as provided in the Food and Nutrition Service publication Eligibility Manual for School Meals, "income," as the term is used in this notice, means income before any deductions such as income taxes, Social Security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions or fees; (2) net income from nonfarm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) Social Security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments; (8) unemployment compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement, or

pensions or veterans payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts and other resources that would be available to pay the price of a child's meal.

"Income", as the term is used in this notice, does *not* include any income or benefits received under any Federal programs that are excluded from consideration as income by any statutory prohibition. Furthermore, the value of meals or milk to children shall not be considered as income to their households for other benefit programs in accordance with the prohibitions in section 12(e) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and section 11(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1760(e) and 1780(b)).

The Income Eligibility Guidelines

The following are the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be effective from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The Department's guidelines for free meals and milk and reduced price meals were obtained by multiplying the year 2018 Federal income poverty guidelines by 1.30 and 1.85, respectively, and by rounding the result upward to the next whole dollar.

This notice displays only the annual Federal poverty guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services because the monthly and weekly Federal poverty guidelines are not used to determine the Income Eligibility Guidelines. The chart details the free and reduced price eligibility criteria for monthly income, income received twice monthly (24 payments per year); income received every two weeks (26 payments per year) and weekly income.

Income calculations are made based on the following formulas: Monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12; twice monthly income is computed by dividing annual income by 24; income received every two weeks is calculated by dividing annual income by 26; and weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52. All numbers are rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

The numbers reflected in this notice for a family of four in the 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia, Guam and the territories represent an increase of 2.0 percent over last year's level for a family of the same size.