

committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables that are not requirements of Federal Marketing Orders or U.S. Import Requirements, no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations, but are maintained by USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

AMS is proposing to establish voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Pea Pods using the procedures that appear in Part 36, Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36).

Background

At a 2003 meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee, AMS was asked to identify fresh fruit and vegetables that may be better served if grade standards are developed. As a result, AMS identified pea pods, or as they are sometimes called snow peas, as a commodity possibly in need of official grade standards. Such standards are used by the fresh produce industry to describe the product they are trading, thus facilitating the marketing of the product. AMS is soliciting comments on the possible development of voluntary standards for pea pods and the probable impact of such possible standards on distributors, processors and growers.

Prior to undertaking detailed work to develop standards, AMS is soliciting comments on the possible development of the United States Standards for Grades of Pea Pods.

This notice provides for a 60-day comment period for interested parties to comment on the possible development of standards. Should AMS conclude that there is a need for the standards, the proposed standards will be published in the **Federal Register** with a request for comments in accordance with 7 CFR part 36.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627.

Dated: April 26, 2005.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Revision and Extension of an Approved Information Collection; Standard Rules Tender Governing Motor Carrier Transportation

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a revision and extension of the collection of information used in support of motor carrier transportation services needed to meet domestic and export food assistance program needs.

This information collection will allow CCC to determine the availability of motor freight carriers to meet the motor carrier needs of CCC for the movement of its freight traffic.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before July 1, 2005 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Penny Carlson, Acting Chief, Planning and Analysis Division, Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO), 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64133–4676, telephone (816) 926–6509, fax (816) 926–1648; e-mail pkcarlson@kcc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Standard Rules Tender Governing Motor Carrier Transportation.
OMB Control Number: 0560–0195.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2005.

Type of Request: Revision and Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: CCC through the Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) solicits bids from transportation companies for the purpose of providing motor carrier transportation of agricultural commodities. Motor Carriers provide over the road trucking that CCC hires to provide transportation services to meet domestic and export program needs. Motor carriers that choose to do business with the KCCO Export Operations Division (EOD) are required to complete and submit the KC–10 (Standard Rules Tender Governing Motor Carrier Transportation). This form is filled out one time only. EOD is collecting information to determine which Motor Carriers meet CCC requirements for hauling agricultural products for CCC.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average 1 hour 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: Transportation Businesses.

Respondents: 143.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 143 hours.

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 of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for USDA, Washington, DC 20503, and to Penny Carlson, Acting Chief, Planning and Analysis Division, Kansas City Commodity Office, 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64133–4676, telephone (816) 926–6509, fax (816) 926–1648.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 25, 2005.

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Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice.