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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 20, 2006.

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), oir_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. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Irradiation Phytosanitary Treatment for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0155.

Summary of Collection: The Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701-7772) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to regulate the importation of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of injurious plant pests and noxious weeds. Regulations in 7 CFR part 305 provide for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary treatment for certain fruits and vegetables imported in the United States. The irradiation treatment provides protection against 11 species of fruit flies and mango seed weevil.

Need and Use of the Information: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will collect information using a compliance agreement, 30-day notification, labeling requirements, dosimetry recordings, requests for dosimetry device approval, recordkeeping, requests for facility approval. Without the collection of this information, APHIS would have no practical way of determining that any given commodity had actually been irradiated.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; individuals or households; farms.

Number of Respondents: 25.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 760.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Federal Plant Pest and Noxious Weeds Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0054.

Summary of Collection: The Plant Protection and Quarantine Program of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for preventing plant pests and noxious weeds from entering the United States, preventing the spread of pests and weeds not widely distributed in the United States, and eradicating those imported pests and weeds when eradication is feasible. APHIS will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to evaluate the risk associated with the proposed movement of plant pest, noxious weeds, and soil. APHIS will also collect information to monitor operations at facility to ensure permit conditions are being met. The information is used to determine whether a permit can be issued, and also to develop risk-mitigating conditions for the proposed movement. If the information were not collected, APHIS ability to protect the United States from a plant pest or noxious weed incursion would be significantly compromised.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; individuals or households; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 55,816.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 48,435.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Farmer-Stock Peanuts Available for Sale in Online Auction

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is announcing that the inventoried farmer-stock peanuts will be available for sale as unrestricted use on November 29, 2006 on the Internet at www.theseam.com.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 27, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jose Gonzalez, Inventory Program Manager, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Farm Service Agency, USDA, STOP 0553, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0553. Telephone: (202) 690-2534. E-mail: jose.gonzalez@wdc.usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the

USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CCC acquires farmer-stock peanuts through the forfeiture of marketing assistance loans obtained in accordance with the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. CCC's general sales policy is to maximize the returns to the Corporation. The authority for selling CCC-owned peanuts is the CCC Charter Act and section 165 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. The regulations at 7 CFR, part 1402, contain CCC policy for certain commodities available for sale by CCC.

CCC has contracted with The Seam, LLC, of Memphis, Tennessee to provide online marketing services to sell CCC-owned peanuts on the Internet. CCC will entertain offers from prospective buyers for the purchase of CCC-owned peanuts that are included in the inventory listed on The Seam's web site.

CCC owns 41,925 tons of farmer-stock peanuts. The inventory is composed of the following: 24,329 tons of Runner-type; 10,546 tons of Spanish-type; 4,836 tons of Virginia-type; and 2,214 tons of Valencia-type peanuts. The peanuts will be made available in an auction sale format in lieu of individual negotiated sales. All CCC inventoried peanuts will be available for sale as unrestricted use at www.theseam.com on November 29, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Central Time (CT). This inventory will be made available for advance review only, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT, on November 27 and November 28, 2006. On November 29, 2006, an additional preview period will be provided from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. CT. Any unsold CCC peanut inventory may be placed on The Seam's website at anytime following November 29, 2006, without prior notification to the public. Interested parties are encouraged to check The Seam's website on a regular basis for inventory that may be made available for sale.

To participate in the online peanut sales, The Seam requires users to enter into a participation agreement. There are no commission charges to place bids online; however, successful bidders are charged a commission fee of \$0.75 per ton for completed sales.

Additional information on The Seam is available by contacting Kevin Brinkley, by telephone at (901) 374-0374, or by e-mail at kevin.brinkley@theseam.com or Charles Garner at (478) 988-1125, or by e-mail at charles.garner@theseam.com

Any questions about this notice may be directed to Jose Gonzalez by calling (202) 690-2534 or e-mail jose.gonzalez@wdc.usda.gov.

Signed at Washington, DC, November 17, 2006.

Glen L. Keppy,

Acting 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: Food Stamp Program: State Issuance and Participation Estimates—Form FNS-388

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is publishing for public comment a summary of a proposed information collection. The proposed collection is a revision of a collection currently approved under OMB No. 0584-0081 for the Food Stamp Program for the form FNS-388, State Issuance and Participation Estimates.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 26, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: 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 shall 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to Barbara Hallman, Chief, State Administration Branch, Food Stamp Program, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Copies of the estimate of the information collection can be obtained by contacting Ms. Hallman.

All comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of

Management and Budget approval of the information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Hallman at (703) 305-2383.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Form FNS-388, State Issuance and Participation Estimates.

OMB Number: 0584-0081.

Expiration Date: 1/31/2007.

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

Abstract: Section 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act, (the Act) 7 U.S.C. 2027(b), limits the value of allotments paid to food stamp households to an amount not in excess of the appropriation for the fiscal year. If allotments in any fiscal year would exceed the appropriation, the Secretary of Agriculture is required to direct State agencies to reduce the value of food stamp allotments to the extent necessary to stay within appropriated funding limits. Timely State monthly issuance estimates are necessary for FNS to ensure that it remains within the appropriation. The estimates will also have a direct effect upon the manner in which allotments would be reduced if necessary. While benefit reductions have never been ordered in the past under Section 18(b) nor are they anticipated based on current data, the Department must continue to monitor actual program costs against the appropriation.

Section 11(e)(12) of the Food Stamp Act, 7 U.S.C. 2020 (e)(12), requires that the State Plan of Operations provide for the submission of reports required by the Secretary of Agriculture. State agencies are required to report on a monthly basis on the FNS-388, State Issuance and Participation Estimates, estimated or actual issuance and participation data for the current month and previous month, and actual participation data for the second preceding month. The FNS-388 report provides the necessary data for an early warning system to enable the Department to monitor actual and estimated costs for all benefit types against the appropriation.

State agencies in general only submit one Statewide FNS-388 per month which covers benefits from their electronic benefit transfer (EBT) system. The exception is that State agencies which choose to operate an approved alternative issuance demonstration project such as a cash-out system submit a separate report for each additional type of issuance system. There has been a small increase in these issuance demonstration and operation projects since the last information collection submission.