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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 17, 2007.

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displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: CCC's Facility Guarantee Program (FGP).

OMB Control Number: 0551-0032.

Summary of Collection: Under the authority of 7 CFR Part 1493, Subpart C, the Facility Guarantee Program (FGP) offers credit guarantees to facilitate the financing of U.S. manufactured goods and services to improve or establish agriculture infrastructure in emerging markets. Sales under FGP are considered normal commercial sales. The FGP makes available export credit guarantees to encourage U.S. private sector financing of foreign purchase of U.S. goods and services on credit terms. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) will collect information in a letter format via mail or facsimile.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect information to determine eligibility for FGP benefits and to ensure CCC that all participants have a business office in the U.S. and are not debarred or suspended from participating in government programs. FAS will use the application to determine a project's eligibility for FGP coverage and to determine the impact on U.S. agricultural trade. The information requested will provide CCC with adequate information to meet statutory requirements. If the information were not collected, CCC would be unable to determine if export sales under the FGP would be eligible for coverage or if coverage conformed to program requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or Other For-Profit.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting; On Occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 329.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Nahms Beef 2007-08 Study.

OMB Control Number: 0579-New.

Summary of Collection: Collection and dissemination of animal health and poultry data and information is mandated by 7 U.S.C. 391, the Animal Industry Act of 1884, which established the precursor of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services, the Bureau of Animal Industry. Collection, analysis, and dissemination of livestock and poultry health information on a national

basis are consistent with the APHIS mission of protecting and improving American agriculture's productivity and competitiveness. The National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) national studies have evolved into a collaborative industry and government initiative to help determine the most effective means of preventing and controlling diseases of livestock.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS plans to conduct the Beef 2007–08 Study as part of an ongoing series of NAHMS studies on the U.S. livestock population. The purpose of this third beef study is to collect information, through questionnaires and biologic sampling, to: (1) Describe trends in beef cow-calf health and management practices, (2) evaluate management factors related to beef quality assurance, (3) describe recordkeeping practices on cow-calf operations, (4) determine producer awareness of bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) and management practices used for BVD control, (5) describe current biosecurity practices and producer motivation for implementing or not implementing biosecurity practices, and (6) determine the prevalence and antimicrobial resistance patterns of potential food-safety pathogens.

This information will help the United States detect trends in the management, production, and health status of the Nation's beef industry over time.

Description of Respondents: Business or Other For-Profit.

Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On Occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 12,742.

On July 13, 2007, the 60-day notice was published as 0579–0079 the agency has decided to submit this as a new collection under 0579–New.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Generic Fruit Crops, Marketing Order Administration Branch.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0189.

Summary of Collection: Industries enter into a marketing order program under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act (AMAA) of 1937, as amended by U.S.C. 601–674. Marketing Order programs provide an opportunity for producers of fresh fruits in specified production areas, to work together to solve marketing problems that cannot be solved individually. Order regulations help ensure adequate supplies of high quality product and adequate returns to producers. Under the market orders, producers and handlers are nominated by their respective peers and serve as representatives on their respective committees/boards.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is essential to provide the respondents the type of service they request. The committees and boards have developed forms as a means for persons to file required information relating to supplies,

shipments, and dispositions of their respective commodities. The information is used only by the authorized committees employees and representatives of USDA including AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs' regional and headquarters' staff to administer the marketing order programs.

Description of Respondents: Business or Other For-Profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 16,043.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting; On Occasion, Quarterly; Biennially; Weekly; Semi-Annually; Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 8,460.

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