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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 18, 2010.

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. 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

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Disaster Assistance—General (7 CFR part 1945-A).

OMB Control Number: 0560-0170.

Summary of Collection: The regulation at 7 CFR 1945-A, defines the responsibilities of the Secretary of Agriculture in making disaster area determinations, the types of incidents that can result in a disaster area determination, and the factors used in making disaster area determinations. The determination of a disaster area is prerequisite to authorizing emergency (EM) loans to qualified farmers. EM loan funds may be used to restore or replace essential property, pay all or part of production costs incurred by the farmer or rancher in the year of the disaster, pay for essential family living expenses, pay to reorganize the farming operation or refinance USDA and non-USDA creditors. The information collection occurs when the Secretary receives a letter from the Governor requesting a Secretarial natural disaster determination. Supporting documentation of losses for all counties having disaster is provided by the County Emergency Boards in the form of a report entitled "Loss Assessment Report" (LAR).

Need and Use of the Information: The Farm Service Agency will collect the following information to determine if the county is eligible to qualify for a natural disaster designation: (1) The nature and extent of production losses; (2) the number of farmers who have sustained qualifying production losses; and (3) the number of farmers that have sustained qualifying production losses that other lenders in the county have indicated that they will not be in a position to finance. The information will be used by FSA to process State Governor requests for Secretarial natural disaster designations.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1,581.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 900.

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Department of Agriculture

Office of the Chief Information Officer

Title: USDA eAuthentication Service Customer Registration.

OMB Control Number: 0503-0014.

Summary of Collection: The USDA Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) developed the eAuthentication system as a management and technical process that addresses user authentication and authorization prerequisites for providing services electronically. The process requires a voluntary one-time electronic self-registration to obtain an eAuthentication account for each USDA Agency customer desiring access to USDA online services and applications protected by eAuthentication. The information collected through the electronic self-registration process is necessary to enable the electronic authentication of users and grant them access to only those resources for which they are authorized.

Need and Use of the Information: The USDA eAuthentication Service provides public and government businesses single sign-on capability for USDA applications, management of user credentials, and verification of identity, authorization, and electronic signatures. USDA eAuthentication obtains customer information through an electronic self-registration process provided through the eAuthentication Web site. The voluntary self-registration process applies to USDA Agency customers, as well as employees who request access to protected USDA Web applications and services via the Internet. Users can register directly from the eAuthentication Web site located at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov. The information collected through the online self-registration process will be used to provide an eAuthentication account that will enable the electronic authentication of users.

The users will then have access to authorized resources without needing to reauthenticate within the context of a single Internet session.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or Households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 44,088.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 35,951.

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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: 93.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 416.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Fruit from Thailand.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0308.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests new to the United States or not known to be widely distributed throughout the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) amended the fruit and vegetables regulations to allow the importation into the United State of litchi, longan, mango, mangosteen, pineapple, and rambutan from Thailand. The fruit would have to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with an additional declaration stating that the fruit had been tested with irradiation in Thailand and in the case of litchi, that the fruit had been inspected and found to be free