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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 13, 2013.

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), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to:

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 by June 17, 2013. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1924-F, Complaints and Compensation Defects.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0082.

Summary of Collection: Section 509C of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Rural Housing Service (RHS) to pay the costs for correcting defects or compensate borrowers of Section 502 Direct loan funds for expenses arising out of defects with respect to newly constructed dwellings and new manufactured housing units with authorized funds. This regulation provides instruction to all RHS personnel to enable them to implement a procedure to accept and process complaints from borrowers/owners against builders and dealers/contractors, to resolve the complaint informally. When the complaint involves structural defects which cannot be resolved by the cooperation of the builder or dealer/contractor, it authorizes expenditure to resolve the defect with grant funds. Resolution could involve expenditure for (1) Repairing defects; (2) reimbursing for emergency repairs; (3) pay temporary living expenses or (4) convey dwelling to RHS with release of liability for the RHS loan.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is collected from agency borrowers and the local agency office serving the county in which the dwelling is located. This information is used by Rural Housing Staff to evaluate the request and assist the borrower in identifying possible causes and corrective actions. The information is collected on a case-by-case basis when initiated by the borrower. Without this information, RHS would be unable to assure that eligible borrowers would receive compensation to repair defects to their newly constructed dwellings.

Description of Respondents: Business or for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 80.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. # AMS-CN-13-0034]

Notice of Meeting of Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App.), the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing an upcoming meeting of the Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards (Committee). The Committee is being convened to recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture any changes considered necessary to the Universal Cotton Standards and to review freshly prepared sets of Universal Cotton Standards for conformity with existing standards.

DATES: The meeting dates are June 19-21, 2013. The meeting will convene on Wednesday, June 19th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. On Thursday, June 20, the meeting will continue from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Friday, June 21st meetings will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the completion of the review. The deadline to submit written public comments is June 11, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The June 19th meeting will take place at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley, 4500 Marriott Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612. Meetings will re-convene on the morning of June 20th at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley before relocating to the offices of Cotton Incorporated, 6399 Weston Parkway, Cary, North Carolina 27513 in the afternoon. On the morning of June 21st, meetings re-convene at the offices of Cotton Incorporated. Information and instructions pertaining to the meeting are posted at the following Web address: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/>