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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 20, 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), 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

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Registration Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0583–0128.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and poultry are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. According to the regulations, (9 CFR 320.5 and 381.179), parties required to register with FSIS must do so by submitting form FSIS Form 5020–1, “Registration of Meat and Poultry Handlers.”

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will collect the name, address of all locations at which they conduct the business that requires them to register and all trade or business names under which they conduct these businesses. FSIS uses this information to maintain a database of these businesses. If the information were not collected, it would reduce the effectiveness of the meat and poultry inspection program.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 600.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (Once).

Total Burden Hours: 150.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Comments regarding this information collection received by July 26, 2013 will be considered. Written comments 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, 20503. 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. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0234.

Summary of Collection: The Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey (FRIS) is a follow-on survey and is an integral part of the 2012 Census of Agriculture which is conducted every five years under the authority of the Census of Agriculture Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105–113). This law requires the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a census of agriculture beginning in 2002 and every fifth year thereafter (prior to that the census was conducted by the Department of Commerce). The 2013 FRIS will be obtaining data describing the irrigation

activities of U.S. farm operations. Some of these activities are of national concern, such as the use of chemigation, fertigation and water-conserving practices of irrigators. The 2013 FRIS will also include a horticultural operations in a combined questionnaire that will be directed at horticultural producers.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS will collect information from the FRIS on acres irrigated by land use category, acres and yields of irrigated and non-irrigated crops, quantity of water applied and method of application to selected crops, acres irrigated and quantity of water used by source, acres irrigated by type of water distribution systems, and number of irrigation wells and pumps. The primary purpose of FRIS is to provide detailed data on water management practices and water uses in American agriculture, and to on-farm irrigation activities for use in preparing a wide variety of water-related local programs, economic models, legislative initiatives, market analyses, and feasibility studies. The absence of FRIS data would certainly affect irrigation policy decision.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 35,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (one-time).

Total Burden Hours: 29,433.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Change to the CCC Sugar Purchase and Exchange To Include Certificates of Quota Eligibility Issued Pursuant to the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement and United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) announces the intent to include Certificates of Quota Eligibility (CQEs) issued under the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement (U.S.-Colombia TPA) and the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (U.S.-Panama TPA) in the sugar purchase and exchange announced on June 18, 2013.

DATES: *Effective date:* June 26, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For current market conditions, eligibility, and criteria for evaluation information contact Ron Lord; telephone (202) 720-6939. For general exchange information contact Pamela McKenzie; telephone (202) 260-8906. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communications (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USDA's Sugar Program and the Domestic Sugar Market Conditions

Under the Sugar Program, domestic sugar beet or sugarcane processors may borrow from CCC, pledging their sugar as collateral, and then satisfy their loans either by repaying the loan on or before loan maturity or by transferring the collateral to CCC immediately following loan maturity, also known as "forfeiture" of collateral (as specified in 7 CFR 1435.105). The Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers the Sugar Program for CCC. Under section 156 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, as amended (Pub. L. 104-127; 7 U.S.C. 7272), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is required to operate the Sugar Program, to the maximum extent practicable, at no cost to the Federal government by avoiding forfeitures of sugar loan collateral to CCC.

The sugarcane and sugar beet crops supplying the U.S. market are setting production records for fiscal year (FY) 2013. The FY 2013 ending stocks-to-use ratio for sugar was projected at 19 percent in the June 2013 USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report, well above its historic average, and the FY 2014 ending stocks-to-use ratio for sugar was projected at over 22 percent. In the past, an ending stocks-to-use ratio at or above 18 percent has been strongly correlated with low U.S. sugar prices, and with forfeiture of sugar loan collateral to CCC. Record FY 2013 sugar production has caused domestic sugar prices to fall below the support level established by USDA's Sugar Program.

A valid TPA CQE is required for the import of sugar into the United States under the sugar tariff-rate quotas established under the U.S.-Colombia TPA and U.S.-Panama TPA, and thus each U.S.-Colombia TPA or U.S.-Panama TPA CQE represents a given quantity of import access.

CCC Sugar Purchase and Exchanges

To reduce the cost of the Sugar Program to the Federal government, prior to the maturity of loans to sugar processors, CCC announced on June 18,

2013, its intent to purchase sugar from the U.S. domestic market and conduct voluntary exchanges of the purchased sugar in return for credits under the Refined Sugar Re-Export Program (78 FR 36508-36510). This notice announces CCC's intent to also purchase sugar from the domestic market in order to conduct voluntary exchanges for privately held TPA CQEs issued under the U.S.-Colombia TPA and U.S.-Panama TPA. Therefore CCC has amended Invitation No. 1 to Announcement KCPBS2, Purchase of Bulk Sugar, to include the purchase of sugar to exchange for privately held CQEs issued under the U.S.-Colombia TPA and U.S.-Panama TPA, in addition to credits under the Refined Sugar Re-Export Program. The amended Invitation is available on the FSA Commodity Operations Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=landing>.

These exchanges are expected to remove domestic sugar from the market at a lower cost to the Federal government than the cost of acquiring domestic sugar through loan collateral forfeiture.

The exchange announcement specifies a minimum bid ratio of U.S.-Colombia TPA CQEs and U.S.-Panama TPA CQEs per MT of CCC sugar, and will be made available at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=landing>.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the exchange, private sector exporters or traders must provide a valid original calendar year 2013 United States-Colombia TPA CQE or United States-Panama TPA CQE to CCC.

Criteria for Evaluation of Tenders (Offers and Exchange Bids)

CCC will combine the sugar offers and exchange bids that achieve the greatest cost reduction relative to the costs of later acquiring the domestic sugar through forfeiture. The specific formula that CCC will use to evaluate and accept offer and bid combinations is specified in the purchase and exchange invitations.

Signed on June 20, 2013.

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Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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