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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 18, 2017.

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 are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by June 22, 2017 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), *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) 720-8958.

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 and Nutrition Service

*Title:* Assessment of the Barriers that Constrain the Adequacy of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Allotments.

*OMB Control Number:* 0584-NEW.  
*Summary of Collection:* To determine the individual and household barriers faced by SNAP participants or any environmental barriers that prevent them from having access to a healthy diet throughout the month; understand the interaction between individual, household, and environmental barriers and determine how, if at all, the individual, household, and environmental barriers can be accounted for in determining SNAP allotments.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The findings will inform methods to design and shape the program to help meet participants' health and nutrition needs. Researchers will be able to further analyze the study data and contribute to the knowledge base regarding SNAP participants' barriers to purchasing and consuming healthy foods.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals/Households.

*Number of Respondents:* 6,593.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 3,416.

**Ruth Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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, Washington, DC; 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.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by June 22, 2017. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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### Agricultural Marketing Service

*Title:* Specified Commodities Imported into the United States Exempt from Import Requirements, 7 CFR part 944, 980, and 999.

*OMB Control Number:* 0581-0167.

*Summary of Collection:* Section 608e of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), requires that whenever the Secretary of Agriculture issues grade, size, quality, or maturity regulations under domestic marketing orders, the same or comparable regulations must be used for imported commodities. Import regulations apply only during those periods when domestic marketing order regulations are in effect. No person may

import products for processing or other exempt purposes unless an executed Importers Exempt Commodity Form (SC-6) accompanies the shipment. Both the shipper and receiver are required to register in the Compliance and Enforcement Management System (CEMS) to electronically file an SC-6 certificate to notify the Marketing Order and Agreement Division (MOAD) of the exemption activity. MOAD provides information on its Web site about the commodities imported under section 8e of the Act and directions to the CEMS portal. The Civil Penalty Stipulation Agreement (SC-7) is a "volunteer" form that provides the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) with an additional tool to obtain resolution of certain cases without the cost of going to a hearing.

**Need and Use of the Information:** The importers wishing to import commodities will use the electronic or paper version of form SC-6, "Importer's Exempt Commodity." The information collected includes information on the imported product (type of product and lot identification), the importer's contact information, the U.S. Customs entry number, inspection date, and intended use (processing, charity, livestock/animal feed). AMS utilizes the information to ensure that imported goods destined for exempt outlets are given no less favorable treatment than afforded to domestic goods destined for such exempt outlets.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

**Number of Respondents:** 79.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: On occasion.

**Total Burden Hours:** 581.

**Charlene Parker,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for the Organic Certification Cost Share Program

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Farm Service Agency (FSA), on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), is revising and clarifying its previous announcement of the availability of funding for fiscal years (FY) 2017 and

2018 under the Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP).

**DATES: Producer and Handler**

**Applications:** The dates for FSA county offices to accept applications for OCCSP payments from producers and handlers for FY 2017 started on March 27, 2017, and ends on October 31, 2017, and for FY 2018, starts on October 1, 2017, and ends on October 31, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Peterson, (202) 720-7641.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Revision and Clarification**

On December 22, 2016, USDA published a NOFA for OCCSP (81 FR 93884-93887). That NOFA announced that the purpose of OCCSP is to provide cost share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products in obtaining certification under the National Organic Program (NOP) established under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA) (7 U.S.C. 6501-6524) and the regulations in 7 CFR part 205. FSA administers OCCSP.

In the December NOFA, USDA announced that beginning in FY 2017, transitional certification and State organic program fees would be eligible for cost share reimbursement, and that for OCCSP purposes, they would be considered two additional, separate scopes. As stated in the NOFA, transitional certification is an optional certification offered by some certifiers for producers and handlers who are in the process of transitioning land to organic production.

Upon review of OCCSP authority, FSA determined that it had erroneously announced the availability of cost-share for transitional certification, because no transitional certification programs are currently established under OFPA. Accordingly, this notice clarifies that cost-share assistance will not be available for transitional certification.

Consistent with this clarification, this NOFA provides revised information about eligible scopes for the OCCSP, allowable and unallowable costs, eligibility requirements for producers and handlers, documentation to be provided in a producer or handler's application package, provisions for grant agreements with State agencies, and the definition of "certified operation."

In addition, this NOFA provides the corrected date when the producer and applications were made available, which changed from the date announced in the December NOFA of March 20, 2017, to the actual start date

of March 27, 2017, once the forms were approved for use.

**Background**

The purpose of OCCSP is to provide cost share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products in obtaining certification under NOP established under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6501-6524) and the regulations in 7 CFR part 205. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) implemented OCCSP and has been running OCCSP through agreements with State agencies since FY 2008. USDA transferred authority to administer OCCSP from AMS to FSA beginning with FY 2017.

FSA accepted applications from States interested in overseeing reimbursements to their producers and handlers. In addition, all producers and handlers will have access to OCCSP through their local FSA offices. In States where State agencies provide cost share funds, producers and handlers can choose between the State agencies or the local FSA office. In addition to expanding to FSA local offices for FY 2017, OCCSP will now cover costs related to State organic program fees.

In order for a State agency to receive new fund allocations for FY 2017, it must establish a new agreement with FSA to administer OCCSP. FY 2017 agreements will include provisions allowing a State agency to request an extension of that new FY 2017 agreement to provide additional funds and allow the State agency to continue to administer OCCSP for FY 2018. FSA has not yet determined whether an additional application period will be announced for FY 2018 for State agencies that choose not to participate in FY 2017; State agencies that would like to administer OCCSP for FY 2018 are encouraged to establish an agreement for FY 2017 to ensure that they will be able to continue to participate. FSA does not anticipate substantive changes to the agreement process with the participating States. Agreements will continue to allow subgrants to other entities.

Certified operations will be subject to the same eligibility criteria and calculation of cost share payments regardless of whether they apply for OCCSP through an FSA local office or a participating State agency. Certified operations may only receive OCCSP payment for the same scope for the same year from one source: Either the State agency or FSA. FSA will coordinate with participating State agencies to ensure there are no duplicate payments. If a duplicate payment is inadvertently made, then FSA will inform the