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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 11, 2020.

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 March 19, 2020. 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.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Poultry Litter Nutrient Distribution Producer Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0264.

Summary of Collection: The primary objectives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are to prepare and issue official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition and prices, economic statistics, and environmental statistics related to agriculture and to conduct the Census of Agriculture and its follow-on surveys. NASS will conduct a survey of select agricultural operations in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Each selected farmer or rancher will be asked to provide data on (1) Basic crop and tillage practices in 2019, (2) Preferred sources of nutrients and actual sources of nutrients used, (3) Where the operator gets information and recommendations on nutrients, and (4) Farmer perception between poultry litter co-products and other sources of nutrients. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S.C. Title 7, Section 2204.

Need and Use of the Information: A comprehensive evaluation of farmer preferences for using fresh poultry litter or poultry litter ash co-products has not been previously conducted in the Chesapeake Bay area.

Data may be used for market development, policy, and/or budgeting for cost-share/poultry transport programs. Stakeholders would be farmers (poultry growers and crop producers), policy makers, technology vendors, fertilizer manufacturers, and manure brokers/haulers.

Information from the survey could be used by commercial fertilizer dealers, poultry growers, technology vendors, or state agencies to make investment decisions regarding fresh poultry litter and poultry litter ash co-products. For example, policy makers could base changes to the state cost share program

for manure transport on the results, or a fertilizer company/technology vendor could invest in a new fertilizer product based on the results.

The survey will also complement ongoing efforts in Chesapeake Bay states to achieve water quality goals via promoting on-farm and regional phosphorus balance. Several states (Maryland and Delaware for example) offer funding to transport poultry litter from farms where it is produced to fields where it is needed. Despite cost share incentives to use poultry litter, many farmers choose not to use poultry litter. This survey will identify barriers to expanded use of poultry litter on farms in the region.

Description of Respondents: A sample of all active agricultural operations in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia that produce:

- 200 or more acres of row crops (corn, soybeans, wheat, peanuts, cotton),
- 25 or more acres of specialty crops (vegetables, fruit, flowers), and/or
- at least \$10,000 of floriculture sales.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Once a year.

Total Burden Hours: 483.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 12, 2020.

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 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 March 19, 2020 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 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. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Specified Risk Materials.

OMB Control Number: 0583-0129.

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.*). The statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat products are safe, wholesome, not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. FSIS requires that official establishments that slaughter cattle and or process carcasses or parts of cattle develop written procedures for the removal, segregation, and disposition of specified risk materials (SRMs). FSIS requires that establishments maintain daily records sufficient to document the implementation and monitoring of their procedures for the removal, segregation, and disposition of SRMs, and any corrective actions taken to ensure that such procedures are effective.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will collect information from establishments to ensure meat and meat products distributed in commerce for use as human food do not contain SMRs.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 3,512.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 123,916.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

Notice of a Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces the Foreign Agricultural Service's intention to request a revision for a currently approved information collection relating to the issuance of certificates of quota eligibility (CQEs) required to enter sugar and sugar-containing products under tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) into the United States.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by no later than April 20, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by the OMB Control number 0551-0014, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for sending comments.

- *Email:* William.Janis@usda.gov. Include OMB Control number 0551-0014 in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 202-720-0876.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certificates for Quota Eligibility.
OMB Number: 0551-0014.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2020.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Additional U.S. note 5 to Chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), established by Presidential Proclamation 6763 of December 1994, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish for each fiscal year the quantity of sugars, syrups, and molasses that may be entered at the lower tariff

rates of TRQs established under the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations as reflected in the provisions of Schedule XX (United States), annexed to the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Pursuant to 15 CFR part 2011, Allocation of Tariff-Rate Quota on Imported Sugars, Syrups, and Molasses, Subpart A—Certificates of Quota, CQEs are issued to foreign countries that have been allocated a share of the WTO sugar TRQ. This regulation provides for the issuance of CQEs by the Secretary of Agriculture and in general prohibits sugar entered under the WTO TRQ from being imported into the United States or withdrawn from a warehouse for consumption at the in-quota duty rates unless such sugar is accompanied by a valid CQE.

In addition, CQEs are required for the import of sugar into the United States under the sugar TRQs established under the U.S.—Colombia, U.S.—Panama, and U.S.—Peru Trade Promotion Agreements, as set forth in 19 U.S.C. 3805.

CQEs for the aforementioned WTO and FTA sugar TRQs are distributed to foreign countries by the Senior Director of the Multilateral Affairs Division, Foreign Agriculture Service, or his or her designee. The distribution of CQEs is in such amounts and at such times as the Senior Director determines are appropriate to enable the foreign country to fill its quota allocation for such quota period in a reasonable manner, taking into account harvesting periods, U.S. import requirements, and other relevant factors. The information required to be collected on the CQE is used to monitor and control the imports of products subject to the WTO and FTA sugar TRQs. A valid CQE, duly executed and issued by the Certifying Authority of the foreign country, is required for eligibility to enter the products into U.S. customs territory under the TRQs.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for the collection directly varies with the number of CQEs issued.

Respondents: Foreign governments.

Estimated Number of WTO

Respondents: 30.

Estimated Number of FTA

Respondents: 2.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 124 per fiscal year.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden: 3,968 hours

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Connie Ehrhart, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1578.