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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 10, 1996.

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 these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 and to Department Clearance Officer, USDA, OIRM, Ag Box 7630, Washington, DC 20250-7630. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

*Title:* Biological Shipment Record—Beneficial Organisms.

*Summary:* This program provides needed scientific information on the introduction of exotic organisms into the United States.

*Need and Use of the Information:* Collection of this information contributes to the biological control and taxonomic research program in USDA by recording the introduction and release of non-indigenous biological control organisms in the United States by scientists and other practitioners of biological control of pests.

*Description of Respondents:* Federal Government; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 20.

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*Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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### Food and Consumer Service

#### Commodity Supplemental Food Program: Elderly Poverty Income Guidelines

**AGENCY:** Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the adjusted poverty income guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of elderly persons applying to participate in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). These poverty income guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the CSFP Regulations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lillie F. Ragan, Assistant Branch Chief, Household Programs Branch, Food Distribution Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1594, or telephone (703) 305-2661.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.565 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, 48 FR 29112).

### Description

On December 23, 1985 the President signed the Food Security Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198). This legislation amended section 5(f) and (g) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) to require that the Secretary permit agencies administering the CSFP to serve elderly persons if such service can be provided without reducing service levels for women, infants, and children. The law also mandates establishment of income eligibility requirements for elderly participation. Prior to enactment of Pub. L. 99-198, elderly participation was restricted by law to three designated pilot projects which served the elderly in accordance with agreements with the Department.

In order to implement the CSFP mandates of Pub. L. 99-198, the Department published interim rules on September 17, 1986 at 51 FR 32895 and a final rule on February 18, 1988 at 58 FR 8287. These regulations defined "elderly persons" as those who are 60 years of age or older. The final rule further stipulated that elderly persons certified on or after September 17, 1986 must have "household income at or below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines published annually by the Department of Health and Human Services" (7 CFR 247.7(a)(3)).

These poverty income guidelines are revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The revision for 1996 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the Federal Register for March 4, 1996 at 61 FR 8286. At this time the Department is publishing the income limit of 130 percent of the poverty income guidelines by household size to be used for elderly certification in the CSFP for the period July 1, 1996-June 30, 1997.

The poverty income guidelines were multiplied by 1.30 and the results rounded up to the next whole dollar. The table in this notice contains the income limits by household size for the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. The poverty income guidelines for areas outside of the 48 contiguous States have not been included in this notice because the CSFP does not operate in these areas. The revised income guidelines reflect an