

secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the CME butter contract.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Please contact John Bird of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5274. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: jbird@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the existing butter futures contract, delivery may be made from approved domestic facilities located within the 48 contiguous states of the U.S. The par delivery area includes Chicago and all locations east of the western boundaries of lower Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi. Deliveries outside the par delivery area currently are subject to discounts which increase by \$.005 per pound for every 400 miles west of Chicago, beginning at \$.005 for locations up to 400 miles outside Chicago, and ending at \$.025 per pound for locations beyond 1600 miles.

Under the proposed amendments, the futures contract's par delivery location will consist of Chicago only. All other locations would be subject to discounts based on the following schedule: (1) locations up to 400 miles outside Chicago, at a discount of \$.010 per pound; (2) locations between 400 and 800 miles outside Chicago, at a discount of \$.020 per pound; (3) locations between 800 and 1200 miles outside Chicago, at a discount of \$.025 per pound; (4) locations between 1200 and 1600 miles outside Chicago, at a discount of \$.030 per pound; (5) locations between 1600 and 2000 miles outside Chicago, at a discount of \$.040 per pound; and (6) locations greater than 2000 miles outside Chicago, at a discount of \$.045 per pound. The CME proposes to apply the amendments to all newly listed contract months, commencing with the February 1999 contract month.

The Exchange states that the current price differentials "no longer accurately reflect the true level of price differentials that exist during the majority of the year and are no longer based on the majority of cash butter transactions that occur in locations outside of Chicago." The CME indicated that the proposed par delivery location and locational price differentials for alternative delivery points were selected based on the Exchange's analysis of quoted cash butter price differences between Chicago and California, prevailing transportation rates for shipping butter from West Coast locations to Chicago, and information obtained from industry sources. The

Exchange also notes that the proposed locational price differentials conform to the locational differentials specified for the Exchange's spot call market for butter.

The proposed amendments were submitted pursuant to the Commission's Fast Track procedures for streamlining the review of futures contract rule amendments (62 FR 10434). Under those procedures, the proposal, absent any contrary action by the Commission, may be deemed approved at the close of business on April 6, 1998, 45 days after receipt of the proposal. In view of the limited review period provided under the Fast Track procedures, the Commission has determined to publish for public comment notice of the availability of the terms and conditions for 15 days, rather than 30 days as provided for proposals submitted under the regular review procedures.

The Commission is specifically requesting comment on the extent to which the proposal conforms to the Commission's policy on the establishment of locational price differentials. That policy provides that locational price differentials specified in futures contracts should reflect normal commercial price differences between the delivery points specified for the contracts. When cash market conditions result in unstable price relationships among delivery points, the policy provides that locational price differentials be set at levels that fall within the range of values commonly observed or expected to occur in the future.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the internet on the CFTC website at www.cftc.gov under "What's Pending".

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the proposal may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 23, 1998.

John R. Mielke,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Headquarters Air Force, Air Force Personnel Center, Officer Accession Branch.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Officer Accessions Branch, Air Force Personnel Center, announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to: Air Force Personnel Center, Officer Accessions Branch (DPPAO), ATTN: Mr. Stephen Mohacey, or Ms. Blanche Rigney, 550 C Street West, Suite 10, Randolph Air Force Base TX 78159-4712.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and

associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call: Mr. Stephen Mohacey, or Ms. Blanche Rigney at 210-652-4382.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: "Application for Appointment as Reserves of the Air Force or USAF without Component," Air Force Form 24, OMB Number 0701-0096.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary for providing information to determine if applicant meets qualifications established for appointment as a Reserve (ANGUS and USAFR) or in the USAF without component. Use of the SSN is necessary to make positive identification of an applicant and his or her records.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,116.

Number of Respondents: 3,350.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 20 minutes.

Frequency: On Occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information contained on AF Form 24 supports the Air Force as it applies to direct appointment (procurement) programs for civilian and military applicants. It provides necessary information to determine if an applicant meets qualifications established for appointment to fill authorized ANGUS and USAFR position vacancies and active duty requirements. Eligibility requirements are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2005.

Barbara A. Carmichael,

Alternate Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: "Application for Training Leading to a Commission in the United States Air Force," Air Force Form 56, OMB Number 0701-0001.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary for providing information to determine if applicant meets qualifications established for training leading to a commission. Air Force selection boards use the information to determine suitability for officer training. If the information was not collected, Air Force efforts to select qualified applicants would be severely hampered. Use of the SSN is necessary to make positive identification of an applicant and his or her records.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 967.

Number of Respondents: 2,900.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Frequency: On Occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Information contained on AF Form 56 supports that Air Force as it applies to officer training (procurement) programs for civilian and military applicants. It is imperative that only persons fully qualified for receipt of Air Force commissions are selected for the training leading to commissioning. Data

supports the Air Force in verifying the eligibility of applicants and in the selection of those best qualified for dedication of funding and training resources. Eligibility requirements are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Disposal of Portions of the Former Homestead Air Force Base (AFB), Florida

The United States Air Force (Air Force) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will prepare an SEIS analyzing the proposed transfer of airfield and airfield-related properties at the former Homestead AFB. The SEIS will supplement the 1994 EIS titled Disposal and Reuse of Homestead Air Force Base, Florida. It will be used by the Air Force and the FAA in making decisions concerning the proposed disposal of the property. The Air Force and the FAA will be the lead agencies for preparing the SEIS. The National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency will be cooperating agencies.

The SEIS will address the potential environmental impacts of the disposal and reuse of surplus airfield facilities made available by the realignment of Homestead AFB pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act. The Air Force seeks to transfer the facilities in a manner that supports local plans for economic revitalization of South Florida and protects Biscayne Bay and the nearby national parks. The SEIS will address the proposed transfer of a one-runway airport and airport facilities at the former base. It also will address the potential environmental impacts of any reasonable disposal alternatives and include possible mitigation measures.

The scoping period for this SEIS formally begins with this Notice of Intent and will extend through April 30, 1998. The Air Force and FAA invite the participation of federal, state, and local agencies, any affected Indian tribal governments, organizations, and interested persons. Several public scoping meetings will be held at a time and location to be announced at a later