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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Notice and Request for Extension of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request extension of an information collection in support of the peanut poundage quota program as authorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 3, 1999, to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: David Kincannon, Marketing Specialist, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0514, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0514, (202) 720-7914, facsimile: (202) 690-1536; Internet e-mail: davidkincannon@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Peanuts.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0189.

Type of Request: Approval for an extension of an information collection.

Abstract: The 1996 Act provides that the Secretary of Agriculture "shall continue to endeavor to operate the peanut program so as to improve the quality of domestic peanuts and ensure the coordination of activities under the Peanut Administrative Committee established under Marketing Agreement No. 146, regulating the quality of domestically produced peanuts (under the Agricultural Adjustment Act (7 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), reenacted with amendments by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937)."

During the 1997 peanut marketing year, peanuts were found to contain elevated levels of arsenic which prevented their use in edible markets. The cause of such contamination was found to be the use of arsenic-based herbicides on peanut plants. Such herbicides, although approved for use on nonedible crops such as cotton, has not been approved for use on food crops. In prior years, similar contamination occurred from the use of Kylar, a daminozide-based pesticide determined to be a carcinogen. To eliminate the use of arsenic-based herbicides and daminozide-based products, peanut operators will certify on form FSA-1016 as to use or non-use of such products on the peanuts delivered for market in order to be eligible for peanut price support.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 minutes per response.

Respondents: Peanut Operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 2,000 hours.

Comments are requested regarding, but not limited to: (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; or (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503, and to Charles Hatcher, at the address listed above. All comments will become a matter of public record.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection(s) of information contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a

comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 60 days of publication.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on February 16, 1999.

Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021999B]

Permits; Foreign Fishing

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of foreign fishing application.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes for public review and comment a summary of a foreign fishing application submitted under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

DATES: Comments must be received by March 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments or requests for a copy of the application to NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, International Fisheries Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert A. Dickinson, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, (301) 713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 204(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1824(d)) provides, among other things, that the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) may issue a transshipment permit which authorizes a vessel other than a vessel of the United States to engage in fishing consisting solely of transporting fish or fish products at sea from a point within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) or, with the concurrence of a State, within the boundaries of that State to a point outside the United States. NMFS has received an application requesting authorization for three Mexican vessels to receive, within the area of the U.S.

EEZ south of 34° N. lat. and east of 121° W. long., transfers of live tuna from a U.S. purse seiner for the purpose of transporting the tuna alive to the Mexican EEZ.

Section 204(d)(3) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act provides, among other things, that an application may not be approved until the Secretary determines that "no owner or operator of a vessel of the United States which has adequate capacity to perform the transportation for which the application is submitted has indicated *** an interest in performing the transportation at fair and reasonable rates." NMFS is publishing this notice as part of its effort to make this determination.

Interested U.S. vessel owners and operators may obtain a copy of the complete application, including vessel modifications necessary to accommodate the pens into which the live tuna will be placed, from NMFS (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: February 24, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of Coverage of Unit of Quantity Requirement for Textile and Apparel Products Produced or Manufactured in Various Countries to Include Coverage of Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey

February 23, 1999.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending coverage of the requirement that visa quantities be in whole numbers only.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

As stated in a notice and letter to the Commissioner of Customs dated November 30, 1998, published in the Federal Register on December 4, 1998

(63 FR 67053), the United States Government has notified all countries with visa arrangements with the United States of the requirement to issue visas in whole numbers. In that letter, the Chairman of CITA directed the Commissioner of Customs to require that the quantity stated on the visa be listed in whole numbers only. Subsequently, in a notice and letter dated December 21, 1998, published in the Federal Register on December 29, 1998 (63 FR 71622), this directive was amended, excluding Bangladesh, Egypt, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turkey from this requirement, and directing Customs not to deny entry to products from these countries solely because the accompanying visa states the quantity using decimals or fractions.

The Governments of Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey have agreed to implement this requirement. Effective on April 1, 1999, products produced or manufactured in Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey must be accompanied by a visa stating the quantity in whole numbers only. The requirement will apply to products exported on or after April 1, 1999.

There will be a 30-day grace period, beginning on April 1, 1999 and extending through April 30, 1999, during which Customs shall not deny entry for products produced or manufactured in Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey solely because the accompanying visa does not state the quantity in whole numbers. Customs will continue to use standard rounding procedures for such products. Goods exported on or after May 1, 1999 must have visas in whole numbers.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to implement the November 30, 1998 directive for textile products produced or manufactured in Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey and exported on or after April 1, 1999.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 23, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 30, 1998, as amended on December 21, 1998 by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. The former directive directs you to require that shipment quantities of textile and apparel products entered into the United States be stated on

the visa in whole numbers only. The latter directive excludes, among other countries, Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey from this requirement.

The Governments of Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey agreed to implement this visa requirement. Effective on April 1, 1999, you are directed to implement this requirement for textile products produced or manufactured in Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey and exported on or after April 1, 1999. The requirement for the use of whole numbers will be effective only for goods exported on or after April 1, 1999.

Textile products produced or manufactured in Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey and exported during the period April 1, 1999 through April 30, 1999 shall not be denied entry solely because the accompanying visa states the quantity using decimals or fractions. However, Customs will continue to charge in whole units using standard rounding procedures. Goods exported on or after May 1, 1999 must have visas in whole numbers.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)), notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service:

DATE AND TIME: Monday, March 8, 1999, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Room 216, University Place Conference Center, 850 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Agenda

- I. Opening Remarks by Chair
- II. Welcome by Local Hosts
- III. Report from the Chief Executive Officer
- IV. Approval of Minutes and Proceedings of Previous Board Meeting
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Management Committee
 1. Inspector General's Report
 2. Management Action Plan
 3. National Academy on Public