

# Notices

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

## ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

### Meetings

The Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce was established by Public Law 105-277 to conduct a thorough study of federal, state and local, and international taxation and tariff treatment of transactions using the Internet and Internet access and other comparable intrastate, interstate or international sales activities and report its findings and recommendations to the Congress no later than April 21, 2000. Notice is hereby given, that the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce will hold meetings on June 21, 1999 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Williamsburg Inn, East Lounge, Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Virginia and on June 22, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the College of William & Mary, University Center, located between Richmond and Jamestown Roads, Williamsburg, VA. The meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public. The proposed agenda for June 21 will address organization procedures for the Commission. The proposed agenda for June 22 includes presentations and panel discussions of relevant, background material on the issues related to the Commission's mission.

Records shall be kept of all Commission proceedings and shall be available for public inspection given adequate notice at the Commission's offices 2500 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201-3834.

The Commission shall consist of 19 members appointed for the life of the Commission. The membership shall be appointed as follows:

(a) 3 representatives from the Federal Government, comprised of the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the United States Trade Representative (or their respective delegates).

(b) 8 representatives from State and local governments (one such representative shall be from a State or local government that does not impose a sales tax and one representative shall be from a State that does not impose an income tax.).

(c) 8 representatives of the electronic commerce industry (including small business), telecommunications carriers, local retail businesses, and consumer groups, comprised of the following:

(i) 5 individuals appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;

(ii) 3 individuals appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(iii) 5 individuals appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(iv) 3 individuals appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

The Members of the Commission are as follows: (chairman designate) James S. Gilmore, III, Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia; Dean F. Andal, Chairman, California Board of Equalization, Michael Armstrong, Chief Executive Officer, AT&T; Joseph H. Guttentag, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Tax Affairs, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Paul C. Harris, Sr., Delegate, Virginia House of Delegates; Delna Jones, Commissioner, Washington County, Oregon; Ron Kirk, Mayor, city of Dallas; Michael O. Leavitt, Governor, State of Utah; Gene N. LeBrun, President, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law; Gary Locke; Governor, State of Washington; Grover Norquist, President, Americans for Tax Reform; Robert Novick, Counselor, U.S. Trade Representative; Richard Parsons, President, Time Warner, Inc.; Andrew Pincus, General Counsel, U.S. Department of Commerce; Robert Pittman, President & Chief Operating Officer, America Online; David Pottruck, President & co-Chief Executive Officer, Charles Schwab and Company; John W. Sidgmore, Vice Chairman & Chief Operating Officer, MCI Worldcom; Stan Sokul, Association of Interactive Media; Theodore Waitt, President & Chief Executive Officer, Gateway, Inc.

**Heather Rosenker,**

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 2, 1999.

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 (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) 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), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of their submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6746.

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.

### Farm Service Agency

*Title:* CCC Cotton Loan Program Regulations—7 CFR Part 1427.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0074.

*Summary of Collection:* The Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act) provides the Farm Service Agency (FSA) on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture authority to

make available nonrecourse marketing assistance loans on 1996 through 2002 crops of upland or Extra Long Staple (ELS) cotton. Loans provide eligible producers with interim financing on their eligible production and facilitate the orderly distribution of cotton throughout the year. Producers requesting Commodity Credit Corporation cotton (CCC) loans must provide information regarding collateral pledged for loan and meet eligibility requirements which are basic to all commodity loan programs. FSA will collect information using several forms.

*Need and Use of the Information:* FSA will collect information to determine loan quantities and principal amounts to administer the program and verify commodity and producer eligibility. Without the information from the producer, CCC could not carry out the statutory loan provisions.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms; business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 85,000.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 11,002.

#### **Agricultural Marketing Service**

*Title:* Grain News Reports and Molasses Market News.

*OMB Control Number:* 0581-0005.

*Summary of Collection:* The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621) Section 203(g), directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information including adequate outlook information, on a market area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements aiding in the maintenance of farm income and to bring about a balance between production and utilization. Livestock and Grain News provides a timely exchange of accurate and unbiased information on current marketing conditions (supply, demand, prices, trends, movement, and other information) affecting trade in livestock, meats, grain, and wool. Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), this nationwide market news program is conducted in cooperation with approximately 30 state departments of agriculture. The up-to-the-minute reports collected and disseminated by professional market reporters are intended to provide both buyers and sellers with the information necessary for making intelligent, informed marketing decisions, thus putting everyone in the marketing system in an equal bargaining position. AMS will collect information using market new reports.

*Need and Use of the Information:* AMS will collect information on various aspects of the grain and feed industry in determining available supplies and current pricing. Industry traders use market news information to make marketing decisions on when and where to buy sell. In addition, the reports are used by other Government agencies to evaluate market conditions and calculate price levels used for the Farmer-owned Reserve Program. The reports must be collected and disseminated by an impartial third party.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Farms, Federal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion; weekly; monthly.

*Total Burden Hours:* 368.

#### **Office of the Secretary, White House Liaison**

*Title:* Advisory Committee Membership Background Information.

*OMB Control Number:* 0505-0001.

*Summary of Collection:* Section 1804 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2281, *et seq.*) requires the Department to provide information concerning advisory committee members principal place of residence, persons or companies by whom they are employed, and other major sources of income. Board members under each program are appointed by the Secretary. Some of the information contained on Form AD-755 is used by the Department to conduct background clearances of prospective board members as required by departmental regulations. This clearance is required by all committee members who are appointed by the Secretary. The agencies, in conjunction with the Office of the Secretary, White House Liaison, will collect information using Form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The agencies and the Office of the Secretary, White House Liaison will collect information on the background of advisory committee nominees to make sure there are no delinquent loans to the United States Department of Agriculture, USDA, as well as making sure they have no previous record that could be a negative reflection to USDA. The information obtained from the form is also used in the compilation of an annual report to Congress. Failure of the Department to provide this information would require the Secretary to terminate the pertinent advisory committee.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,631.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Monthly.

*Total Burden Hours:* 815.5.

#### **Economic Research Service**

*Title:* Agriculture Market Information Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0536-New.

*Summary of Collection:* U.S.C. 7

Section 1622 directs the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct, assist, and foster research investigation and experimentation to determine the best methods of processing, preparation for market, packaging, handling, transporting, storing, distributing, and marketing agricultural products. Providing economic information on agricultural/commodity market conditions is a longstanding and important mission of USDA. The mission of the Economic Research Service (ERS) is to provide economic information and analyses to improve public and private decisions on agriculture, food, natural resources, and rural development issues. In carrying out its mission, ERS plays a lead analytic and dissemination role in the USDA market outlook program. To improve the quality and delivery of information to its customers, and to provide input for program choices forced on ERS by declining resources, ERS has been attempting to assess whether and how the needs, types, and sources of information have changed for its customers. Based on the results of a series of ERS customer focus groups, a survey of ERS market outlook staff, interviews with USDA program administrators, and discussions with commodity and trade association staff, the ERS has concluded that the "market" for economic information on commodity markets—the need for, availability of, and access to economic information on agricultural markets—has changed significantly during the last decade and will continue to change in the future. To answer these questions and to obtain a better understanding of the forces for change in the "market" for economic information on agricultural/commodity markets, ERS decided to undertake a study to determine the value placed on different types of agricultural market information by decision makers in the public and private sectors. The study has two phases: Phase I will focus on public sector users of economic information on agricultural markets. ERS will collect information using a combination of telephone and mail-out surveys.

*Need and Use of the Information:* ERS will collect information to understand

how markets for economic information on agricultural commodities operate by identifying the primary uses for and sources of this information and by determining the types of information that managers and decision makers in the agribusiness sector value most. The data will be used to evaluate the role of USDA in the information market by examining how USDA information is used, where it overlaps with that of other information suppliers, where it is unique, and how it is valued by market participants. The purpose of the data is to develop insights into the most effective role for USDA, and particularly for ERS, in the provision of economic information on agricultural markets.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms; Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 1010.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 271.

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*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Solicitation for Membership to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

**ACTION:** Solicitation for membership.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces solicitation for nominations to fill 10 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

**DATES:** Deadline for Advisory Board member nominations is June 25, 1998.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 802 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (The Farm Bill) authorized the creation of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board. The Board is composed of 30 members, each representing a specific category related to farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others. The Board was first

appointed in September 1996 with staggered 30 terms of 1, 2, and 3 years.

As a result of the staggered appointments, the terms for 10 of the 30 members who represent 10 specific categories will expire September 30, 1999. Nominations for a 3-year appointment for all 10 of the vacant categories are sought. Nominees will be carefully reviewed for their broad expertise, leadership, and relevancy to a category. The 10 vacancies are:

- B. Farm Cooperatives
- D. Plant Commodity Producers
- G. National Aquaculture Associations
- J. National Food Science Organizations
- L. National Nutritional Science Societies
- M. Land-Grant Colleges and Universities—1862
- R. Scientific Community not closely associated with Agriculture
- AA. An agency of USDA lacking Research Capabilities
- BB. Research agency of the Federal Government other than USDA
- DD. National Organization directly concerned with REE—

Nominations are being solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety of food and agricultural interests. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories listed above, or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. Please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must fill out a form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information" (which can be obtained from the contact person below) and will be vetted before selection. Send nominee's name, resume, and their completed AD-755 to the Office of the Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics, Room 3918 South Building, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-2255 no later than June 25, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3918 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP: 2255, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2255. Telephone: 202-720-3684. Fax: 202-720-6199, or e-mail: lshea@reeusda.gov.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 27th day of May 1998.

**I. Miley Gonzalez,**

*Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Special Cotton Import Quota Announcements Numbers 1 Through 10

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Ten special import quotas for upland cotton equal are established in accordance with section 136(b) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act) under Presidential Proclamation 6301 of June 7, 1991, and Presidential Proclamation 6948 of October 29, 1996. The quotas are referenced as the Commodity Credit Corporation Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Numbers 1 through 10 and are set forth in subheadings 9903.52.01 through 9903.52.10, subchapter III, chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

**DATES:** Each of the special quotas is subject to an established date and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than 90 days from the established date and entered into the United States not later than 180 days from the established date. Dates applicable to each individual special import quota are contained in this notice under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gene S. Rosera, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0518, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20013-0518 or call (202) 720-3452.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 1996 Act requires that a special import quota for upland cotton be determined and announced immediately if, for any consecutive 10-week period, the Friday through Thursday average price quotation for the lowest-priced U.S. growth, as quoted for Middling 1-<sup>3</sup>/<sub>32</sub> inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe (U.S. Northern Europe price), adjusted for the value of any cotton user marketing certificates issued, exceeds the Northern Europe price by more than 3.00 cents per pound. This condition was met for 10 consecutive 10-week periods.