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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01–128–1]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection in support of the regulations to protect endangered species of terrestrial plants.

DATES: We will consider all comments we receive that are postmarked, delivered, or e-mailed by May 3, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 01–128–1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 01–128–1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 01–128–1" on the subject line.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690–2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the importation or exportation of endangered species of terrestrial plants, contact Mr. James Petit de Mange, Inspection Station Coordinator, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 60, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; (301) 734–7839. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734–7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Endangered Species Regulation and Forfeiture Procedures.

OMB Number: 0579–0076.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for protecting endangered species of terrestrial plants by regulating the individuals or entities who are engaged in the business of importing, exporting, or reexporting these plants.

To carry out this mission, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), USDA, administers regulations at 7 CFR part 355. In accordance with these regulations, any individual, nursery, or other entity wishing to engage in the business of importing, exporting, or reexporting terrestrial plants listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora regulations at 50 CFR 17.12 or 23.23 must obtain a general permit (PPQ form 622). This includes importers, exporters, or reexporters who sell, barter, collect, or otherwise exchange or acquire terrestrial plants as a livelihood or enterprise engaged in for gain or profit. This does not include persons engaged in business merely as carriers or customs brokers.

To obtain a general permit, these individuals or entities must complete an application (PPQ form 621) and submit it to APHIS for approval. When a permit has been issued, the plants covered by the permit may be imported into the United States provided they are accompanied by documentation required by the regulations and provided all other conditions of the regulations are met.

Effectively regulating entities who are engaged in the business of importing, exporting, or reexporting endangered species requires the use of this application process, as well as the use of other information collection activities, such as notifying APHIS of the impending importation, exportation, and reexportation of endangered species, marking containers used for the importation, exportation, and reexportation of plants, and creating and maintaining records of importation, exportation, and reexportation.

The information provided by these information gathering activities is critical to our ability to carry out the responsibilities assigned to us by the Endangered Species Act. These responsibilities include the careful monitoring of importation, exportation, and reexportation activities involving endangered species of plants, as well as investigating possible violations of the Endangered Species Act.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic,

mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.21355 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. importers, exporters, and reexporters of endangered species.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 1,400.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 11.666.

Estimated annual number of responses: 16,333.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 3,488 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 26th day of February 2002.

W. Ron DeHaven,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Commodity Credit Corporation; Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency and the Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this Notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request reinstatement of a previously approved information collection in support of the regulations governing Peanut Warehouse Storage Loans and Handler Operations for the 1996-2002 crop of peanuts, 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, 2002, to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Carolyn Hunter, Marketing Specialist, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, Farm

Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0514, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0514, (202) 690-0013, facsimile (202) 720-9015; or Internet e-mail, Carolyn_Hunter@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Peanut Warehouse Storage Loans and Handler Operations.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0014.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: Information relative to reports and recordkeeping regarding peanut handlers and peanut warehouse storage loans, as authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture, is used by the FSA and CCC to monitor and control compliance with the USDA's peanut program, as outlined in 7 CFR Parts 729 and 1446. If this information is not required and then monitored, then the 1996 Act could not be implemented as required by Congress.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individual producers and warehouse operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 154,800.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondents: 376

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 54,119.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agencies' 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; and (d) 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, DC 20503, and to Carolyn Hunter, at the address listed in the "Additional Information or Comments" section, above.

Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 28, 2002.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of CCC to request a revision and extension of an information collection approved under an emergency clearance with respect to the Standards for Approval of Dry and Cold Storage Warehouses for Processed Agricultural Commodities, Extracted Honey, and Bulk Oils "Standards of Approval of Warehouses." The information collection will allow CCC to administer the Honey Storage Agreement as authorized by the CCC Charter Act, 15 U.S.C. 714 *et seq.*

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 3, 2002, to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Shirlene Engle, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Storage Contract Branch, STOP 0553, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0553, (202) 720-7398; e-mail *ShirleneEngle@wdc.fsa.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Standards for Approval of Warehouses' Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0216.

Expiration Date: March 31, 2002.

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

Abstract: The information collected under OMB Control Number 0560-0216, as identified above, allows CCC to administer the Honey Storage Agreement authorized by the CCC Charter Act. The information collected allows CCC to contract for warehouse storage and related services and to monitor and enforce all honey provisions of 7 CFR part 1423. The forms approved by this information