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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. TB-02-05]

Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) announcement is made of a forthcoming meeting of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 21, 2002, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Tobacco Programs, Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation Building, Room 223, 1306 Annapolis Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27608.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John P. Duncan III, Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs, AMS, USDA, STOP 0280, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0280, telephone number (202) 205-0567 or fax (202) 205-0235.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the implementation of mandatory grading, establish alternate grading schedules, and discuss other related issues for the 2002 flue-cured tobacco marketing season.

The meeting is open to the public. Persons, other than members, who wish to address the Committee at the meeting should contact John P. Duncan III, Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs, AMS, USDA, STOP 0280, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0280, prior to the meeting. Written statements may be

submitted to the Committee before, at or after the meeting. If you need any accommodations to participate in the meeting, please contact the Tobacco Programs at (202) 205-0567 by May 15, 2002, and inform us of your needs.

Dated: May 7, 2002.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-030-1]

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 regulations to prevent the introduction of gypsy moth into noninfested areas of the United States from Canada.

DATES: We will consider all comments we receive that are postmarked, delivered, or e-mailed by July 9, 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. 02-030-1, 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. 02-030-1. 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. 02-030-1" 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 on the regulations regarding importation of gypsy moth host materials from Canada, contact Mr. Frederick A. Thomas, Export Specialist, PIM, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 140, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-8367. 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: Importation of Gypsy Moth Host Materials from Canada.

OMB Number: 0579-0142.

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

Abstract: The United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for preventing plant pests from entering the United States and controlling and eradicating plant pests in the United States. The Plant Protection Act authorizes the Department to carry out this mission. The Plant Protection and Quarantine program of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for implementing the regulations that carry out the intent of the Act.

To carry out this mission, APHIS administers regulations in 7 CFR 319.77-1 through 319.77-5 to prevent the introduction of gypsy moth into noninfested areas of the United States from Canada by placing certain inspection and documentation requirements on gypsy moth host materials (*i.e.*, regulated articles) from Canada. These regulated articles are: Trees without roots (*e.g.*, Christmas trees), trees with roots, shrubs with roots and persistent woody stems, logs and pulpwood with bark attached,

outdoor household articles, and mobile homes and their associated equipment. Under these regulations, phytosanitary certificates, certifications of origin, or signed homeowner statements will be required for some of these regulated articles, depending on their place of origin in Canada and their destination in the United States. These requirements necessitate the use of information collection activities.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities 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 information collection, 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 information collection 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 0.03632 hours per response.

Respondents: Canadian plant health authorities; growers; exporters of Christmas trees, shrubs, logs, pulpwood, and other articles from gypsy moth-infested provinces in Canada; private individuals entering the United States with a mobile home or outdoor household articles.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 2,146.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.03914.

Estimated annual number of responses: 2,230.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 81 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 6th day of May, 2002.

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: Food Stamp Program Web-Based Pre-Screening Tool

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The information collection being proposed involves the use of a web-based pre-screening tool for the general public to use to determine potential eligibility for Food Stamp Program benefits. Some data provided by the users will be captured and retained for analytical purposes.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 9, 2002, to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Pat Seward, Outreach Coordinator, State Administration Branch, Food Stamp Program, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 820, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, 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 through the use of appropriate, automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for additional information should be directed to Pat Seward at (703) 305-2328.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Food Stamp Program Web-Based Pre-Screening Tool.

OMB Number: To be assigned by OMB.

Form Number: None.

Expiration Date: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is requesting approval from OMB for three years.

Type of Request: This is a new information collection request.

Abstract: FNS is developing an interactive web-based food stamp pre-screening tool to be utilized by the general public to determine potential Food Stamp Program eligibility pursuant to 7 USC 2014. Once the user enters household size, income, expenses and resource information, the tool will calculate and provide the user with an estimated range of benefits that the household may be eligible to receive. Since food stamp eligibility and benefit amount may vary by location, FNS will provide a disclaimer that the tool is only an estimator, and the household will need to contact the local agency to determine actual eligibility and the appropriate benefit amount.

While FNS will not capture and retain any specific identifying or eligibility-related information about the household itself that uses the tool, it will request and retain the following information:

- The State where the user resides;
- Whether the user is using the tool for personal reasons or on behalf of others; and
- If the user is using it on the behalf of others; the user will be asked to identify him/herself (*i.e.*, relative of a person in need, advocacy organization, faith-based group, *etc.*) using a drop down menu.

This information will help FNS determine the degree and type of system usage as well as potential areas for further study. There may also be a formal survey appended to this tool but any such survey and proposed information collection will be announced under a separate notice.

Affected Public: Potential food stamp applicants and those using the tool on their behalf.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 48,000 per year.

Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.