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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-074-1]

Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: New 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 initiate a new information collection activity in support of regulations requiring the certification of facilities for the treatment of fruits, vegetables, and other articles. The certification of treatment facilities is necessary to ensure that the facilities are capable of performing treatments required under our regulations to prevent the introduction or dissemination of plant pests and noxious weeds into or within the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before January 21, 2003.

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. 02-074-1, 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. 02-074-1. 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. 02-074-1" 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 certification of treatment facilities, contact Mr. Jim Smith, Director, Port Operations, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 60, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-8295. 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: Certification of Treatment Facilities.

OMB Number: 0579-XXXX.

Type of Request: Approval of a new information collection.

Abstract: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for, among other things, preventing plant pests and noxious weeds from entering the United States and controlling and eradicating plant pests and noxious weeds 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 promulgated under the Act.

To carry out this mission, APHIS administers regulations intended, among other things, to prevent the introduction or dissemination of plant pests and noxious weeds into or within the United States. These regulations are contained in title 7, chapter III, of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

Under the regulations, certain articles such as fruits, vegetables, and seeds must be treated to be eligible for entry

into the United States or interstate movement within the United States. In some cases, treatments are performed in facilities in foreign countries; in other cases, treatments are performed aboard ship while the articles are in transit; and in still other cases, treatments are performed in facilities in the United States. All facilities that provide treatments required under our regulations, including refrigeration compartments on ships, must be certified by APHIS before they can provide those treatments.

Facilities wishing to be certified must supply APHIS with specifications, which may include plans, blueprints, drawings, or other information. Specific requirements for the certification of facilities are contained in the Plant Protection and Quarantine Treatment Manual, which is incorporated by reference at 7 CFR 300.1. We need this information to determine whether a facility can provide the treatments required for quarantine security.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for certification of facilities for the treatment of fruits, vegetables, and other articles.

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 1.25 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. shippers, importers, State and Plant Health

Protection authorities, owners and operators of facilities that perform quarantine treatments.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 250.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 250.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 312.5 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 13th day of November, 2002.

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Public Hearing on New Entrant's 2003-Crop Cane Sugar Marketing Allocation

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity to request a public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is issuing this notice to advise sugarcane processors and growers that they may request a public hearing as a result of an application made by a new sugarcane processor, the Arizona Sugar Factory, L.L.C., for a cane-sugar allocation for the 2003 crop year.

DATES: CCC will conduct a hearing if one is requested by December 4, 2002. CCC will publicly announce details of the hearing if one is requested.

ADDRESSES: Please send hearing requests to Thomas Bickerton, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Stop 0516, 1400 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0540. Phone: (202) 720-6733. Fax: (202) 690-1480. e-mail: sugar@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Bickerton at (202) 720-6733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Arizona Sugar Factory, L.L.C., a new entrant, is requesting a 2003-crop year allocation of 10,000 short tons, raw value, and wants its allocation to

increase to 50,000 short tons, raw value, for the 2005 crop. The new processor will be located in California, a mainland State which does not currently have a cane allotment. Section 359d(b)(1)(E) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, authorizes CCC to provide a sugarcane processor, who begins processing after May 13, 2002, with an allocation that provides a fair, efficient, and equitable distribution of the allocations from the allotment for the State in which the processor is located. CCC would have to allot California a share of the overall cane allotment in order to accommodate the new entrant's allocation. The new California allotment would be subtracted, on a pro rata basis, from the allotments otherwise provided to each mainland State.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 8, 2002.

James R. Little,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers To Be Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions Under 36 CFR Part 217 and Corrections Under 36 CFR Part 215 for the Southern Region; Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, West Virginia, Arkansas, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and correction.

SUMMARY: Deciding Officers in the Southern Region will publish notice of decisions subject to administrative appeal under 36 CFR part 217 in the legal notice section of the newspapers listed in the Supplementary Information section of this notice. As provided in 36 CFR part 217.5(d), the public shall be advised through **Federal Register** notice, of the principal newspaper to be utilized for publishing legal notice of decisions. Newspaper publication of notice of decisions is in addition to direct notice of decisions to those known to be interested in or affected by a specific decision. The Responsible Official under 36 CFR part 215 gave annual notice in the **Federal Register** published on June 6, 2002, of principal newspapers to be utilized for publishing notice of proposed actions and of

decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 215. The list of newspapers to be used for 215 notice and decision is corrected.

DATES: Use of these newspapers for purposes of publishing legal notice of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 217 and the use of the corrected newspaper listed under 36 CFR part 215 shall begin on or after the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Cloward, Acting Regional Appeals Coordinator, Southern Region, Planning, 1720 Peachtree Road, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Phone: 404-347-2788.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Deciding Officers in the Southern Region will give legal notice of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 217 in the following newspapers which are listed by Forest Service Administrative unit. Where more than one newspaper is listed for any unit, the first newspaper listed is the principal newspaper that will be utilized for publishing the legal notice of decisions. Additional newspapers listed for a particular unit are those newspapers the Deciding Officer expects to use for purposes of providing additional notice. The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the legal notice of the decision in the principal newspaper. The following newspapers will be used to provide notice.

Southern Region

Regional Forester Decisions

Affecting National Forest System lands in more than one state of the 14 states of the Southern Region and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico *Atlanta Journal*, published daily in Atlanta, GA.

Affecting National Forest System lands in only one state of the 14 states of the Southern Region and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or only one Ranger District will appear in the principal newspaper elected by the National Forest of that state or Ranger District.

National Forests in Alabama, Alabama

Forest Supervisor Decisions

Montgomery Advertiser, published daily in Montgomery, AL.

District Ranger Decisions

Bankhead Ranger District: Northwest Alabamian, published bi-weekly (Wednesday & Saturday) in Haleyville, AL.

Conecuh Ranger District: The Andalusia Star News, published daily (Tuesday through Saturday) in Andalusia, AL.