

has died, disappeared, or been declared incompetent.

Information is obtained only when a producer eligible to receive a payment or disbursement dies, disappears, or is declared incompetent, and documentation is needed to determine if any heirs or beneficiaries are entitled to receive such payments or disbursements.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .5 hours (1/2 hour) per response.

Respondents: Individual producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,000.

Proposed topics for comment include: (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 collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the 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. 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 David Tidwell, Agricultural Program Specialist, Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division, USDA, FSA, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0517, (202) 720-4542.

Copies of the information collection may be obtained from David Tidwell, at the above address.

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 12, 2004.

Verle E. Lanier,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics

Notice of Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service.

ACTION: Notice of appointment to the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of Agriculture announces members appointed to fill 9 vacancies on the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. Those appointed are as follows: Daryl Buss, Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI; Leon Corzine, Farmer/President, LPC Farms, Assumption, IL; Carole Cramer, Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA; Michael Dykes, Vice President, Government Affairs, Monsanto Company, St. Louis, MO; Carol Tucker Foreman, Director, Food Policy Institute, Consumer Federation of America; Randal Giroux, Scientific Lead, Corporate Agricultural Biotechnology, Cargill, Inc., Wayzata, MN; Margaret Mellon, Director, Food and Environment Program, Union of Concerned Scientists, Washington, DC; Ronald Olson, Vice President, Grain Division, General Mills, Minneapolis, MN; and Jerome Slocum, Farmer/President, North Mississippi Grain Company, Coldwater, MS.

DATES: Appointments by the Secretary are for a two-year term, effective February 13, 2004 until February 12, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, Office of the Deputy Secretary, USDA, 202B Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 12th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250; Telephone (202) 720-3817; Fax (202) 690-4265; E-mail mschechtman@ars.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The members of the committee cover a broad range of agricultural disciplines and interests. The duties of the committee are solely advisory. The Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture (AC21) is charged with examining the long-term impacts of biotechnology on the U.S. food and agriculture system and USDA, and providing guidance to USDA on

pressing individual issues, identified by the Office of the Secretary, related to the application of biotechnology in agriculture.

The AC21 was first appointed in February 2003 and at the time half of the appointments were for a one-year term and half for a two-year term. Due to the staggered appointments, the terms for 9 of the 18 members expired on February 12, 2004. Members of the AC21 may be reappointed by the Secretary of Agriculture but no member may serve more than six consecutive years. Members serve without pay, but with reimbursement of travel expenses and per diem for attendance at AC21 and subcommittee functions for those committee members who require assistance in order to attend the meetings.

Dated: April 13, 2004.

Rodney J. Brown,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Total Quality Systems Audit Program

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 a revision and extension of an information collection currently in effect with respect to the Total Quality Systems Audit (TQSA) program. This information collection allows FSA to determine compliance with the TQSA standards. The TQSA program was implemented to ensure that FSA commodity purchases meet customer requirements and needs. Suppliers of commodities covered by the TQSA program have had to meet quality control and food safety standards to assure the quality of the end product being purchased by FSA.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before June 21, 2004, to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Howard Froehlich, Chief, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Program Development Branch, STOP

0553, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0553, (202) 720-7398; e-mail
Howard_Froehlich@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Total Quality Systems Audit Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0214.

Expiration Date: October 31, 2004.

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

Abstract: The information collected under OMB Control Number 0560-0214, as identified above, allows FSA to administer the TQSA program. The forms approved by this information collection are used by TQSA auditors, employed by FSA, or supplier representatives to secure and record information about the supplier's facility, audit information, and to submit corrective action plans to nonconformances previously found. The information collected is necessary to provide those charged with purchasing FSA commodities a basis to determine whether the supplier's quality management system meets applicable TQSA standards for contract bidding eligibility and to monitor the capability of the quality management system once approved supplier status is achieved. The information collected allows FSA to bill suppliers for the amount of hours TQSA auditors spent auditing supplier's quality management system.

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

Respondents: Commodity suppliers participating in the TQSA program.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 400 hours.

Proposed topics for comment include: (a) Whether the continued 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 FSA's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhancing the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; or (d) minimizing the burden of the collection of the 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. 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 Howard Froehlich at the address listed above. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 12, 2004.

Verle E. Lanier,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), today denied a petition filed by a group of freshwater prawn producers from Kentucky for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) that was filed on February 23, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: trade.assistance@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon investigation, the Administrator determined that the price information provided in the petition could not be validated. Thus Kentucky prawn prices could not be verified to have declined by more than 20 percent during the January-December 2002 marketing year, compared to the previous 5-year average, a condition required for certifying a petition for TAA.

Dated: April 9, 2004.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-533-841, A-560-817, A-583-840, A-549-823]

Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Bottle-Grade Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Resin from India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Thailand

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 20, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Riggle at (202) 482-0650 or Amber Musser at (202) 482-1777, AD/CVD Enforcement Office 5, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Initiation of Investigations

The Petition

On March 24, 2004, the U.S. Department of Commerce (the Department) received a petition filed in proper form by the United States PET Resin Producers Coalition (the petitioner). The Department received supplemental information from the petitioner on April 5, 2004.

In accordance with section 732(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioner alleges that imports of polyethylene terephthalate resin (bottle-grade PET resin) from India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Thailand are, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that imports from India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Thailand are materially injuring, or are threatening to materially injure, an industry in the United States.

The Department finds that the petitioner filed the petition on behalf of the domestic industry because it is an interested party as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act and it has demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to each of the antidumping investigations that it is requesting the Department to initiate. *See infra*, "Determination of Industry Support for the Petition."

Periods of Investigation

The anticipated period of investigation (POI) for these