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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 regulations for softwood packing materials exported from the United States, contact Mr. David B. Lamb, Export Certification Specialist, Phytosanitary Issues Management, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 140, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-3818. 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: Export Certification; Heat Treatment of Softwood Packing Materials Exported to China.

OMB Number: 0579-0147.

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

Abstract: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides, among other things, export certification services to assure other countries that the plants and plant products that they are receiving from the United States are free of plant pests specified by the receiving country.

The export certification regulations contained in 7 CFR part 353 (referred to below as the regulations) set forth the procedures for obtaining certification for plants and plant products offered for export or reexport. It should be noted that export certification is not required by the regulations; rather, it is provided by the Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) program of APHIS as a service to exporters.

Effective January 1, 2000, the Government of the People's Republic of China required goods from the United States to be accompanied by either a statement from the exporter that the shipment does not contain any softwood (conifer) packing materials, or by an APHIS-issued certificate certifying that the conifer packing materials in the shipment have been heat treated to a

minimum core temperature of 56 °C for 30 minutes.

In response to this requirement, we developed a new certificate of heat treatment and procedures for issuing it to exporters who need to heat treat their packing materials in order to ship goods to China. This certificate, PPQ Form 553, is divided into two parts and serves as both a certification by the exporter that the required heat treatment was performed and USDA endorsement of industry compliance with the certification requirements.

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 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 0.01728 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. exporters, State and county cooperators (inspectors).

Estimated annual number of respondents: 6,500.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 25.

Estimated annual number of responses: 162,500.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 2,808 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 5th day of March 2003.

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: Report of the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Administrative Costs (Form FNS-667)

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 the proposed information collection of administrative cost information under the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) for Form FNS-667. This proposal is an extension of a collection currently approved under OMB No. 0584-0385.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 9, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed or faxed to Rosalind Cleveland, Chief, Program Support Branch, Food Distribution Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. The fax number is 703-305-1410. Comments may also be emailed to: fdd-pst@fns.usda.gov.

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 shall 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5

p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, Room 508.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosalind Cleveland at 703-305-2888.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Report of the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Administrative Costs (Form FNS-667).

OMB Number: 0584-0385.

Form Number: FNS-667.

Expiration Date: April 30, 2003.

Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The FNS-667, Report of the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Administrative Costs, is completed quarterly, with a close-out report, by the State agencies administering TEFAP. States use the form to report how Federal administrative funds are utilized in three separate categories. States may use funds to pay costs incurred by the State agency itself, or to pay costs incurred by local recipient agencies—emergency feeding organizations (EFO) that distribute USDA commodities to eligible households. States also “pass down” to EFOs a certain percentage of Federal administrative funds received, as required by the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983, as amended, Section 1772(a) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-624. The information reported on the form is used by the Food and Nutrition Service to ensure that States meet this requirement, as well as the requirement that States match all Federal administrative funds that are not passed down to the local agencies, or used to pay costs on their behalf.

Respondents: State Agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55 (States, Territories, and the District of Columbia).

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 5.

Estimated Time per Response: .5 to 8 hours per response/average 3.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 962.5 hours annually (55 State agencies at 5 responses per agency = 275 responses @ 3.5 hours). A total of five reports, four quarterly and a final close-out report, are submitted. Recordkeeping burden = 0 hours. Reporting burden = 962.5 hours.

Dated: March 4, 2003.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Yreka, California, March 17, 2003. The meeting will include routine business and discussion, review, and recommendation of submitted project proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held March 17, 2003 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Yreka High School Library, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Hall, RAC Coordinator, Klamath National Forest, (530) 841-4468 or electronically at donaldhall@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: March 3, 2003.

Margaret J. Boland,

Designated Federal Official.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2002, at the John A. Wilson Building, Room 201, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. The Advisory Committee will hold a meeting to (1) receive an update on the InterSAC report, Civil Rights Concerns in the Metropolitan Washington, DC Area in the Aftermath of the September 11,

2001, Tragedies, and (2) resume planning for its next forums on police-community relations and the impact of relocation of federal agencies outside of the District of Columbia.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Marc Pentino of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least 10 working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated in Washington, DC, March 4, 2003.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2003, at the Lancaster Lounge, Moulton Union, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine 04011. The purpose of the meeting is to hold new member orientation, be briefed by invited guests on civil rights issues in Maine, and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Aonghas St. Hilaire of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least 10 working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated in Washington, DC, March 4, 2003.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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