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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 8, 2006.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (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 to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

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Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: "Certificate for Quota Eligibility" (CQE) to Enter Sugar into the United States.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0014.

Summary of Collection: 5(a)(i) of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States authorizes the Secretary to establish a raw-cane sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ). 5(b)(i) authorizes the U.S. Trade Representative to allocate the raw-cane sugar tariff-rate quota among supplying countries. Certificates of Quota Eligibility (CQE) are issued to the 40 countries that receive TRQ allocations to export sugar to the United States. The CQE is completed by the certifying authority in the foreign country that certifies that the sugar being exported to the United States was produced in the foreign country that has the TRQ allocation. The Foreign Agriculture will collect information using form FSA-961, Certificate for Quota Eligibility.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect the following information: (1) Country of origin or area of the eligible raw cane sugar; (2) quota period; (3) quantity of raw cane sugar to be exported; (4) details of the shipment (shipper, vessel, port of loading); and (5) additional details if available at the time of shipment (consignee, address of consignee, expected date of departure, expected date of arrival in the U.S., expected port of arrival). The information will help determine if the quantity to be imported is eligible to be entered under the TRQ.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 40.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 200.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Income Eligibility Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department announces adjusted income eligibility guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC). These income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations.

DATES: July 1, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra Whitford, Branch Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, FNS, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305-2746.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This notice is exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of this Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.557, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983, and 49 FR 22676, May 31, 1984).

Description

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786 (d)(2)(A)) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish income criteria to be used with nutritional risk criteria in determining a person's eligibility for participation in the WIC Program. The law provides that persons will be income eligible for the WIC Program only if they are members of families that satisfy the income standard prescribed for reduced-price school meals under section 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)). Under section 9(b), the income limit for reduced-price school meals is 185 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines, as adjusted.

Section 9(b) also requires that these guidelines be revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The annual revision for 2007 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 72 FR 3147, January 24, 2007. The guidelines published by HHS are referred to as the poverty guidelines.

Section 246.7(d)(1) of the WIC regulations (Title 7, Code of Federal

Regulations) specifies that State agencies may prescribe income guidelines either equaling the income guidelines established under section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act for reduced-price school meals or identical to State or local guidelines for free or reduced-price health care. However, in conforming WIC income guidelines to State or local health care guidelines, the State cannot establish WIC guidelines which exceed the guidelines for reduced-price school meals, or which are less than 100 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines. Consistent with the method used to compute income eligibility guidelines for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program, the poverty guidelines were multiplied by 1.85 and the results rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

At this time the Department is publishing the maximum and minimum WIC income eligibility guidelines by household size for the period July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. Consistent with section 17(f)(17) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.

1786(f)(17)), a State agency may implement the revised WIC income eligibility guidelines concurrently with the implementation of income eligibility guidelines under the Medicaid program established under Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396, et seq.). State agencies may coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines, but in no case may implementation take place later than July 1, 2007.

State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines on July 1, 2007. The first table of this notice contains the income limits by household size for the 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia and all Territories, including Guam. Because the poverty guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii are higher than for the 48 contiguous States, separate tables for Alaska and Hawaii have been included for the convenience of the State agencies.

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008)

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines- 100%						Reduced Price Meals - 155%					
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly		
	48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories											
1.....	\$10,210	\$851	\$426	\$393	\$197	\$18,889	\$1,575	\$788	\$727	\$364		
2.....	13,690	1,141	571	527	264	25,327	2,111	1,056	975	488		
3.....	17,170	1,431	716	661	331	31,765	2,648	1,324	1,222	611		
4.....	20,650	1,721	861	795	398	38,203	3,184	1,592	1,470	735		
5.....	24,130	2,011	1,006	929	465	44,641	3,721	1,861	1,717	859		
6.....	27,610	2,301	1,151	1,062	531	51,079	4,257	2,129	1,965	983		
7.....	31,090	2,591	1,296	1,196	598	57,517	4,794	2,397	2,213	1,107		
8.....	34,570	2,881	1,441	1,330	665	63,955	5,330	2,665	2,460	1,230		
Each Add'l Member Add	+ \$3,480	+ \$290	+ \$145	+ \$134	+ \$67	+ \$6,438	+ \$537	+ \$269	+ \$248	+ \$124		
Alaska												
1.....	\$12,770	\$1,065	\$533	\$492	\$246	\$23,625	\$1,969	\$985	\$909	\$455		
2.....	17,120	1,427	714	659	330	31,672	2,640	1,320	1,219	610		
3.....	21,470	1,790	895	826	413	39,720	3,310	1,655	1,528	764		
4.....	25,820	2,152	1,076	994	497	47,767	3,981	1,991	1,838	919		
5.....	30,170	2,515	1,258	1,161	581	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074		
6.....	34,520	2,877	1,439	1,328	664	63,862	5,322	2,661	2,457	1,229		
7.....	38,870	3,240	1,620	1,495	748	71,910	5,993	2,997	2,766	1,383		
8.....	43,220	3,602	1,801	1,663	832	79,957	6,664	3,332	3,076	1,538		
Each Add'l Member Add	+ \$4,350	+ \$363	+ \$182	+ \$168	+ \$84	+ \$8,048	+ \$671	+ \$336	+ \$310	+ \$155		
Hawaii												
1.....	\$11,750	\$980	\$490	\$452	\$226	\$21,738	\$1,812	\$906	\$837	\$419		
2.....	15,750	1,313	657	606	303	29,138	2,429	1,215	1,121	561		
3.....	19,750	1,646	823	760	380	36,538	3,045	1,523	1,406	703		
4.....	23,750	1,980	990	914	457	43,938	3,662	1,831	1,690	845		
5.....	27,750	2,313	1,157	1,068	534	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988		
6.....	31,750	2,646	1,323	1,222	611	58,738	4,895	2,448	2,260	1,130		
7.....	35,750	2,980	1,490	1,375	688	66,138	5,512	2,756	2,544	1,272		
8.....	39,750	3,313	1,657	1,529	765	73,538	6,129	3,065	2,829	1,415		
Each Add'l Member Add	+ \$4,000	+ \$334	+ \$167	+ \$154	+ \$77	+ \$7,400	+ \$617	+ \$309	+ \$285	+ \$143		

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Roberto Salazar,
Administrator.

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