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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. DA-03-02]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Services' (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for the Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products and for the Certification of Sanitary Design and Fabrication of Equipment Used in the Slaughter, Processing, and Packaging of Livestock and Poultry Products.

DATES: Comments received by May 9, 2003 will be considered.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Susan M. Sausville, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Dairy Standardization Branch, Room 2746-South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0230; Tel: (202) 720-2643, Fax: (202) 720-2643 or via e-mail at susan.sausville@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting Requirements Under Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products.

OMB Number: 0581-0126.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2003.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The dairy grading program is a voluntary user fee program authorized under the Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*). The regulations governing inspection and grading services of manufactured or processed dairy products are contained in 7 CFR part 58. In order for a voluntary inspection to perform satisfactorily, there must be written requirements and rules for both Government and industry. The information requested is used to identify the product offered for grading to identify a request from a manufacturer of equipment used in dairy, meat, or poultry industries for evaluation regarding sanitary design and construction; to identify and contact the party responsible for payment of the inspection, grading, or equipment evaluation fee and expense; and to identify applicants who wish to be authorized for the display of official identification on product packaging materials, equipment, or utensils or on descriptive or promotional materials.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this record keeping is estimated to average .0585 hours per response.

Respondents: Distributors, manufacturers, and packers of butter and cheese and manufacturers of processing equipment used in the dairy, meat, and poultry industries.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 360 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of the information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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. Comments should reference OMB No. 0581-0126 and the Dairy Inspection and Grading Program and be sent to the

Office of the Deputy Administrator, USDA/AMS/ Dairy Programs, Room 2968-S, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20090-6456. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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

Dated: March 4, 2003.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[No. LS-02-20]

Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information: Certification of Organizations for Eligibility To Make Nominations to the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is accepting applications from State, regional, and national lamb producer, seedstock producer, feeder, and first handler organizations or associations that desire to be certified as eligible to nominate lamb producers, seedstock producers, lamb feeders, or first handlers of lamb or lamb products for appointment to the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Board (Board). Previously certified organizations do not need to reapply. To nominate a producer, seedstock producer, feeder, or first handler member to the Board, organizations must first be certified by USDA. Notice is also given that upcoming vacancies are anticipated and that during a period to be established by USDA, nominations will be accepted from eligible organizations.