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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development

One Hundred and Forty-Third Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and forty-third meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on February 3rd, 2005 at the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), 1307 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC (13th & H St.).

The BIFAD will address an agenda focusing on future directions of international agriculture development programs, priorities for implementing and monitoring USAID's new Agricultural Strategy, better linkages with the private sector, items dealing with the Collaborative Research Support Programs (CRSPs), better integration of Title XII Legislation within programs, and other items of general interest.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact John Swanson, the Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2.11-06, Washington, DC 20523-2110 or telephone him at (202) 712-5602 or fax (202) 216-3010.

Dated: January 13, 2005.

John Swanson,

USAID Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture & Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Notice of Request for New 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 intention of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to request a new information collection in support of the Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Processed Fruits and Vegetables and Related Products.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before March 25, 2005.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Terry B. Bane, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0247; fax (202) 690-1527; or e-mail terry.bane@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The "Domestic Origin Verification System" (DOVS) audit program is a user-fee service, available to suppliers, processors, and any financially interested party. It is designed to provide validation of the applicant's domestic origin verification system prior to bidding on contracts to supply food products to the Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Domestic Feeding programs, and/or may be conducted after a contract is awarded.

DOVS was established to evaluate prospective applicants' systems for assurance that only domestic products are delivered under USDA contracts, and to establish procedures for applicant system evaluations as well as acceptance and rejection criteria.

Title: "Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Processed Fruits and Vegetables and Related Products—7 CFR 52."

OMB Number: To be assigned.

Expiration Date of Approval: To be announced.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-*et seq.*) (AMA) directs and authorizes the Department to develop standards of quality, grades, grading programs, and other services to facilitate trading of agricultural products and assure consumers of quality products, which are graded and identified under USDA programs. Section 203(h) of the AMA specifically directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to inspect, certify, and identify the grade, class, quality, quantity, and condition of agricultural products under such rules and regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, including assessment and collection of fees for the cost of the service. The regulations for such services for processed fruits and vegetables and related products may be found at 7 CFR Part 52. AMS also provides other types of voluntary services under the same regulations, *e.g.*, contract and specification acceptance services, facility assessment services, and certifications of quantity and quality. Grading services are available on a resident basis or a lot-fee basis. Respondents may request resident service on a continuous basis or on an as-needed basis. The user (user-fee) pays for the service. The AMA and these regulations do not mandate the use of these services; they are provided only to those entities that request or apply for a specific service. In order for the Agency to satisfy those requests for service, the Agency must request certain information from those who apply for service. The information collected is used only by Agency personnel and is used to administer services requested by the respondents. Affected public may include any partnership, association, business trust, corporation, organized group, and state, county, or municipal government, and any authorized agent that has a financial interest in the commodity involved and requests service.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.25 hours per response (225 total hours divided by 100 total annual responses).

Respondents: Applicants who are applying for grading and inspection services.