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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

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 intent of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request an extension of currently approved information collection for a regulation used in support of the FSA Farm Loan Programs (FLP). This renewal does not involve any revisions to the program rules.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 8, 2002 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Cumpton, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0523, Washington, DC 20250-0523; Telephone (202) 690-4014; Electronic mail: mike.cumpton@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: (7 CFR 1965-A) Servicing of Real Estate Security for Farmer Program Loans and Certain Note-Only Cases.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0158.

Expiration Date: Jan. 31, 2002.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: This regulation promulgates provisions of sections 331 and 335 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (Act) (7 U.S.C. Secs. 1981 and 1985). Section 331 of the Act, in part, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to modify, subordinate and release terms of security instruments, leases, contracts, and agreements

entered into by FSA. That section also authorizes transfers of security property as the Secretary deems necessary to carry out the purpose of the loan or protect the Government's financial interest. Section 335 of the Act provides servicing authority for real estate security, operation or lease of realty, disposition of property, conveyance of real property interests of the United States, including dispositions for easements and rights of way. The information collection required by this subpart relates to a program benefit recipient or loan borrower requesting action on security which they own which has been mortgaged to the Agency to secure a Government loan. The information to be collected will primarily be financial data not already on file, such as borrower asset values.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .42 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit farming entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,246.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6,436 hours.

Comments are invited on: (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. These 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 Michael Cumpton, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0523, Washington, DC 20250-0523.

Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 20, 2001.

John W. Williams,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-038N]

Codex Alimentarius: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Meat and Poultry Hygiene

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is sponsoring a public meeting on December 12, 2001, to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the Eighth Session of the Codex Committee on Meat and Poultry Hygiene, which will be held in Wellington, New Zealand, on February 18-22, 2002. The Under Secretary recognizes the importance of providing interested parties with information about the Codex Committee on Meat and Poultry Hygiene of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and to address items on the Agenda for the 8th Session of the Committee.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Washington Plaza Hotel in the Diplomat Room, 10 Thomas Circle, Washington, DC.

To receive copies of the documents referenced in the notice contact the FSIS Docket Room, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. The documents will also be accessible via the World Wide Web

at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/agend.htm>.

If you have comments, please send an original and two copies to the FSIS Docket Room at the address above and reference Docket 01-038N and the document number. All comments submitted will be available for public inspection in the Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Clerkin, Associate U.S. Manager for Codex, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization for encouraging fair international trade in food and protecting the health and economic interests of consumers. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and EPA manage and carry out U.S. Codex activities.

The Codex Executive Committee (CEC), at its 47th Session in 2000, asked that the Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene reconvene to redraft the existing codes on meat hygiene so that they reflect contemporary developments. The CEC also asked that the scope of the existing codes include poultry hygiene. These recommendations were confirmed by the 24th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in July 2001, and it was agreed that the name of the Committee would be amended to the Codex Committee on Meat and Poultry Hygiene (CCMPH).

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The provisional agenda items to be discussed during the public meeting are:
—Proposed Draft General Principles of Meat Hygiene
—Proposed Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Meat

Public Meeting

At the December 10th public meeting, the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 8th Session of the Codex Committee on Meat and Poultry Hygiene.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of this **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on-line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could effect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-5704.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Hackberry Draw Watershed, Eddy County, NM

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural

Resources Conservation Service Rules (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the rehabilitation of two dams (Sites 1 and 2) and a floodwater diversion (FD-1) in the Hackberry Draw Watershed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rosendo Treviño III; State Conservationist; Natural Resources Conservation Service; 6200 Jefferson, NE; Albuquerque, NM 87109-3734; telephone 505-761-4400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment (EA) of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national effects on the human environment. As a result of these findings, Rosendo Treviño III, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purpose is flood damage prevention. The action includes the rehabilitation of two floodwater retarding dams and one floodwater diversion. The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency; various Federal, state, and local agencies; and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FNSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the EA are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Rosendo Treviño III. No administrative action on implementation of the proposed action will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Rosendo Treviño III,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Georgia Transmission Corporation; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a request from Georgia Transmission Corporation for assistance from the RUS to finance the