

0551-0009 (Declaration of Sale Form). These will be combined into OMB Number 0551-0005 if this request is approved.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 2003.

*Type of Request:* Extension and revision of currently approved information collections, with change to combine 0551-0005 (Records and Rule Keeping); 0551-0008 (Request for Vessel Approval) and 0551-0009 (Declaration of Sale Form).

*Abstract:* Title I of The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, (Pub. L. 83-480) authorizes the CCC to finance the sale and exportation of agricultural commodities on concessional credit terms. Suppliers of commodities and ocean transportation must retain records for 3 years. Prospective commodity suppliers must provide information for the Department to determine eligibility. Commodity suppliers must report details of sales for price approval and submit to USDA, for approval, information on any amendments to the sales. Shipping agents nominated by importing countries must submit information to allow identification of possible conflicts of interest. Shipping agents or embassies submit pertinent shipping information on Form CCC-105 to facilitate approval by CCC of shipping arrangements. This approval is necessary to assure compliance with cargo preference requirements at the lowest cost to CCC. Agents submit this document in order that USDA can generate the CCC-106, a necessary payment document. Ocean carriers then receive payment for ocean freight. Commodity suppliers must report details of sales for price approval. Form FAS-359, "Declaration of Sale," is the written record, signed by the commodity supplier, of the terms of sale as reported by telephone. When signed by the General Sales Manager, it provides evidence of the USDA price approval required for CCC financing.

The information collected is used by CCC to manage, plan, evaluate and account for government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden for these collections is estimated to average 8 hours per Record Keeping, 5 hours per Vessel Approval and 2 hours per Declaration of Sale response.

*Respondents:* Suppliers of commodities and ocean transportation; prospective commodity suppliers; shipping agents; and business or other-for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 45 per annum.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents:* 565.00 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimberly Chisley, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-2568.

*Requests for Comments:* Send comments regarding (a) whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to William Hawkins, Director, Program Administration Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1031, Washington, DC 20250-1031, or to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). 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.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 27, 2003.

**A. Ellen Terpstra,**

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

#### Commodity Credit Corporation Information Collection; Payment Eligibility and Payment Limitation Determinations Under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

**AGENCIES:** Farm Service Agency and the Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the

Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a currently approved information collection with revision. This information collection is used to support payment eligibility and payment limitation determinations for a multiple programs including the Conservation Reserve Program, the Price Support Programs, and the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before June 9, 2003, to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Farm Service Agency, Attn: James Baxa, Agricultural Program Specialist, Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division, Farms Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0517, Room 4752, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0517. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 720-4941 or by e-mail to [james.baxa@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:james.baxa@wdc.usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Baxa, Agricultural Program Specialist at (202) 720-4189, or Diane Sharp, Director of Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division at (202) 720-7641.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Description of Information Collection

*Title:* Payment Eligibility and Payment Limitation Determinations under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0096.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* March 31, 2003.

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

*Abstract:* The collection of the information is necessary to determine the eligibility of individuals and entities as defined at 7 CFR part 1400 for payment eligibility and payment limitation in a multiple programs including, but not limited to, the Conservation Reserve Program, the Price Support Programs, the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. The regulations at 7 CFR part 1400, as amended, provide for an "actively engaged in farming" and "person" determinations to be made for