

Expiration Date of Approval: February 29, 2004.

Type of Request: To extend a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Under Interagency Agreement Number DOA-1, between the Department of Agriculture and Office of Personnel Management, the USDA Administrative and Financial Management Staff examines, rates, and certifies applicants for Agricultural Statistician positions GS-1530 and Mathematical Statistician (Agricultural) GS-1529 positions within the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The Interagency Agreement was made under provisions of 5 U.S.C. 1104, as amended by Public Law No. 104-52(1995).

Resumes, curriculum vitae, and the "Optional Application for Federal Employment" (OF-612) are general purpose forms used to evaluate applicants for positions in the Federal service. While these forms request specific information about an applicant, they do not always obtain detailed references to those knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA's) that are critical to the job. The Supplemental Qualifications Statement for agricultural statistician and mathematical statistician (agricultural) positions allows applicants the opportunity to describe their achievements or accomplishments as they relate to the required KSA's.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response.

Respondents: Individual job Applicants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 600 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Ginny McBride, NASS OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (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 including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or

other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Ginny McBride, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 5336 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2009. All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, July 14, 2003.

Carol House,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Telephone Bank

Staff Briefing

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank, USDA.

ACTION: Staff Briefing for the Board of Directors.

Time and Date: 2 p.m., Monday, August 18, 2003.

Place: Conference Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC.

Status: Open.

Matters to be discussed:

1. Annual retirement of class A stock.
2. Annual class C stock dividend rate.
3. Loan loss reserve for FY 2003.
4. Privatization discussion.
5. Administrative and other issues.

ACTION: Board of Directors Meeting.

Time and Date: 9 a.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2003.

Place: Conference Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC.

Status: Open.

Matters to be considered: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Action on Minutes of the May 9, 2003, board meeting.
3. Secretary's Report on loans approved.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Report on the allowance for loan loss reserve for FY 2003.
6. Privatization presentation by the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Treasury.
7. Consideration of resolution to retire class A stock in FY 2003.
8. Consideration of resolution to set annual class C stock dividend rate.
9. Governor's Remarks.

10. Adjournment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: August 1, 2003.

Roberta D. Purcell,

Acting Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Anti-Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders on Certain Pasta From Italy: Affirmative Preliminary Determinations of Circumvention of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Affirmative Preliminary Determinations of Circumvention of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders.

SUMMARY: On April 27, 2000, the Department of Commerce (the Department) self-initiated an anti-circumvention inquiry to determine whether an Italian producer of pasta is circumventing the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on certain pasta from Italy, issued July 24, 1996. We preliminarily determine that certain pasta produced in Italy by Pastificio Fratelli Pagani S.p.A. (Pagani) and exported to the United States in packages of greater than five pounds, which are subsequently repackaged in the United States into packages of five pounds or less, constitutes circumvention of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on certain pasta from Italy, within the meaning of section 781(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.225(g). Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 6, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zev Primor or Ronald Trentham, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office IV, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4114 or (202) 482-6320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: