education institutions that work with socially disadvantaged producers. The membership term shall not exceed 2 years from the date of appointment. The Secretary may also appoint others as deemed necessary and appropriate to fulfill the ACMF charter.

An organization may nominate individuals from within or outside its membership; alternatively, an individual may nominate herself or himself. Current members may likewise apply for reappointment. Nomination packages should include a nomination form along with a cover letter or resume that documents the nominee’s background and experience.

Nomination forms are available on the Internet at: http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755.pdf. The Secretary will select up to 20 members to obtain the broadest possible representation on the Committee, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.2) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Regulation 1041–1.

Equal opportunity practices, in line with the USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

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Signed in Washington, DC, this 1 day of March 2017.
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Associate Director, Office of Advocacy and Outreach.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Notice of Request for Extension 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, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service’s (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension without change of a currently approved information collection titled Data Collection for Container Availability.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 8, 2017 to be assured of consideration.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Data Collection for Container Availability.

OMB Number: 0581–0276.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2017.

Type of Request: Extension without change of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information including adequate outlook information, on a market area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements aiding in the maintenance of farm income and to bring about a balance between production and utilization.

As part of the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Transportation Services Division (TSD) provides insightful agricultural transportation information and analysis to help move agricultural products to market. TSD informs, represents, and assists agricultural shippers and government policymakers through: Market reports, representation, analysis, assistance, and responses to inquiries. TSD collects data for its analysis from public resources as well as unique data sources to help the agricultural exporters make the most out of the transportation options available. The Data Collection for Container Availability provides U.S. agricultural exporters with weekly data detailing the availability of containers at 18 select locations around the country. AMS collects these data on a voluntary basis from ocean container carriers and then provides these up-to-date data in an aggregate report on its Web site. The goal of the report is to provide more transparency in the market for the location and availability of marine shipping containers for U.S. exporters. Exporters use this tool to make more knowledgeable decisions about which locations provide the best chance for finding available containers to move their products overseas.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.61 hours per response.

Respondents: Ocean Container/Liner Carriers and the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 1,092.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 52.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,759.26.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (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 the use of appropriate automated,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Food Safety and Inspection Service

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

AGENCY: Office of Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are sponsoring a public meeting on April 4, 2017. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 49th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), taking place in Beijing, China April 24–29, 2017. The Administrator and Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Food Safety and the EPA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 49th Session of the CCPR and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2017, from 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Room S–7100, One Potomac Yard South, 2777 South Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, 22202.

Documents related to the 49th Session of the CCPR are accessible via Internet at the following address: http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/.

Call-In-Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 49th Session of the CCPR by conference call, please use the call-in-number and participant listed below:

Call-In-Number: 1–888–844–9904.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 49TH SESSION OF THE CCPR CONTACT:

Captain David Miller, U.S. Delegate to the 49th Session of the CCPR, and the EPA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, invite interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Miller.Davidj@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Marie Maratos, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 205–7760, Fax: (202) 720–3157, Email: Marie.Maratos@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background

The Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, the Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade. The CCPR is responsible for establishing maximum limits for pesticide residues in specific food items or in groups of food; establishing maximum limits for pesticide residues in certain animal feeding stuffs moving in international trade where this is justified for reasons of protection of human health; preparing priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR); considering methods of sampling and analysis for the determination of pesticide residues in food and feed; considering other matters in relation to the safety of food and feed containing pesticide residues; and establishing maximum limits for environmental and industrial contaminants showing chemical or other similarity to pesticides, in specific food items or groups of food.

The CCPR is hosted by China. The United States attends this committee as a member country of the Codex Alimentarius.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 49th Session of the CCPR will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee Codex or other subsidiary bodies;
- Matters of interest arising from the FAO and WHO;
- Matters of interest arising from other international organizations;
- Report on items of general consideration by the 2016 JMPR;
- Report on 2016 JMPR responses to specific concerns raised by CCPR;
- Draft and proposed draft maximum residue limits for pesticides in food and feed at steps 7 and 4;
- Draft and proposed revision of the Classification of Food and Feed at Steps 7 and 4: Vegetable commodity groups;
- Draft revision of the Classification of Food and Feed at Step 7: Selected commodity groups Group 020—Grasses of cereal grains;
- Proposed draft revision of the Classification of Food and Feed at Step 4: Selected commodity groups (Group 021—Grasses for sugars or syrup production);
- Proposed draft Tables—Examples of selection of representative commodities (vegetable and other commodity groups) (for inclusion in the Principles and guidance for the selection of representative commodities for the extrapolation of maximum residue limits for pesticides to commodity groups) at Step 4;
- Draft Guidelines on performance criteria for methods of analysis for the determination of pesticide residues in food at Step 7;
- Discussion paper on the possible revision of the International Estimated Short Term Intake equations;
- Establishment of Codex Schedules and Priority Lists of Pesticides; and
- Other Business and Future Work. Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or