Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

Erin Morris,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested regarding: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 regarding this information collection received by December 4, 2026 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website *www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.* Find this particular information collection by selecting ''Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments'' or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: Loan Modernization Initiative.

OMB Control Number: 0570–NEW.

Summary of Collection: Rural Development is launching the transformation of its loan and grant systems that support farmers, ranchers, and rural communities into one modern platform built for the 21st century. With a single customer file, step-by-step intake and eligibility tools, and online payments, this modern platform will manage all current active files in one place, enabling employees to deliver faster service to customers and lending partners.

To further improve customer experience and service delivery for applicants, RD is developing an Online Loan Application for the applicants to submit requests for Direct Loan assistance electronically. Future releases and iterations of the online application software will include expansion of functionality for direct loans, guarantees, and grant making and provide the ability for primary loan servicing application submission.

The use of hard copy applications will continue to be covered in the individual program information collections. However, RD will expect to further decrease the burden hours under individual OMB Control numbers as the functionality and use of the online application software expands, and more applicants shift away from using the hard copy application format.

Initial release of the online application system will be available for RBCS Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program and then RHS Community Facilities programs and RUS Water and Environmental Programs.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of the requirements accounted for in this information collection are to ensure that the Agency has the necessary data to make sound financial decisions in regards to its programs. This data also ensures that program funds go only to eligible applicants and projects and allows the Agency to track that recipients stay eligible in accordance with program regulations.

Additionally, to abide by 2 CFR 180.405 & 2 CFR 180.425(b), the Principal of every application will need to supply their SSN to ensure Do Not Pay can be complied with. If the specified principal is not present in the organization's structure, select the highest-ranking executive responsible for the organization's financial operations, fiscal health, and long term financial strategy. Failure to collect this information would not allow the Agency to act in its best interests.

Description of Respondents: Businesses or other for-profits; Farms; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 485,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 3,287,280.

Levi S. Harrell,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Foreign Agricultural Service to request an extension from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of a currently approved information collection for the Emerging Markets Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 4, 2027 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by the OMB Control number 0551–0048, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* This portal enables respondents to enter short comments or attach a file containing lengthier comments.
- *Email: PODadmin@usda.gov.* Include OMB Control number 0551–0048 in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail, Courier, or Hand Delivery:* Curt Alt, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6512, Washington, DC 20250.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number for this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curt Alt, (202) 690–4784, *PODAdmin@usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Emerging Markets Program.

OMB Number: 0551–0048.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2025.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Under the USDA Emerging Markets Program, information will be gathered from applicants desiring to receive grants under the program to

determine the viability of requests for resources to implement activities authorized under the program. Recipients of grants under the program must submit performance and financial reports as set forth in the Emerging Market Program regulations, located at 7 CFR part 1486. Submitted information is used to develop effective grant agreements and assure that statutory requirements and program objectives are met.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for each respondent resulting from information collection under the USDA Emerging Markets Program varies in direct relation to the number and type of agreements entered into by such respondent. The estimated average reporting burden for the USDA Emerging Markets Program is 8.4 hours per response.

Type of Respondents: U.S. private or government entities such as private organizations, agricultural cooperatives, universities, state departments of agriculture, Federal Agencies, non-profit organizations and export trade associations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 5 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 2,100 hours.

Copies of this information collection may be obtained from Ken Vernon, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at *kenneth.vernon@usda.gov.*

Requests for Comments: Send comments regarding (a) whether the 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 collection of information including validity of the methodology and assumption 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 automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be available without change, including any personal information provided, for inspection online at *http://www.regulations.gov* and at the mail address listed above between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for OMB approval.

Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact *RARequest@usda.gov.*

Daniel Whitley,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Foreign Agricultural Service to request an extension from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of a currently approved information collection for the Quality Samples Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 4, 2027 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by the OMB Control number 0551–0047, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* This portal enables respondents to enter short comments or attach a file containing lengthier comments.
- *Email: PODadmin@usda.gov.* Include OMB Control number 0551–0047 in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail, Courier, or Hand Delivery:* Curt Alt, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6512, Washington, DC 20250.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number for this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curt Alt, (202) 690–4784, *PODAdmin@usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Quality Samples Program.

OMB Number: 0551–0047.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2026.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Under the USDA Quality Samples Program, information will be gathered from applicants desiring to receive grants under the program to determine the viability of requests for resources to implement activities in foreign countries. Recipients of grants under the program must submit written evaluation reports as set forth in the annual Notices of Funding Availability for the Quality Samples Program. Submitted information is used to develop effective grant agreements and assure that statutory requirements and program objectives are met.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for each respondent resulting from information collection under the USDA Quality Samples Program varies in direct relation to the number and type of agreements entered into by such respondent. The estimated average reporting burden for the USDA Quality Samples Program is 4.4 hours per response.

Type of Respondents: Government agencies, private organizations, agricultural cooperatives, and export trade associations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 25 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 1,200 hours.

Copies of this information collection may be obtained from Kenneth Vernon, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at *Kenneth.vernon@usda.gov.*

Requests for Comments: Send comments regarding (a) whether the 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 collection of information including validity of the methodology and assumption 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 automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be available without change, including any personal information provided, for inspection online at *http://*