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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-LS-07-0131; LS-07-16]

United States Standards for Livestock and Meat Marketing Claims, Naturally Raised Claim for Livestock and the Meat and Meat Products Derived From Such Livestock

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), for a new information collection for CFR Part 62—Quality Systems Verification Program (QSVP). AMS established a voluntary standard for a naturally raised marketing claim that livestock producers may request to have verified by the Department of Agriculture (USDA). This standard will become effective once this information collection is approved by OMB. AMS verification of this claim would be accomplished through an audit of the production process in accordance with procedures that are contained in Part 62 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 62). After approval, AMS will submit a request to merge this information collection into the currently approved OMB Number 0581-0124, 7 CFR Part 54 Meats, Prepared Meats and Meat Products (Grading, Certification & Standards) and 7 CFR Part 62 Quality Systems Verification Program (QSVP).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 11, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this new information collection notice. Comments should be submitted through the Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Send written comments to: New Information Collection for Naturally Raised Standard, Room 2607-S, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0254, or by facsimile to (202) 720-1112. All comments should reference the docket number AMS-LS-07-0131; LS-07-16. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, on the Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov> and will be made available for public inspection at the above physical address during regular business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: United States Standards for Livestock and Meat Marketing Claims, Naturally Raised Claim for Livestock and the Meat and Meat Products Derived from such Livestock.

OMB Number: 0581-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of OMB Approval.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture "to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging, and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices."

AMS established a voluntary standard for a naturally raised marketing claim that livestock producers may request to have verified by USDA (see 74 FR 3541). AMS verification of this claim would be accomplished through an audit of the production process in accordance with procedures that are contained in 7 CFR part 62.

The application for verification services requests the USDA employees to perform such services at the designated location. The information contained on the applications constitutes an agreement between USDA and the requesting entity.

QSVP are a collection of voluntary, audit-based, user-fee funded programs that allow applicants to have program

documentation and program processes assessed by AMS auditor(s) and other USDA officials. QSVP are user-fees based on the approved hourly rate established under 7 CFR part 62. Applicants (individual or business with financial interest in the product) may request services through the submission of Form-313 "Application for Service." In addition to the application for service, applicant would have to develop a technical proposal documenting their quality management system.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 11 hours per response including documentation needed to conform to audit requirements.

Respondents: Livestock and meat industry or other for-profit businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses: 44 responses.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2 responses.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 483 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 5, 2009.

Robert C. Keeney,

Acting Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Innovative Foods, Inc. of South San Francisco, California, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/917,797, "Novel Infrared Dry Blanching (IDB), Infrared Blanching, and Infrared Drying Technologies for Food Processing", filed on August 13, 2004.

DATES: Comments must be received April 10, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Innovative Foods, Inc. of South San Francisco, California has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Solicitation of Input From Stakeholders Regarding the Healthy Urban Food Enterprise Development Center Program

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for stakeholder input; correction.

SUMMARY: The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service published a document in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 2009, concerning request for stakeholder input regarding the Healthy Urban Food Enterprise Development Center Program. The document contained an incorrect e-mail address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Tuckermanty, 202-205-0241.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of March 3, 2009, in FR Doc E9-4384, on page 9212, in the second and third columns, correct the **ADDRESSES** and **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** captions to read:

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by CSREES-2008-0005, by any of the following methods: Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

E-mail: etuckermanty@csrees.usda.gov. Include CSREES-2008-0005 in the subject line of the message.

Fax: (202) 401-1782.

Mail: Paper, disk or CD-ROM submissions should be submitted to: Liz Tuckermanty; Competitive Program (CP) Unit; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Mail Stop 2201; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250-2201.

Hand Delivery/Courier: Liz Tuckermanty; Competitive Programs (CP) Unit; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Room 2340; Waterfront Centre; 800 9th Street, SW.; Washington, DC 20024.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the title "The Center" and CSREES-2008-0005. All comments received will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Liz Tuckermanty, (202) 205-0241 (phone), (202) 401-1782 (fax), or etuckermanty@csrees.usda.gov.

Dated: March 5, 2009.

Colien Hefferan,

Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Big Grizzly Fuels Reduction and Forest Health Project, Eldorado National Forest, Placer County, CA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service, Eldorado National Forest will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposal to treat approximately 6,200 acres of National Forest System land for fuels reduction and forest health objectives. The project area is situated on the Georgetown Ranger District approximately 15 air-miles northeast of Georgetown, CA in the vicinity of Nevada Point Ridge, Devils Peak and Bear Springs. The intent of this project is to reduce potential fire hazard within the project area, to provide for increased resilience when a wildfire occurs within the project area, to provide for improved forest health, and to increase the rate of development of old forest characteristics. The Proposed Action consists of commercial and precommercial tree thinning with follow-up tractor piling or mastication; mastication of select, existing plantations with a follow-up treatment of herbicides to reduce brush competition and fuel buildup; the planting of conifers in expanded canopy gaps with a follow-up treatment of herbicide; and prescribed burning. Silvicultural treatments for each stand were chosen for their ability to meet the stated purpose and need. The focus of each treatment is based on the desired quality of each treatment area after management rather than the quantity or quality of the products removed from each area. In fact, some treatments would not remove forest products. Approximately 15 miles of native surface road reconstruction and 1 mile of new road construction are proposed in order to facilitate the treatment activities. The land allocations within the treatment areas, as identified in the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment Final Supplemental EIS (SNFPA FSEIS), are general forest, spotted owl home range core areas, old-forest, and riparian