

the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before April 25, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, DC 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail [bjohnson@usaid.gov](mailto:bjohnson@usaid.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

OMB No.: OMB 0412-0556.

Form No.: N/A.

Title: Monetization Report.

Type of Review: Renewal of Information Collection.

**Purpose:** The Monetization Report is used to help the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Missions determine the status of the commodities monetized by the Cooperating Sponsors under the Public Law 480 title II program. The Monetization Profile provides USAID Missions with a checklist of important questions about the Cooperating Sponsors' monetization transactions. The Cooperating Sponsors verify the Free Alongside Ship (FAS) price quotation that has been provided by USAID's Office of Food for Peace, the foreign flag estimate or rate, the sales price obtained, and the method for which the commodities have been sold. All of this information is necessary for USAID Missions to collect verifiable information and to determine that Cooperating Sponsors are meeting USAID's cost recovery benchmark.

**Annual Reporting Burden:**

**Respondents:** 20.

**Total annual responses:** 20.

**Total annual hours requested:** 240.

Dated: February 15, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number FV-06-306]

#### United States Standards for Grades of Peppers (Other Than Sweet Peppers)

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), prior to undertaking research and other work associated with official grade standards, is soliciting comments on the possible development of the United States Standards for Grades of Peppers (Other Than Sweet Peppers). At a meeting with the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee, AMS was asked to identify commodities that may be better served if grade standards are developed. The standards would provide industry with a common language and uniform basis for trading, thus promoting the orderly and efficient marketing of peppers that are not of the sweet pepper type.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by April 25, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 1661 South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250-0240; Fax (202) 720-8871, E-mail

[FPB.DocketClerk@usda.gov](mailto:FPB.DocketClerk@usda.gov). Comments should make reference to the dates and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cheri L. Emery, at the above address or call (202) 720-2185; E-mail [Cheri.Emery@usda.gov](mailto:Cheri.Emery@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), as amended, 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 is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards

available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables that are not requirements of Federal Marketing Orders or U.S. Import Requirements, no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations, but are maintained by USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

AMS is proposing to establish voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Peppers (Other Than Sweet Peppers) using the procedures that appear in part 36, Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36).

#### Background

At a meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee, AMS was asked to identify fresh fruit and vegetables that may be better served if grade standards are developed. AMS identified certain pepper varieties/types as possibly in need of official grade standards, because they are not included in the current United States Standards for Grades of Sweet Peppers. These varieties/types include all peppers other than sweet peppers. U.S. standards are used by the fresh produce industry to describe the product they are trading, thus facilitating the marketing of the product. The new standards could contain sections pertaining to grades, size classifications, color requirements, tolerances, application of tolerances, pack requirements, definitions, and other relevant and necessary provisions.

Prior to undertaking detailed work to develop standards, AMS is soliciting comments on the possible development of the United States Standards for Grades of Peppers (Other Than Sweet Peppers).

This notice provides for a 60-day comment period for interested parties to comment on the possible development of standards. Should AMS conclude that there is a need for the standards, the proposed standards will be published in the **Federal Register** with a request for comments in accordance with 7 CFR part 36.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: February 17, 2006.

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