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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce Brownfields Initiative; Determination of Primary Purpose of Program Payments for Consideration as Excludable From Income Under Section 126 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that all State cost-share payments made to individuals as part of a Brownfields Grant are made primarily for the purpose of restoring the environment. This determination is made in accordance with section 126 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (2 U.S.C. 126). The determination permits recipients of these cost-share payments to exclude them from gross income to the extent allowed by the Internal Revenue Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason Scott, Development Consultant; Department of Commerce, Brownfields Grant Program, 201 West Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7970; or Mark W. Berkland, Director, Conservation Operations Division, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Post Office Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 126 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (26 U.S.C. 126), provides that certain payments made to persons under State conservation programs may be excluded from the recipient's gross income for Federal income tax purposes, if the Secretary of Agriculture determines that payments are made "primarily for the purpose of conserving soil and water resources, protecting or restoring the environment, improving forests, or providing a habitat

for wildlife." The Secretary of Agriculture evaluates these conservation programs on the basis of criteria set forth in 7 CFR Part 14, and makes a "primary purpose" determination for the payments made under each program. Before there may be an exclusion, the Secretary of the Treasury must determine that payments made under these conservation programs do not substantially increase the annual income derived from the property benefited by the payments.

Procedural Matters

The authorizing legislation, regulations, and operating procedures regarding the Wisconsin Department of Commerce's Brownfields Grant Program have been examined using the criteria set forth in 7 CFR Part 14. The Secretary of Agriculture has concluded that the cost-share payments made for the implementation of best management practices under this program are made primarily for the purpose of restoring the environment.

A "Record of Decision, Wisconsin Department of Commerce's Brownfields Grant Program, Primary Purpose Determination for Federal Tax Purposes" has been prepared and is available upon request from Jason Scott; Program Director; Wisconsin Department of Commerce, Brownfields Grant Program, 5th floor, 201 West Washington Avenue, Post Office Box 7970, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7970; or from Mark W. Berkland, Director, Conservation Operations Division, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; Post Office Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013.

Determination

As required by section 126(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, I have examined the authorizing legislation, regulations, and operating procedures regarding the Wisconsin Department of Commerce's Brownfields Grant Program. In accordance with the criteria set out in 7 CFR Part 14, I have determined that all cost-share payments for the implementation of projects under the Brownfields Grant Program are primarily for the purpose of restoring the environment. Subject to further determination by the Secretary of the Treasury, this determination permits payment recipients to exclude from gross income, for Federal income tax

purposes, all or part of such cost-share payments made under said program.

Signed in Washington, DC on April 9, 2001.

Ann M. Veneman,

Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Food Stamp Program Form FNS-521, Food Coupon Deposit Document

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Nutrition Service is publishing for public comment a summary of a proposed information collection. The proposed collection is a reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved information collection of the Food Stamp Program for which approval expired on January 31, 2001. The Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, requires that all verified and encoded redemption certificates accepted by insured financial institutions from authorized retail food stores shall be forwarded with the corresponding coupon deposits to the Federal Reserve Bank along with the accompanying Food Coupon Deposit Document (Form FNS-521). Requirements in the Food Stamp Program Regulations are the basis for the information collected on Form FNS-521.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 25, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to Karen J. Walker, Chief, Redemption Management Branch, Benefit Redemption Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 404, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection. All comments will become matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen J. Walker, (703) 305-2418.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Food Coupon Deposit Document.

OMB Number: 0584-0314.

Expiration Date: January 31, 2001.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval expired on January 31, 2001.

Abstract: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is the Federal Agency responsible for the Food Stamp Program. The Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, (the Act) requires that FNS provide for the redemption, through financial institutions, of food coupons accepted by retail food stores from program participants. Section 278.5 of the Food Stamp Program regulations governs financial institution and Federal Reserve participation in the food coupon redemption process. Form FNS-521, Food Coupon Deposit Document (FCDD) is required to be used by all financial institutions when they

deposit food coupons at Federal Reserve Banks. Without the FCDD, no vehicle would exist for financial institutions, Federal Reserve Banks, and the FNS to track deposits of food coupons.

Respondents: Financial institutions and Federal Reserve Banks.

Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: The number of responses is estimated to be 13.6 responses per financial institution or Federal Reserve Bank per year.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .0097222 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,327 hours.

Dated: April 18, 2001.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given of the following committee meeting:

Name: Grain Inspection Advisory Committee.

Date: May 8, 2001.

Place: Hilton Kansas City Airport, 8801 NW 112th Street, Kansas City, MO 64153.

Time: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on May 8, 2001.

Purpose: To provide advice to the Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) with respect to the implementation of the U.S. Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

The agenda includes a review and discussion of GIPSA's financial status, biotechnology, component end-use testing, information technology initiatives, the status of the official commodity program, and other related issues concerning the delivery of grain inspection and weighing services to American agriculture.

Public participation will be limited to written statements, unless permission is received from the Committee Chairman to address the Committee orally. Persons, other than members, who wish to address the Committee or submit written statements before or after the meeting, should contact the Administrator, GIPSA, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 3601, Washington, D.C. 20250-3601, telephone (202) 720-0219 or FAX (202) 205-9237.

The meeting will be open to the public. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication of program information or related accommodations should contact Marianne Plaus, telephone (202) 690-3460 or FAX (202) 205-9237.

Dated: April 20, 2001.

David R. Shipman,

Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Commerce.

ACTION: To give firms an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 03/16/01-04/17/01

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Hamakua Macadamia Nut Company & Affiliates.	P.O. Box 44715, Kawaihae, HI 96743	03/20/01	Macadamia nuts.
Athens Furniture Industries, Inc.	1241 Frye Street, Athens, TN 37371	03/20/01	Solid wood bedroom furniture.
Wiley Cork Company, Inc.	14th & Church Street, Wilmington, DE 19899.	03/21/01	Cork products used in expansion joint filler and bulletin boards.
Moot Wood Turnings, Inc.	98 Mill Street, Northfield Falls, VT 05664	03/21/01	Souvenir wood baseball bats, drumsticks, furniture components, etc.
Legends and Lore, Inc.	1501 Pine Hts. Drive, Rapid City, SD 57701.	03/27/01	Children's hand puppets.
Stallion Boot Company, Inc.	100 North Cotton Street, El Paso, TX 79901.	03/27/01	Leather boots, belts and accessories, i.e. wallets, purses and boot bags.
KRB Klearkast, Inc.	301 Kings Mill Road, York, PA 17403	03/27/01	Acrylic business gifts and awards made from large rods, tubes and blocks.