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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document Number AMS–SC–19–0103, SC–20–326]

Termination of U.S. Consumer Standards

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposes to terminate the following 10 U.S. Consumer Standards: The U.S. Consumer Standards for Italian Sprouting Broccoli, U.S. Consumer Standards for Fresh Carrots, U.S. Consumer Standards for Celery Stalks, U.S. Consumer Standards for Husked Corn on the Cob, U.S. Consumer Standards for Fresh Kale, U.S. Consumer Standards for Fresh Spinach Leaves, U.S. Consumer Standards for Brussels Sprouts, U.S. Consumer Standards for Fresh Parsnips, U.S. Consumer Standards for Fresh Turnips, and U.S. Consumer Standards for Beet Greens. This proposed action is part of USDA's work to eliminate regulations that are outdated, unnecessary, ineffective, or impose costs that exceed benefits.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 28, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the USDA, Specialty Crops Inspection Division, 100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 101, Fredericksburg, VA 22406; fax: (540) 361–1199; or at www.regulations.gov. Comments should reference the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Comments will be posted without change, including any personal information provided. All comments received within the comment period

will become part of the public record maintained by the Agency and will be made available to the public via www.regulations.gov. Comments will be made available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours or can be viewed at: www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David G. Horner at the address above, by phone (540) 361–1120; fax (540) 361–1199; or, email Dave.Horner@usda.gov. Copies of these 10 U.S. consumer standards are available at <http://www.regulations.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 U.S. Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables that no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations are maintained by AMS at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards>. AMS is proposing to terminate these 10 U.S. consumer standards using the procedures that appear in part 36 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36).

Background

AMS continually reviews all fruit and vegetable grade standards to ensure their usefulness to the industry, modernize language, and remove duplicative terminology. On February 24, 2017, President Trump signed Executive Order (E.O.) 13777, Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, which established a Federal policy to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens on the American people. Section 3 of the E.O. directs Federal agencies to establish a Regulatory Reform Task Force to (1) evaluate existing regulations and recommend their repeal, replacement, or modification to the USDA Secretary, and (2) identify regulations that are outdated, unnecessary, ineffective, or whose costs exceed their benefits.

The consumer standards were originally developed for re-packers and were never fully adopted by industry, which instead uses U.S. grade standards intended for wholesale use, which are revised regularly to reflect current industry practices. AMS identified 10 U.S. consumer standards that are not related to a current, active marketing order, import regulation, or export act and which are obsolete. These consumer standards continue to cause confusion within the industry due to conflicting and outmoded grades and terminology. They are ineffective, unnecessary, and have become a burden to the U.S. and global produce industry.

Therefore, AMS proposes to terminate the following 10 U.S. consumer standards: U.S. Consumer Standards for Italian Sprouting Broccoli, U.S. Consumer Standards for Fresh Carrots, U.S. Consumer Standards for Celery Stalks, U.S. Consumer Standards for Husked Corn on the Cob, U.S. Consumer Standards for Fresh Kale, U.S. Consumer Standards for Fresh Spinach Leaves, U.S. Consumer Standards for Brussels Sprouts, U.S. Consumer Standards for Fresh Parsnips, U.S. Consumer Standards for Fresh Turnips, and U.S. Consumer Standards for Beet Greens.

The elimination of these U.S. consumer standards would reduce obsolete information, lessen confusion in interpreting grade standards, and promote consistency within the industry.

A 60-day comment period is provided for interested persons to submit comments on the proposal to terminate these 10 U.S. consumer standards.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627.

Bruce Summers,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID FSA–2020–0009]

Information Collection Request; Volunteer Program

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension with a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with the Volunteer Program.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by December 28, 2020.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comment, include the volume, date, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to: www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID FSA–2020–0009. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail, Hand-Delivery, or Courier:* Ms. Jennifer Moffit, USDA, FPAC–BC, Legislative and Stakeholder Relations, FPAC National Volunteer Program, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20024.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Comments will be available for inspection online at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Jennifer Moffit at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, contact Ms. Jennifer Moffit at (202) 827–5191 (voice); or, by email at: Jennifer.Moffit@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Volunteer Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0232.

OMB Expiration Date for Approval: February 28, 2021.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: Section 1526 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 2272) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program (“the Volunteer Program”) to use volunteers to perform a wide range of activities to carry out the programs of the Department of Agriculture. In addition, 5 U.S.C. 3111 grants agencies the authority to establish programs designed to provide educationally-related work assignments for students, in non-pay status. For FSA’s volunteer program, each volunteer must follow the same responsibilities and guidelines for conduct that Federal government

employees are expected to follow. The volunteers, who are mainly students participating in the sponsored volunteer program, must complete a service agreement, attendance records, and other forms, and provide the required supporting documents to FSA. The information will allow FSA to effectively recruit, train, and accept volunteers to carry out programs supported by the Department of Agriculture, thereby benefitting volunteers, the Department of Agriculture, and the general public.

Without the information, FSA will be unable to document the services provided by the volunteers. FSA will report the collected information to offices within the Department of Agriculture and the Office of Personnel Management that request information on the Volunteer Program.

FSA continues to use forms AD–2022, AD–2023, AD–2024, and AD–2025 in the Volunteer Program. The burden hours decreased by 10 due to the removal of travel times. The respondents go to the county offices to do regular and customary business with FSA; this means no travel times is required specifically for the information collection and therefore, it is no longer included in the burden hour reporting. For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hours is the estimated average time per response multiplied by the estimated total annual responses.

Estimate of Average Time to Respond: Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average 15 minutes (0.25) per response for each of the 4 forms, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Therefore, the public reporting burden would be an average 0.25 hours per response in this collection.

Type of Respondents: Any individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 80.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 0.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 20 hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information to help us to:

(1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Evaluate the quality, ability and clarity of the information technology; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who respond through the use of appropriate 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 summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget Approval.

Steve Peterson,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2021 New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on March 13, 2020 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Due to the COVID–19 pandemic, the start of the *New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey* (NYCHVS) collection was delayed from November 2020 to February 2021 and the estimated number of respondents was reduced from 30,000 to 12,000. As a result of these changes, the survey reference year