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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Comments regarding this information collection received by March 18, 2024 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.

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displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: Voluntary Labeling Program for Biobased Products.

OMB Control Number: 0570–0071.

Summary of Collection: Section 9002(h) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act (FSRIA) of 2002, as amended by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act (FCEA) of 2008 and the Agricultural Act of 2014, and the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, requires the Secretary of Agriculture to implement a voluntary labeling program that would enable qualifying biobased products to be certified with a "USDA Certified Biobased Product" label. The voluntary labeling program is one of the two main initiatives of the BioPreferred Program, which is currently implemented by USDA's Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS). The voluntary labeling program is required to be consistent, where possible, with the guidelines implementing the preferred procurement of biobased products by Federal agencies, which is the second main initiative of the BioPreferred Program. The procurement initiative is also authorized under section 9002 of FSRIA and referred to hereafter as the Federal preferred procurement program. Under the preferred procurement program, Federal agencies are required to purchase with certain exceptions, biobased products that are identified, by rulemaking, for preferred procurement.

Need and Use of the Information:

Under the voluntary labeling program, manufacturers and vendors must complete an application for each stand-alone biobased product or biobased product family for which they wish to use the label. The application process is electronic and is accessible through the BioPreferred Program website. In addition, manufacturers and vendors whose applications have been conditionally approved must provide certain information for RBCS to post on the BioPreferred Program website. For each product approved by the Agency for use of the label, the manufacturer or vendor must keep that information for each certified product up to date. The information requested for inclusion in the application are: (1) contact information (of the manufacturer or vendor and preparer of application) and (2) product identification information,

including brand name(s), the applicable designated item category or categories or equivalent, and the biobased content of the product.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,988.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Recordkeeping for Employment and Training Program Activity Report and Requests for Additional 100 Percent Funding.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0339.

Summary of Collection: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105–33), modified the Employment and Training (E&T) Program so that States' efforts are now focused on a particular segment of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) population—able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs).

Requests for Additional E&T Funds: 7 CFR 273.7(d)(1)(i)(D) provides that if a State agency will not expend all of the funds allocated to it for a fiscal year, FNS will reallocate unexpended funds to other State agencies during the fiscal year or the subsequent fiscal year as FNS considers appropriate and equitable. After FNS makes initial E&T allocations, under 7 CFR 273.7(d)(1)(i), State agencies may request additional E&T funds if needed. FNS will reallocate available funds (e.g., funds that are unallocated or funds that are allocated but will not be spent) in a fair and equitable manner.

Retention and Custody of Records. Under 7 CFR 277.12 (1) and (2), all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, negotiated contracts, and all other records pertinent to program funds shall be maintained for three years from the date of submission of the annual financial status report or if any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three-year period, the applicable records shall be retained until these have been resolved.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will review requests about their E&T programs so that the Department can monitor State performance to ensure that the program is being efficiently and economically operated. Without the information, FNS would be unable to make adjustments or allocate exemptions in accordance with the statute.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Occasionally; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 50.

Rachelle Ragland-Greene,

Acting Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2024–0002]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods: Committee and Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to renew the Committee and its charter.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice is announcing the intention of the USDA to renew the committee for the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) and its charter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kristal Southern, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 1128, Washington, DC 20250–3700. Telephone number: (202) 937–4171. Email: NACMCF@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF is a discretionary advisory committee that was established in 1988 by the Secretary of Agriculture after consulting with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in response to the recommendations of two external organizations. The National Academy of Sciences recommended an interagency approach to microbiological criteria since various federal, State, and local agencies are responsible for food safety. Also, the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations made a similar recommendation in the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988.

The NACMCF provides impartial scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply, including the development of microbiological criteria and review

and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Departments of Commerce and Defense. The Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA, Dr. Emilio Esteban, is the Committee Chair; the Acting Director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Dr. Donald Prater, is the Vice-Chair; and Dr. Kristal Southern, FSIS, is the Designated Federal Officer and Director of the NACMCF Secretariat.

The charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing on the FSIS website at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/advisory-committees/national-advisory-committee-microbiological-criteria-foods-nacmcf>.

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