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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved
Information Collection

AGENCY: **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.**

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 35), **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration** (GIPSA) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on its

intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection. The information collection is used to determine whether a State's central filing system for notifying farm product buyers of liens on farm products can be certified by the Secretary.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 2, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Gerald Grinnell, Industry Analysis Staff, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3647, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3647 or FAX 202 690-1266, telephone: 202 720-7455.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (Act) (7 U.S.C. 1631), States implementing central filing systems for notification of liens on farm products must have such systems certified by the Secretary of Agriculture as being in compliance with the Act. GIPSA has been delegated responsibility for certifying such systems. The information collection being submitted for extension is used by GIPSA to determine whether a State's central filing system can be certified. Nineteen States currently have certified central filing systems.

Title: ``Clear Title'' Regulations to implement section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985.

OMB Number: 0580-0016.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 1998.

Type of Request: Intent to extend a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The information is needed to carry out the Secretary's responsibility for determining whether a State's central filing

system
for notification of buyers of farm products of any mortgages or liens
on the products meets certification requirements under section 1324
of
the Food Security Act of 1985.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting and recordkeeping burden for
this collection of information is estimated to average 12 hours per
response.

Respondents: States seeking certification of central filing
systems
to notify buyers of farm products of any mortgages or liens on the
products.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 12.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cathy
McDuffie, the Agency Support Services Specialist, at (301) 734-5190.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 through the use of appropriate automated,
electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques
or

forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Gerald
Grinnell, Industry Analysis Staff, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3647, 1400
Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3647 or FAX
202-690-1266,
telephone: 202 720-7455.

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

Done at Washington, DC this 25th day of November 1997.
James R. Baker,
Administrator.
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