

2. *Purpose of information to be used.* The basic information regarding the purpose of the information to be used in the collection, provided in the current supporting statement is applicable with the following changes.

In addition to information requested in the application forms in 1995, the revised forms require that applicants for all lottery licenses rank order their requests in order of preference (most desirable to least desirable) as was required of applicants for Uruguay Round in-quota quantities of non-cheese dairy articles in the 1995 quota year. The purpose of applicants rank ordering their requests for licenses is to establish a rank order lottery system which is intended to provide a better alignment between importers' requirements and licenses obtained. In addition, the revised forms will add EC Uruguay Round in-quota quantities of cheese to the license application form for designated licenses. This is being done to implement the U.S. Uruguay Round commitment to the EC permitting the EC to designate importers for such cheese. Information which will no longer be required on a revised form is that applicants for historical licenses list each historical license allocated to that person or firm. This information is now

considered redundant based on its availability in the computer data bank.

3. *Use of improved information technology.* The information provided in the supporting statement for the currently approved collection of information is applicable. In recent years, a system was developed under which basic applications could be read by an optical scanner. To further increase the ease of processing, and to reflect the proposed revised forms have been simplified and redesigned into an enhanced machine-readable format. The simplified forms require applicants to fill in a circle opposite the articles that they are applying for a license to import. The importer's control number will also be entered by filing in circles opposite the appropriate digit numbers.

4. *Efforts to identify duplication.* Not applicable.

5. *Methods to minimize burdens of small business entities.* The information provided in the supporting statement for the currently approved collection of information is applicable.

6. *Consequences if information collection were less frequent.* The information provided in the supporting statement for the currently approved collection of information is applicable.

7. *Inconsistency with guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.6.* The information provided

in the supporting statement for the currently approved collection of information is applicable.

8. *Consultations with persons outside the agency.* The information provided in the supporting statement for the currently approved collection of information is applicable.

9. *Confidentiality provided to respondents.* The information provided in the supporting statement for the currently approved collection of information is applicable.

10. *Questions of a sensitive nature.* Not applicable.

11. *Annual cost to Government and respondents.* The information provided in the supporting statement for the currently approved collection of information is applicable, but the estimated costs for 1994 need to be updated. For 1995, the salaries and other administrative costs are estimated to be \$322,681. The fee for 1995 was \$89 for each import license issued. The cost to the respondents is included in item 12 below.

12. *Estimate of burden.* The information provided in the supporting statement for the currently approved collection of information is applicable for licenses issued in 1995. The estimate of the burden for 1996 is indicated in the following table.

Form No.	No. of re-sponses	No. of re-sponses per applicant	Total annual re-sponses	Hours per response	Total
922 .....	500	1	500	0.025	125
923 .....	600	1	600	0.050	300
923A .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
923B * .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	1,100	.....	1,100	.....	425

\*923, 923A and 923B constitute one form.

13. *Reasons for the change in burden.* There is a reduction of 429 hours in the estimate of the burden of information collection between 1995 and 1996 which is based mainly on the elimination of forms 924 and 924A which were needed to conduct the separate application procedures under which licenses for the Uruguay Round in-quota increases were issued for January and July of that year. The elimination of these forms is estimated to reduce the total number of estimated responses for all types of licenses from 1,560 to 1,100. The estimated burden is also being reduced based on the use of the revised and improved application forms. The result is an estimated reduction in the total annual average

hours used in preparing responses from 920 hours to 425 hours. There is no data with respect to the annual cost incurred by each respondent (person or firm) based on the amount of time used in filling out the application forms and the average hourly salary of such respondents. It is extremely difficult to calculate this cost because the executive or administrative level of the individual responsible for filling out the forms tends to vary depending on the size and location of the person or firm, the size of the license portfolio, and experience of the person or firm in importing licensed dairy products. Based on our research, the estimated total annual cost associated with the estimated total burden of 425 hours is \$12,750.

14. *Tabulation, analysis and publication plans.* Not applicable.

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