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Agency: USDA Foreign Agriculture Service
Subject: DAA-0166-2018-0051

INTRODUCTION

Schedule Overview

Section 108 Foreign Currency Program

Administrative History

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) links U.S. agriculture to the world to enhance export opportunities and global food security.

FAS has a global network of 93 offices covering 171 countries. These offices are staffed by agricultural attachés and locally hired agricultural experts who monitor U.S. agriculture around the world. FAS staff identify problems, provide practical solutions, and work to advance opportunities for U.S. agriculture and support U.S. foreign policy around the globe. FAS has four main services and programs that supports the mission of the agency which include: trade policy, market development and export assistance, foreign agricultural market data and analysis, and food security to assist developing countries.

The Section 108 Foreign Currency Program provides cost-sharing assistance in the form of foreign currencies to both the public and private sector for the development, maintenance, and expansion of long-term export markets for U.S. agricultural products and agricultural technical assistance.

Overall Recommendation

I recommend approval of the attached schedule.

APPRAISAL

Item 0001: Section 108 Foreign Currency Administrative Records

Records in support of the Section 108 Foreign Currency program to include: program agreements, program amendments, approval letters, compliance correspondence, reimbursement claims, evaluations, performance reports, and financial reports.

Proposed Disposition: Temporary.

Appropriateness of Proposed Disposition: Appropriate.

Appraisal Justification:

*Has little or no research value. These records are administrative in nature and do not document agency policies or procedures.

* Does not document significant actions of Federal officials.

Adequacy of Proposed Retention Period(s): Adequate from the standpoint of legal rights and accountability.

Media Neutrality: Approved.



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