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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Meeting of Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations; Meeting

AGENCY: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Committee Management Officer of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries gives notice of a partially closed meeting of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations.

DATES: Thursday, January 6 and Friday, 7, 2000, from 8:30 to 5:00 each day.

ADDRESSES: Conference room, Suite 4600E, East Tower, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, N.W. (corner of 14th and L Streets), Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick W. McDonough, Committee Management Officer, 202-694-1854.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions that may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in Title 29 U.S. Code, section 1242(a)(1)(B), and to review the November 1999 Joint Board examination in order to make recommendations relative thereto, including the minimum acceptable score. In addition, a number of issues will be discussed relative to the structure of future Joint Board examinations.

A determination as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) has been made that the portions of the meeting dealing with discussions of questions that may appear on future Joint Board examinations and with review of the November 1999 Joint Board examination fall within the exception to the open meeting

requirement set forth in Title 5 U.S. Code, section 552b(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such portions of the meeting be closed to public participation.

The portion of the meeting dealing with the structure of future Joint Board examinations will be open to the public as space is available. This portion of the meeting will commence at 1:30 p.m. on January 6 and will continue for as long as necessary to complete the discussion, but not beyond 3:00 p.m. Time permitting, after the close of this discussion by Committee members, interested persons may make statements germane to this subject. Persons wishing to make oral statements should must notify the Committee Management Officer in writing prior to the meeting in order to aid in scheduling the time available and must submit the written text, or at a minimum, an outline of comments they propose to make orally. Such comments will be limited to 10 minutes in length. All other persons planning to attend the public session must also notify the Committee Management Officer in writing to obtain building entry. Notifications of intent to make an oral statement or to attend must be faxed, no later than December 30, 1999, to 202-694-1876, Attn: Committee Management Officer.

Any interested person also may file a written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and the Committee by sending it to the Committee Management Officer: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o Internal Revenue Service, Attn: Committee Management Officer C:AP:P, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

Patrick W. McDonough,
Advisory Committee Management Officer,
Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Chief Economist

Notice of the Advisory Committee on Small Farms Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Economist, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the Office of the Chief Economist (OCE) announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Small Farms.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alfonzo Drain, Acting Deputy Director of Small Farms, Office of the Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 112-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3810. Telephone: 202-720-3238, Fax: 202-720-0443, or e-mail: adrain@nass.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USDA's Advisory Committee on Small Farms, consisting of 19 members, representing small farms, ranches, and woodlot owners and the diverse groups USDA programs serve, has scheduled a meeting for January 19-20, 2000. The Committee meeting will be held 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19 and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2000. During this time the Advisory Committee will: (1) Meet with USDA officials; (2) review its charter and outline Committee objectives; (3) organize working sub-committees; and (4) elect vice-chairs for the Committee.

Dates and Locations:

January 19—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Advisory Committee General Meeting, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, Room 104-A, 1400 Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, DC.

January 20—8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Advisory Committee General Meeting, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, Room 104-A, 1400 Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, DC.

January 20—10 a.m. to 12 p.m.,
general public will have opportunity to provide oral and written comments to the Committee in Room 104-A, 1400 Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, D.C. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public.

Comments: The public may file written comments to the USDA Advisory Committee contact person before or within a reasonable time after the meeting. All statements will become a part of the official records of the

USDA Advisory Committee on Small Farms and will be kept on file for public review in the office of the Acting Deputy Director of Small Farms, Room 1410 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

Dated: December 8, 1999.

Keith Collins,

Chief Economist, Office of the Chief Economist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License; Correction Notice

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Correction to notice of availability and intent to grant exclusive license.

SUMMARY: In notice document published in the issue of Friday, October 29, 1999, (64 FR 58375) the city is erroneous. This notice corrects the exclusive grant license to U.S. patent no. 5,919,446 (S.N. 08/958,475) as follows:

On page 58375, in the second column, first paragraph, last sentence of the USDA notice, the city was erroneous. The correction is Northwest Agricultural Products of Pasco, Washington.

Dated: November 29, 1999.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-089-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection in support of the

regulations restricting the importation of poultry products into the United States.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 14, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to comment regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information. Please send your comment and three copies to: Docket No. 99-089-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 99-089-1.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our comment reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS rules, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the regulations governing the importation of poultry products into the United States, contact Dr. Michael David, Senior Staff Veterinarian, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234; (301) 734-7837. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Groves, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Poultry Imports and Exports.

OMB Number: 0579-0141.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2000.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The regulations contained in 9 CFR, chapter 1, subchapter D, parts 91 through 99 (the regulations), govern the importation of animals, birds and poultry, certain animal products, and animal germ plasm into the United States.

The regulations restrict the importation of poultry meat and other poultry products from regions of the world where exotic Newcastle disease (END) is known to exist.

Among other things, the regulations provide for the importation of poultry carcasses, and parts and products of poultry carcasses, that originate in a region free of END but are processed in a region where END exists. These carcasses, and parts and products of carcasses, are not required to meet the more stringent requirements imposed on products that originate in regions where END exists, provided they are processed and shipped under specified conditions.

These conditions include four information collection activities: a certificate of origin that must be issued, serial numbers that must be recorded, records that must be maintained, and cooperative service agreements that must be signed. These information collection activities support our efforts to ensure that imported poultry carcasses pose a negligible risk of introducing END into the United States.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the continued use of these information collection activities.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning these information collection activities. These comments will help us:

(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 our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .1470 hours per response.

Respondents: Full-time, salaried veterinarians employed by the governments of various regions that are affected with END.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 4.