

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.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 51.

Estimated annual number of responses: 204.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 30. (Due to rounding, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the average reporting burden per response.)

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 in Washington, DC, this 8th day of December 1999.

Craig A. Reed,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service, Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Agencies to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other applicable environmental requirements.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard A. Davis, Director, Program Support Staff, Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 0761, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0761, Telephone (202) 720-9619.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 1940 Subpart G, "Environmental Program."

OMB Number: 0575-0094.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2000.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The information collection under OMB Number 0575-0094 enables the Agencies to effectively administer the policies, methods, and responsibilities for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other applicable environmental laws, executive orders, and regulations.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to consider the potential environmental impacts of proposed major federal actions in Agency planning and decision-making processes. For the Agencies to comply, it is necessary that they have information on the types of environmental resources on site or in the vicinity that might be impacted by the proposed action, as well as information on the nature of the project selected by the applicant (the activities to be carried out at the site; any air, liquid and solid wastes produced by these activities, etc.). The applicant is the only logical source for providing this information. In fact, the vast majority of Federal Agencies that assist non-Federal applicants in sponsoring projects require these applicants to submit such environmental data.

The Agencies provide forms and/or other guidance to assist in the collection and submission of information. The information is usually submitted via hand delivery or U.S. Postal Service to the appropriate Agency office.

The information is used by the Agency officer who is processing the application for financial assistance or request for approval. Having environmental information on the proposed project site and the activities to be conducted there enables the Agency official to determine the magnitude of the potential environmental impacts and to take such impacts into consideration in Agency planning and decision-making as required by NEPA. The analysis of the potential environmental impacts of a proposed action is considered to be a full disclosure process, and therefore, can involve public information meetings and public notification.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.94 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, local governments, farms, business or other for-profit, non-profit institutions, and small businesses and organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,050.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.71.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 15,320 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0035.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Agencies 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, (b) the accuracy of Agencies 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 other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. 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.

Dated: November 19, 1999.

Eileen M. Fitzgerald,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

Dated: November 16, 1999.

William F. Hagy, III,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

Dated: November 22, 1999.

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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