

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (97-150)]

NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Space Science Advisory Committee (SScAC), Solar System Exploration Subcommittee; Meeting**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Space Science Advisory Committee, Solar System Exploration Subcommittee.

DATES: Wednesday, November 19, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Thursday, November 20, 1997, 8:30-5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Program Review Center, Room 9H44, 300 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 205446.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl Pilcher, Code S, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-2470.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Revisit issues from April
- OSS update
- Breckenridge review and strategic plans status
- Process for outer planet mission sequence decisions
- Launch year sensitivities
- Mars program issues

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: October 7, 1997.

Alan M. Ladwig,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Plans, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

[Docket No. 97-087-1]

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 approval for additional hours associated with a currently approved information collection in support of the National Animal Health Monitoring System's Beef '97 and Equine '98 national studies.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 15, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments 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 to: Docket No. 97-087-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 97-087-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information regarding the National Animal Health Monitoring System, contact Ms. Marj Swanson, Program Specialist, Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health, VS, APHIS, 555 S. Howes, Suite 100, Fort Collins, CO 80521; (970) 490-7978. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Animal Health Monitoring System (Beef 1997 and Equine 1998).

OMB Number: 0579-0079.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Addendum to increase hours of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) program of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is to deliver statistically-valid and scientifically-sound animal health information to consumers, animal health officials, private practitioners, animal industry groups, policy makers, public health officials, media, educational institutions, and others.

Information for the NAHMS Equine '98 study will be derived from data voluntarily collected on a national basis from people involved in the equine (horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules) industry. The information collected will be used to estimate risk factors for regional and national prevalence of specific pathogens; support the industry goal of providing optimal health care for equids by determining current practices in health management; provide baseline estimates of equine health conditions; provide information on mortality and morbidity as it relates to body system categories such as respiratory disease, colic, and lameness; and determine the cost of the disease.

Information for the NAHMS Beef '97 study will be derived from data voluntarily collected on a national basis from producers in the beef cow/calf industry. The information collected is used to identify baseline trends in health management practices and disease, determine risks for new and emerging animal health issues, and assess the economic importance of beef cow/calf health and disease.

After pretesting the Beef '97 forms, it was determined that the actual amount of time needed to complete one of the forms was greater than expected and that five new forms were needed to collect additional data on breeding, herd management, and biosecurity practices. Eleven new forms were identified through the needs assessment phase for Equine '98. These forms will be used to collect biological samples and data on management practices, biosecurity, general health, and cost of disease. The figures below represent the recalculated burden.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the use of this information collection activity.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our

information collection. We need this outside input to 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 .5422 hours per response.

Respondents: Animal agricultural producers, veterinary practitioners, and animal related industries.

Estimated number of respondents: 10,843.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 3.2295.

Estimated annual number of responses: 35,018.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 18,987 hours. (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 9th day of October 1997.

Craig A. Reed,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposal To Collect Information on Transactions of U.S. Parent Companies With Their Foreign Affiliates

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing

effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13(44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to: R. David Belli, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, BE-50(OC), Washington, DC. 20230 (Telephone 202-606-9800).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Form BE-577, Direct Transactions of U.S. Reporter with Foreign Affiliate, obtains quarterly sample data on transactions and positions between U.S. business enterprises and their foreign affiliates. The data are needed for compiling the U.S. balance of payments accounts, the international investment position of the United States, and the national income and product accounts. The data are also needed to measure the amount of U.S. direct investment abroad, monitor changes in such investment, assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies, and, based on this assessment, make informed policy decisions regarding U.S. direct investment abroad.

The form will incorporate a single minor revision. It will now request corrections, if any, that might be necessary in the foreign affiliate's three-digit industry classification that appears on the form. In the past, respondents were required to file Form BE-507, Industry Classification Questionnaire, to report changes in industry classification. As a result of this revision proposed to Form BE-577, Form BE-507 is being discontinued.

II. Method of Collection

Form BE-577 is a quarterly report that is sent to U.S. parent companies to file for their foreign affiliates. Reports must be filed within 30 days after the end of each quarter (45 days after final quarter of the foreign affiliate's fiscal year) for every foreign business enterprise that is

owned 10 percent or more by a U.S. person and that has total assets, sales, or net income (or loss) of over \$20 million. Potential respondents are the U.S. parent companies of foreign business enterprises that reported in the last benchmark survey of U.S. direct investment abroad, along with the U.S. parent companies of those affiliates that subsequently entered the direct investment universe. The data collected are sample data covering transactions and positions between U.S. business enterprises and their foreign affiliates. Universe estimates are developed from the reported sample data.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0608-0004.

Form Number: BE-577.

Type of Review: Renewal with revision.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Responses: 12,800 per quarter; 51,200 annually.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 64,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$1,920,000 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 64,000 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$30).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 9, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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