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Other Information: You may view APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register** and related information, including the names of groups and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on regulations regarding the issuance of phytosanitary certificates for plants or plant products being exported to foreign countries, contact Parul Patel, Senior Export Specialist, Phytosanitary Issues Management, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 140, Riverdale MD 20737; (301) 734-8537. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Phytosanitary Export Certification.

OMB Number: 0579-0052.

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

Abstract: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), among other things, provides export certification services to assure other countries that the plants and plant products they are receiving from the United States are free of plant pests specified by the receiving country.

It should be noted that our regulations do not require that we engage in export certification activities. We perform this work as a service to exporters who are shipping plants or plant products to countries that require phytosanitary certification as a condition of entry.

To request that we perform a phytosanitary inspection, an exporter must complete and submit an Application for Inspection and Certification of Plants and Plant Products for Export (PPQ Form 572).

After assessing the condition of the plants or plant products intended for export (*i.e.*, after conducting a phytosanitary inspection), an inspector (who may be an APHIS employee or a State or county plant regulatory official) will issue an internationally recognized phytosanitary certificate (PPQ Form 577), a phytosanitary certificate for reexport (PPQ Form 579), or an export certificate for processed plant products (PPQ Form 578).

These forms are critical to our ability to certify plants and plant products for export. Without them, we would be unable to conduct an export certification program.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

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

(1) Evaluate whether the 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 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 0.661286 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. growers, shippers, and exporters; State and county plant health protection authorities.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 23,225.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 39.0979.

Estimated annual number of responses: 908,050.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 600,481 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the 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 10th day of January 2005.

Elizabeth E. Gaston,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04-124-1]

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 associated with the Application for Inspection and Certification of Animal Byproducts.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before March 15, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

• **EDOCKET:** Go to <http://www.epa.gov/feddoctet> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once you have entered EDOCKET, click on the "View Open APHIS Dockets" link to locate this document.

• **Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:** Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. 04-124-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 04-124-1.

• **E-mail:** Address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 04-124-1" on the subject line.

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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.

Other Information: You may view APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register** and related information, including the names of groups and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the Application for Inspection and Certification of Animal Byproducts, contact Dr. Terry Morris, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Technical Trade Services, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 40, Riverdale MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-5259. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Inspection and Certification of Animal Byproducts.

OMB Number: 0579-0008.

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

Abstract: U.S. exporters who wish to export certain animal byproducts to other countries must, in some instances, furnish the importing country with certificates that have been issued or endorsed by Veterinary Services (VS) of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. VS Form 16-24, Application for Inspection and Certification of Animal Byproducts, is one such certificate. The form also serves as a written agreement under which the exporter pays for services we render in connection with documenting the certification statements required by the importing country.

The exporter provides VS with the information requested on VS Form 16-24, including a detailed description of the processing techniques that are used to make the product eligible to enter the importing country. VS uses this information to monitor and certify the processing techniques. After monitoring the processing technique, VS issues or endorses the certificate attesting to the class and quality of the products and that the products have been processed according to the conditions and requirements of the importing country.

Without this certification, the importing country would not accept the product, and the exporter would be

unable to conduct business with that country. The use of VS Form 16-24 has no impact on animal disease prevention or eradication activities in the United States. The form was developed to meet the importation requirements of other countries.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity for an additional 3 years.

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(1) Evaluate whether the 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 information collection, 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 information collection 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 0.5 hour per response.

Respondents: U.S. exporters of animal byproducts.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 10.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 10.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 5 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the 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 10th day of January 2005.

Elizabeth E. Gaston,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; National Woodland Owner Survey

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the USDA Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a previously approved information collection, the National Woodland Owner Survey, that the Forest Service is seeking to reinstate. This information collection will help the Forest Service and others assess the current state of the nation's forest resources, identify opportunities and constraints of private forest-land owners, and facilitate planning and implementation of forest policies and programs. Information will be collected from private forest-land owners in the United States.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before March 15, 2005 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to National Woodland Owner Survey, Attn: Brett Butler, Northeastern Research Station, Forest Service, USDA, 11 Campus Boulevard, Suite 200, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (610) 557-4250 or by e-mail to nwos@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at 11 Campus Boulevard, Suite 200, Room 2040, Newtown Square, PA. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (610) 557-4002 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brett Butler, Northeastern Research Station, (610) 557-4045. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) should call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Woodland Owner Survey.

OMB Number: 0596-0078.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2004.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Abstract: The National Woodland Owner Survey (NWOS) will collect data