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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 30, 2007.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service,

Title: Blood and Tissue Collection at Slaughtering Establishments

OMB Control Number: 0579-0212

Summary of Collection: Title 21, U.S.C. 117, Animal Industry Act of 1884, authorizes the Secretary to prevent, control and eliminate domestic diseases such as brucellosis and chronic wasting disease, as well as to take action to prevent and to manage exotic diseases such as foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and other foreign animal diseases. Regulations in 9 CFR, subchapter C, part 71, provide for the collection of blood and tissue samples from livestock (horses, cattle, bison, captive cervids, sheep and goats, swine, and other farmed animals) and poultry at slaughter. Disease surveillance plays an important role in the APHIS mission of protecting the health of the U.S. livestock and poultry population, and testing animals for disease is an important surveillance tool. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will collect information using VS form 10-4 and 10-4A, Specimen Submission Form and Supplemental Sheet and VS form 10-5, Facility Inspection Report.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to identify specimens (blood and tissue) submitted for laboratory analysis and to identify the individual animal from which the specimen was taken as well as the animal's herd or flock; the type of specimen submitted, and the purpose for submitting the specimen. Without the information contained on the form, personnel at the National Veterinary Services Laboratories or other Federal laboratories would have no way of identifying or processing the specimens being sent to them for analysis.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 155.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 4,209.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2007-0083]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Virus-Serum-Toxin Act and Regulations

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 Virus-Serum-Toxin Act and regulations.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or October 1, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods: *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select APHIS-2007-0083 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link.

Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. APHIS-2007-0083, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2007-0083.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our 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.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act and regulations, contact Dr. Albert Morgan, Section Leader, Operational Support Staff, Center for Veterinary Biologics, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 148, Riverdale MD 20737, (301) 734-8245. 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: Virus-Serum-Toxin Act and Regulations.

OMB Number: 0579-0013.

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

Abstract: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is responsible for ensuring that veterinary biological products are pure, safe, potent, and effective. This program is conducted under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*) and the regulations in 9 CFR, chapter I, subchapter E. Veterinary biological products are defined as all viruses, serums, toxins (excluding substances that are selectively toxic to microorganisms, e.g., antibiotics), or analogous products at any stage of production, shipment, distribution, or sale, which are intended for use in the treatment of animals and which act primarily through the direct stimulation, supplementation, enhancement, or modulation of the immune system or immune response. The term "biological products" includes, but is not limited to, vaccines, bacterins, allergens, antibodies, antitoxins, toxoids, immunostimulants, certain cytokines, antigenic or immunizing components of live organisms, and diagnostic components that are of natural or synthetic origin or that are derived from synthesizing or altering various substances or components of substances, such as microorganisms, genes or genetic sequences, carbohydrates, proteins, antigens, allergens, or antibodies.

To accomplish its mission, APHIS issues licenses to qualified establishments that produce biological products and issues permits to importers of such products. We also

enforce requirements concerning production, packaging, labeling, and shipping of these products and set standards for the testing of these products.

Fulfilling this responsibility requires us to use certain information collection activities such as establishment license applications, product license applications, product import permit forms, and field study summaries. This information helps us to ensure that biological products used in the United States are pure, safe, potent, and effective. If we did not collect this information, we would be unable to carry out this mission.

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 these information collection activities. 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 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 4.337559606 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. importers, exporters, and shippers of veterinary biological products; State veterinary authorities; and operators of establishments that produce or test veterinary biological products or that engage in product research and development.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 43,452.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 21,726.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 94,237.82 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 27th day of August 2007.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2007-0076]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Importation of Tomatoes From Spain, Chile, France, Morocco, and Western Sahara

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 our regulations governing the importation of tomatoes from Spain, Chile, France, Morocco, and Western Sahara.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before October 1, 2007.

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

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select APHIS-2007-0076 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using <http://www.Regulations.gov>, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link.

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