

comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. APHIS-2007-0091, 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-2007-0091.

**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 regulations for the importation of animals and animal products and byproducts to prevent the introduction of bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States, contact Dr. Freeda Isaac, Assistant Director of Imports, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-6479. 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:** Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Importation of Animals and Animal Products.

**OMB Number:** 0579-0234.

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

**Abstract:** Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States to guard against the introduction of animal diseases. The regulations in 9 CFR parts 93, 94, 95, and 96 (referred to below as the regulations) govern the importation of certain animals, birds, poultry, meat, other animal products and byproducts, hay, and straw into the United States in order to prevent the introduction of various animal diseases, including bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), a chronic degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of cattle.

With some exceptions, APHIS' regulations prohibit or restrict the importation of live ruminants and certain ruminant products and byproducts from the following three categories of regions with regard to BSE: (1) Those regions in which BSE is known to exist; (2) those regions that present an undue risk of introducing BSE into the United States because their import requirements are less restrictive than those that would be acceptable for import into the United States and/or because the regions have inadequate surveillance; and (3) those regions that present a minimal risk of introducing BSE into the United States via live ruminants and ruminant products and byproducts.

To help ensure that BSE is not introduced into the United States, the regulations allow, under specified conditions, the importation of certain live ruminants and ruminant products and byproducts. These requirements necessitate the use of several information collection activities, including certification statements for the importation of ruminants and ruminant products, permits for animals destined for immediate slaughter or for movement to designated feedlots; the placing of seals on certain conveyances, the identification of individuals authorized to break the seals, and agreements entered into by slaughtering establishments or feedlots with APHIS; identification of animals; a certificate of processing from the government of the exporting region regarding the source of all raw material of animal origin in the imported products; and an APHIS Veterinary Services' veterinary import permit.

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 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 1.349469965 hours response.

**Respondents:** U.S. importers; foreign exporters of animals and animal products and byproducts; full-time, salaried veterinary officials of exporting regions; herd owners; feedlot and slaughter facility personnel; APHIS accredited and State veterinary authorities.

**Estimated annual number of respondents:** 9,800.

**Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:** 17.32653061.

**Estimated annual number of responses:** 169,800.

**Estimated total annual burden on respondents:** 229,140 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 21st day of September 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-2007-0112]

#### Availability of a Draft Pest Risk Assessment for Lemons From Argentina; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are extending the comment period for our notice of availability and request for comments regarding a draft pest risk assessment that has been prepared relative to our consideration of a request to allow the importation into the continental United States of fresh lemons from Argentina. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 11, 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-2007-0112 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using 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-2007-0112, 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-2007-0112.

*Reading Room:* You may read any comments that we receive on the draft pest risk assessment 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:** Mr. Juan Roman, Import Specialist, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1237; (301) 734-8758.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 13, 2007, we published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 45216-45217, Docket No. APHIS-2007-0112) a notice of availability and request for comments. That document notified the public that a draft pest risk assessment had been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to our consideration of a request to allow the importation into the continental United States of fresh lemons from Argentina. The notice made the draft pest risk assessment available to the public for review and comment.

Comments on the notice were required to be received on or before October 12, 2007. We are extending the comment period on Docket No. APHIS-2007-0112 for an additional 60 days. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 450, 7701-7772, and 7781-7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of September 2007.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—WIC National Universal Product Code (NUPC) Database**

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public, and other public agencies to comment on a proposed information collection. This notice announces the Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) intention to request Office of Management and Budget approval of the voluntary information collection process to be used in the National Universal Product Code (NUPC) database, an electronic national repository of Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) eligible foods that have been authorized or approved by WIC State agencies. Section 203(e)(12) of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 requires the Secretary to establish an NUPC database for use by State agencies in carrying out the program.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received on or before November 26, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent to Patricia N. Daniels, Director, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's 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 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.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, Room 520.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval, and will become a matter of public record.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Patty Davis, (703) 305-2746.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* The WIC National Universal Product Code (NUPC) database.

*OMB Number:* To be assigned.

*Expiration Date:* To be determined.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Abstract:* The mandated NUPC database will serve as a repository of Universal Product Codes pertaining to WIC Program foods. The database will be accessible on a voluntary basis to both food manufacturers and WIC Program State agencies. It will provide a standardized format for manufacturers to electronically submit product information for consideration for inclusion in WIC State agency authorized food lists. The system will automatically screen products entered by manufacturers for compliance with minimum Federal regulatory requirements. State agencies will be able to review and select for approval those products that have successfully been screened. Each WIC State agency's list of approved foods will be available via the NUPC database. The database will initially be populated with product information that is available from the WIC State agencies currently operating an Electronic Benefits Transfer system. We assume this will provide product information for the majority of foods