

(1) Evaluate whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our agency's functions, 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 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 1.5103216 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Importers, exporters, and foreign national plant protection organizations.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 2,959.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 27.748901.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 82,109.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 124,011 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 5th day of August 2009.

**William H. Clay,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2009-0061]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Importation of Products of Poultry and Birds

**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 regulations restricting the importation of products of poultry and birds into the United States in order to prevent the introduction of poultry disease.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before October 13, 2009.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2009-0061> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2009-0061, 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-2009-0061.

*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 regarding regulations for the importation of products of poultry and birds, contact Dr. Lynette Williams, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Technical Trade Services Team—Products, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-3277. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2908.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Importation of Products of Poultry and Birds.

*OMB Number:* 0579-0141.

*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 United States Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the importation and interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the introduction into and dissemination within the United States of livestock diseases and pests. To carry out this mission, APHIS regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States. The regulations are contained in title 9, parts 92 through 98, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Part 94, § 94.6, governs the importation of carcasses, parts or products of carcasses, and eggs (other than hatching eggs) of poultry, game birds, and other birds to prevent the introduction of exotic Newcastle disease (END) and highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5N1 into the United States. Various conditions for importation apply.

These conditions include four information collection activities: (1) A certificate of origin that must be issued, (2) serial numbers that must be recorded, (3) records that must be maintained, and (4) cooperative service agreements that must be signed.

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 1.14285 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Full-time salaried veterinarians employed by the national government of the exporting region.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 4.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.75.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 7.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 8 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 5th day of August 2009.

**William H. Clay,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2009-0025]

#### **Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Fifteenth Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA, are sponsoring a public meeting on September 17, 2009. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the 15th Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex). The Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety and AMS recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 15th Session of the CCFFV and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held in Room 2068, USDA South Building at 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 15th CCFFV Session will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 15th Session of the CCFFV invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address [dorian.lafond@usda.gov](mailto:dorian.lafond@usda.gov).

*For Further Information About the 15th CCFFV Session Contact:* Dorian LaFond, International Standards Coordinator, AMS Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Stop 0235, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 690-4944, E-mail: [dorian.lafond@usda.gov](mailto:dorian.lafond@usda.gov).

*For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact:* Doreen Chen-Moulec, Staff Officer, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 205-7760, E-mail: [doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The Codex Alimentarius (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade. The CCFFV is hosted by Mexico.

##### *Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting*

The following items on the Agenda for the 15th CCFFV Session will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees;
- Matters Arising from other International Organizations on the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables;
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables: (i) UNECE Standard for Apples (FFV-50); (ii) UNECE Standard for Avocados (FFV-42);
- Draft Section 6 "Marking or Labeling" (Draft Standard for Bitter Cassava);

- Draft Standard for Apples;
- Proposed Draft Standard for Avocado (revision) (N19-2008);
- Proposed Draft Standard for Chili Peppers (N17-2008);
- Proposed Draft Standard for Tree Tomato (N18-2008);
- Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables;
- Proposed Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables—Comments in Response to CL 2008/13-FFV;
- Glossary of Terms used in the Proposed Layout for Codex Standards on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables;
- Proposals for Amendments to the Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables—CL 2008/13-FFV.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

##### *Public Meeting*

At the September 17, 2009 public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate for the 15th CCFFV Session, Dorian LaFond (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 15th CCFFV Session.

##### *Additional Public Notification*

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2009\\_Notices\\_Index/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2009_Notices_Index/). FSIS will also make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The Update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade groups, consumer interest groups, health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The Update is also available on the FSIS Web page.