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Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Poultry Meat and Other Poultry Products from Sinaloa and Sonora, Mexico

OMB Control Number: 0579-0144.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act of 2002 (Title X, Subtitle E, Sec. 10401-18 of Pub. L. 107-171) is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and for enhancing the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services' ability to allow United States animal producers to compete in the world market of animal and animal product trade APHIS currently has regulations in place that restrict the importation of poultry meat and other poultry products from Mexico due to the presence of Newcastle Disease (ND) in that country. However, APHIS allows the importation of poultry meat and poultry products from the Mexican States of Sinaloa and Sonora because APHIS has determined that poultry meat and products from these two Mexican States pose a negligible risk of introducing ND into the United States. To ensure that these items are safe for importation, APHIS requires that certain data appear on the foreign meat inspection certificate that accompanies the poultry meat and other poultry products from Sinaloa and Sonora to the United States. APHIS also requires that serial numbered seals be applied to containers carrying the poultry meat and other poultry products.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to certify that the poultry meat or other poultry products were (1) derived from poultry born and raised in commercial breeding establishments in Sinaloa and Sonora; (2) derived from poultry that were slaughtered in Sinaloa or Sonora in a Federally-inspected slaughter plant approved to export these commodities to the United States in accordance with Food Safety & Inspection regulations; (3)

processed at a Federally inspected processing plant in Sinaloa or Sonora; and (4) kept out of contact with poultry from any other State within Mexico. APHIS will also collect information to ensure that the poultry meat or poultry products from Sinaloa and Sonora pose the most negligible risk possible for introducing ND into the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 386.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 386.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Fresh Pitaya Fruit from Central America into the Continental United States.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0378.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701-7772), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests new to the United States or not known to be widely distributed throughout the United States. The regulations "Subpart-Fruit and Vegetables" (7 CFR 319.56-1 through 319.56-71), prohibit or restrict the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent the introduction and dissemination of plant pests that are not widely distributed within the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) allows the importation of fresh pitaya fruit from Central America into the continental United States.

Need and Use of the Information: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service uses the following activities to collect information: Production Site Certification, Review and Maintain Documents, Registration of Packinghouses, Bilateral Workplan, Records of Fruit Fly Detections and Update Records, Shipping Documents Identifying the Places of Production, Phytosanitary Certificate with Additional Declaration, Production Site Registration, and Box Markings. If the information is not collected, APHIS' ability to protect the United States from exotic insect pest would be severely compromised.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 97.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 287.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 19, 2015.

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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by March 27, 2015 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP).

OMB Control Number: 0579–0007.

Summary of Collection: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is authorized to among other things, administer the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP or the Plan), the primary purpose of which is to protect the health of the U.S. poultry population. NPIP is a voluntary Federal-State-industry cooperative program for the improvement of poultry flocks and products through disease control techniques. The NPIP regulations are contained in 9 CFR parts 56, 145, 146 and 147.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information using several forms to continually improve the health of the U.S. poultry population and the quality of U.S. poultry products. If the information were collected less frequently or not collected, APHIS could not effectively monitor the health of the nation's poultry population.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 18,097.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 104,311.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Control of Chronic Wasting Disease.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0189.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, and eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry, and to pay claims arising from destruction of animals. Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) ability to complete in exporting animals and animal products. Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) of elk, deer and moose typified by chronic weight loss leading to death. The presence of CWD disease in cervids causes significant economic and market losses to U.S. producers. In an effort to accelerate the control and limit the spread of this disease in the United States, APHIS

created a cooperative, voluntary Federal-State-private sector CWD Herd Certification Program designed to identify farmed or captive herds infected with CWD and provided for the management of these herds in a way that reduces the risk of spreading CWD. APHIS is combining 0579–0237 into this information collection (0579–0189) and will retire 0579–0237 upon the approval of this renewal of 0579–0189.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information from owners of elk, deer, and moose herds who choose to participate in the CWD Herd Certification program. They would need to follow program requirements for animal identification, testing, herd management, and movement of animals into and from herds. APHIS also established requirements for the interstate movement of cervids to prevent movement of elk, deer, and moose that pose a risk of spreading CWD. Carrying out this program will entail the use of several information collection activities: Memoranda of understandings; participation requests/applications; sample collections and lab submissions; herd records; cervid identification; reports of cervid disappearances, escapes, and deaths; herd plans; annual reports; consistent State reviews; epidemiological investigations; appraisal, destruction, and payment of indemnity; letter to appeal suspension; Interstate Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI); and wild cervid ICVI, and surveillance data. Failure to collect this information would cripple APHIS' ability to effectively sustain its CWD control program.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 5,735.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting and Recordkeeping: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 383,383.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Request for Information: Software Vendors of State and Local Management Information Systems (MIS) and Other Technology Solutions for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for information.

SUMMARY: This is a request for information from Management Information Systems (MIS) software and hardware vendors and developers (“vendors”) to learn about the functionality of State and School Food Authority National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP) data management information systems. It is not a request for proposal and does not commit the Government to issue a solicitation, make an award, or pay any costs associated with responding to this announcement. All submitted information shall remain with the Government and will not be returned. All responses will become part of the public record and will not be held confidential.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking information that will inform future data reporting requirements for the Department's oversight and management of NSLP/SBP. The Department is aware that all States and many school districts have installed and implemented MIS or other technology solutions to improve State and local program management. To better understand the availability and implementation of these solutions, USDA is requesting information from vendors about NSLP/SBP data systems they offer and have deployed at the State and local levels.

The objectives of this request for information (RFI) are to:

1. Obtain background data to inform later research on State and School Food Authority (SFA) NSLP/SBP data management information systems.
2. Describe the functionality and capabilities of systems currently in use by State agencies and SFAs, or available to States and SFA for purchase.
3. Describe the typical costs of system development, installation, maintenance, and upgrades.
4. Identify which States and SFAs are using particular systems.

DATES: To be assured of consideration, written comments must be submitted or postmarked on or before April 27, 2015.