

be carefully reviewed for their expertise, leadership, and relevance to a category.

The 9 slots to be filled are:

Category B. Farm Cooperatives
 Category D. Plant Commodity Producer
 Category E. National Aquaculture Association
 Category H. National Food Science Organization
 Category J. National Nutritional Science Society
 Category K. 1862 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities
 Category V. National Forestry Group
 Category W. National Conservation or Natural Resource Group
 Category Y. National Social Science Association

Specialty Crop Committee

The Specialty Crop Committee was created as a subcommittee of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board in accordance with the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 under Title III, Section 303 of Public Law 108–465. The committee was formulated to study the scope and effectiveness of research, extension, and economics programs affecting the specialty crop industry. The legislation defines “specialty crops” as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits and nursery crops (including floriculture). The Agricultural Act of 2014 further expanded the scope of the Specialty Crop Committee to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on the relevancy review process of the Specialty Crop Research Initiative, a granting program of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Members should represent the breadth of the specialty crop industry. 6 members of the Specialty Crop Committee are also members of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and 6 members represent various disciplines of the specialty crop industry.

The terms of 3 members will expire on September 30, 2017. The Specialty Crop Committee is soliciting nominations to fill 3 vacant positions to represent the specialty crop industry. Appointed members will serve 3 years with their terms expiring in September 2020.

National Genetic Resources Advisory Council

The National Genetic Resources Advisory Council was re-established in 2012 as a permanent subcommittee of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board to formulate recommendations on actions and

policies for the collection, maintenance, and utilization of genetic resources; to make recommendations for coordination of genetic resources plans of several domestic and international organizations; and to advise the Secretary of Agriculture and the National Genetic Resources Program, part of the Agricultural Research Service, of new and innovative approaches to genetic resources conservation.

The National Genetic Resources Advisory Council membership is required to have two-thirds of the appointed members from scientific disciplines relevant to the National Genetic Resources Program including agricultural sciences, environmental sciences, natural resource sciences, health sciences, and nutritional sciences; and one-third of the appointed members from the general public including leaders in fields of public policy, trade, international development, law, or management.

The terms of 3 members of the National Genetic Resources Advisory Council will expire on September 30, 2017. We are seeking nominations for a 3-year appointment effective October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020. The 3 slots to be filled are to be composed of 2 scientific members and 1 general public member.

Citrus Disease Subcommittee

The Citrus Disease Subcommittee was established by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Sec. 7103) to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on citrus research, extension, and development needs, engage in regular consultation and collaboration with USDA and other organizations involved in citrus, and provide recommendations for research and extension activities related to citrus disease. The Citrus Disease Subcommittee will also advise the Department on the research and extension agenda of the Emergency Citrus Disease Research and Extension Program, a granting program of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

The subcommittee is composed of 9 members who *must* be a producer of citrus with representation from the following States: Three members from Arizona or California, five members from Florida, and one member from Texas.

The terms of 3 Citrus Disease Subcommittee will expire on September 30, 2017. The Citrus Disease Subcommittee is soliciting nominations to fill 3 vacant positions for membership; 1 position is to represent Florida, 1 position is to represent California or

Arizona, and 1 position is to represent Texas. Appointed members will serve 3 years with their terms expiring in September 2020.

Done at Washington, DC, this 8th day of June 2017.

Ann Bartuska,

Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 13, 2017.

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 are requested regarding (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 July 17, 2017 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.

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.

Office of Communications

Title: Event Appearance Request for the Secretary or Members of his Staff.

OMB Control Number: 0506–New.

Summary of Collection: The Office of Communication has created a web form that collects information on events that the public would like the Secretary or members of his staff to participate in, or those in which the incoming Secretary or members of his staff may want to use to reach back out to interested parties to invite them to events. The following information will be collected: Organization, Address, Phone/Cell Number, First and last name of point of contact, Email Address, Type of event, Date of event, Event location, Secretary's role, Number of attendees, Press open or closed.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be used to review, approve, delegate and regret events for the Secretary and members of his staff. The information will come from public, businesses, not-for profit organizations; state, local or tribal governments. The information will be collected using a web form. The information will be collected on a daily basis. If the information is not collected, events would not be properly scheduled for the Secretary or member of his staff and therefore would not be able to inform the Secretary or members of his staff of incoming event requests.

Description of Respondents: Individuals; Businesses; Not-for profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other.

Total Burden Hours: 2,500.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2017–0043]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Importation of Hass Avocados From Mexico

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and 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 a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations for the importation of Hass avocados from Mexico.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before August 15, 2017.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2017-0043>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2017–0043, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2017-0043> or in our reading room, which 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) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the importation of Hass avocados from Mexico, contact Dr. Robert Baca, Assistant Director, Permitting and Compliance Coordination, Compliance and Environmental Coordination Branch, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 150, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–2292. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2483.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Importation of Hass Avocados From Mexico.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0129.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Plant Protection Act (PPA, 7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the

introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. As authorized by the PPA, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service regulates the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world as provided in “Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–76).

Section 319.56–30 provides the requirements for the importation of Hass avocados from Mexico, under certain conditions. These requirements include information collection activities, such as workplans, phytosanitary certificates, trust funds, import permits, box markings, an approved municipality listing and municipality surveys, packinghouse registration, orchard and grower registration, orchard surveys, field records, container seals, stickers on fruit, a training program for personnel in surveying, pest detection investigations, port of entry inspections, post-harvest inspections, and recordkeeping.

We have revised the title of this collection from “Importation of Hass Avocados From Michoacán, Mexico,” to “Importation of Hass Avocados From Mexico” to more accurately reflect the title of § 319.56–30.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, 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 0.006 hours per response.

Respondents: Importers, shippers, State officials, and the national plant protection organization of Mexico.