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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

#### National Commission on Small Farms; Meetings

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting. Correction; In the **Federal Register** of August 28, 1997, on page 45617 in the 3rd column, in the 11th line, "1:00 p.m." is corrected to read "9:00 a.m."

**SUMMARY:** The USDA National Commission on Small Farms published a document in the **Federal Register**, FR doc. 97-22976 on page 45617. This notice serves as a correction to the meeting time:

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Yezak Molen, Director, National Commission on Small Farms, at the address above or at (202) 690-0648 or (202) 690-0673. The fax number is (202) 720-0596.

**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF MEETING:** The Commission's third public meeting is September 10 and 11 at the Jefferson Auditorium, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. The meeting is open to the public. On September 10, the Commission will meet from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to hear public testimony. On September 11, the Commission will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to conduct Commission business.

**Pearlie S. Reed,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-053N]

#### Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, this notice announces the Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection package regarding ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before November 3, 1997.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Lee Puricelli, Paperwork Specialist, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 300 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 720-0346.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection.

*OMB Number:* 0583-0090.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* November 30, 1997.

*Type of Request:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is requesting an extension and revision to the information collection package addressing meat and poultry paperwork and recordkeeping requirements regarding ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection. Such information collections are necessary to ensure that meat and poultry products are wholesome and unadulterated.

FSIS permits poultry establishments to operate under the Streamlined Inspection System (SIS), the New Line Speed (NELS) Inspection System, or the New Turkey Inspection (NTI) System. These systems are post-mortem inspection systems that have enabled the poultry industry to increase their daily production. To operate under SIS for broilers and Cornish game hens, establishments must request and receive approval from the Agency. Establishments operating under NELs and NTI must develop and maintain a partial quality control (PQC) programs. There are information collection requirements associated with the request, approval, and daily operations of these systems. FSIS program employees review the records relating to the systems operation at least three times a week to verify regulatory compliance.

Meat and poultry establishments wishing to slaughter animals treated with experimental biological products, drugs or chemicals must provide certain information and supporting data for review by the Agency before approval may be granted. Also, persons or entities wishing to obtain specimens of diseased, condemned or inedible material must submit information to FSIS.

Because of the continued need for these information collection activities, FSIS is requesting OMB extension for and revision of the Information Collection Request covering information collection activities related to these requirements.

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .0216572 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Meat and poultry establishments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,114.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 817.20466.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 19,716 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment and comments can be obtained from Lee Puricelli, Paperwork Specialist, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 300 12th Street SW, Room 109, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 720-0346.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS' 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 to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

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.

Dated: August 26, 1997.

**Thomas J. Billy,**  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Combining a Currently Approved Information Collection With New Information Collections

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to extend one information collection and combine it with two new information collections. Authorization for information collection, FS-2400-8—Forest Products Free Use Permit (OMB Number 0596-0095) expires October 31, 1997. It is this information collection under which the Forest Service intends to combine two new information collections: FS-2400-1—Forest Products Removal Permit and Cash Receipt and FS-2400-4—Forest Products Sale Permit and Cash Receipt.

The collected information is necessary to ensure that applicants meet the requirements of the forest products removal program; that permittees obtaining free use of forest products qualify for the free-use program; that applicants purchasing permits non-competitively to harvest forest products do not exceed the authorized limit in a fiscal year; and that permittees can be identified in the field by Forest Service compliance personnel.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before November 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to: Director, Forest Management (MAIL STOP 1105), Forest Service, USDA, PO Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Naylor, Forest Management Staff, at (202) 205-0858.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Under 16 U.S.C. 551, individuals and other Federal agencies planning to remove forest products from the National Forests must obtain a permit. To obtain a permit, applicants must meet the criteria at 36 CFR 223.1, 223.2, and 223.5 through 223.13 under which free use or sale of timber or forest products is authorized. Upon receiving a permit, the permittee must comply with the terms of the permit at 36 CFR 261.6 that designate the forest products that can be harvested and under what conditions, such as limiting harvest to a designated area or permitting harvest of only specifically designated material.

For over 20 years, Forest Service Regional offices have been issuing Forest Product Removal Permits, with each Region developing its own Forest Product Removal Permit form and policies. To ensure more consistent management of the forest products programs, the Forest Service has developed two new national permit forms to replace regional forms: FS-2400-1—Forest Products Removal Permit and Cash Receipt to sell timber products, such as fuelwood, or forest products, such as Christmas trees and pine cones, and FS-2400-4—Forest Products Sale Permit and Cash Receipt to sell timber products, such as sawtimber or fuelwood.

When applying for forest products removal permits, applicants, depending on what timber or forest products they intend to remove, must answer questions on one or more of the following forms:

Form FS-2400-1—Forest Products Removal Permit and Cash Receipt is new and will implement regulations at 36 CFR 223.1 and 223.2 governing the sale of forest products, such as Christmas trees or pinecones;

Form FS-2400-4—Forest Products Sale Permit and Cash Receipt is new and will be used to sell timber products, such as sawtimber, or forest products, such as fuelwood; and

Form FS-2400-8—Forest Products Free Use Permit is an existing form that will be extended. It is used to allow free use of timber or forest products (36 CFR 223.5 through 223.13).

Each form implements different regulations and has different provisions for compliance, but all three forms

collect similar information from the applicant for related purposes. Therefore, the Forest Service intends to combine the three information collections under one authorization number, OMB No. 0596-0095, which currently covers only FS-2400-8—Forest Products Free Use Permit. OMB authorization of FS-2400-8 expires October 31, 1997. The Forest Service is requesting an extension of this information collection.

The Forest Service will use the information collected on these three forms to ensure that permittees obtaining free use of timber or forest products qualify for the free-use program and do not receive product value in excess of the \$20 amount that District Rangers or \$100 amount that Forest Supervisors are authorized to approved in a fiscal year (36 CFR 223.8); to ensure that applicants purchasing permits non-competitively to harvest timber or forest products do not exceed the authorized \$10,000 limit in a fiscal year (16 U.S.C. 472(a)); and to ensure that permittees can be identified in the field by Forest Service compliance personnel.

An applicant is not restricted to one permit. An applicant may apply for as many product removal permits as they deem necessary to meet their needs. For example, an applicant may obtain free use of a timber product, such as firewood, using FS-2400-8—Forest Products Free Use Permit and still purchase a Christmas tree using FS-2400-1—Forest Product Removal Permit and Cash Receipt.

Data gathered in these information collections are not available from other sources.

#### Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended and combined with two new information collections: FS-2400-1—Forest Products Removal Permit and Cash Receipt and FS-2400-1—Forest Products Removal Permit and Cash Receipt and FS-2400-4—Forest Products Sale Permit and Cash Receipt.

Descriptions of these information collections follow the description of FS-2400-8.

**Title:** FS-2400-8—Forest Products Free Use Permit.

**OMB Number:** 0596-0095.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** October 31, 1997.

**Type of Request:** Extend this information collection and combine with FS-2400-1 and FS-2400-4.

**Abstract:** The agency uses the collected data to ensure that applicants meet the criteria for free use of timber