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## Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries

### Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations; Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet in Conference Room 118 of the Aerospace Building, L'Enfant Plaza, 901 D Street, SW, Washington, DC, on Thursday and Friday, January 8 and 9, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss topics and questions which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in Title 29 U.S. Code, section 1242(a)(1)(B) and to review the November 1997 Joint Board examination in order to make recommendations relative thereto, including the minimum acceptable pass score. In addition, a number of issues will be discussed relative to the future Joint Board examinations including, but not limited to, the structure of the exams, the possibility of open book exams, the elimination of commutation functions, and varying point values of questions.

A determination has been made as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) that the portions of the meeting dealing with the discussion of questions which may appear on future Joint Board examinations and review of the November 1997 Joint Board examination fall within the exceptions to the open meeting requirement set forth in Title 5 U.S. Code, section 552(c)(9)(B), and that public interest requires that such portions be closed to public participation.

The portion of the meeting dealing with the discussion of the structure of future exams, open book exams, commutation functions, and varying point values of questions will commence at 1:30 p.m. on January 8 and

will continue for as long as necessary to complete the discussion, but not beyond 3:00 p.m. This portion of the meeting will be open to the public as space is available. Time permitting, after the close of this discussion by Committee members, interested persons may make statements germane to this subject. Persons wishing to make oral statements are requested to notify the Committee Management Officer in writing prior to the meeting in order to aid in scheduling the time available, and should submit the written text, or, at a minimum, an outline of comments they propose to make orally. Such comments will be limited to ten minutes in length. Any interested person also may file a written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and Committee by sending it to the Committee Management Officer. Persons planning to attend the public session must also notify the Committee Management Officer in writing to obtain building entry. Notifications should be faxed to (202) 401-6657 no later than December 30, 1997, Attention: Robert I. Brauer, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (C:AP:P), 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

Dated: December 8, 1997.

**Robert I. Brauer,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-111-1]

### Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

**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 in support of the

Foreign Animal Disease Surveillance Program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 13, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 97-111-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 97-111-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For information regarding the Foreign Animal Disease Program, contact Dr. Mark Teachman, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Emergency Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 41, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-8908. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Groves, Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5086.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Field Epidemiology Data System.

*OMB Number:* 0579-0071.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 1998.

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

*Abstract:* The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for preventing foreign diseases of livestock or poultry from entering the United States, for conducting a surveillance program for the early detection of such foreign animal diseases, and for eradicating such foreign animal diseases if they are detected.

Through our Foreign Animal Disease Surveillance Program, the Emergency Programs division of Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health

Inspection Service (APHIS), USDA, compiles essential epidemiologic and diagnostic data that are used to define foreign animal diseases and their risk factors. When a potential foreign animal disease incident is reported, APHIS dispatches a foreign animal disease veterinary diagnostician to the site to conduct an investigation.

The diagnostician obtains vital epidemiologic data by conducting field investigations and by interviewing the owner or manager of the premises being investigated.

These important data include such items as the number of sick or dead animals on the premises, the results of necropsy examinations, vaccination information on the animals in the flock or herd, the level of biosecurity practiced at the site, whether any animals were recently moved out of the herd or flock, whether any new animals were recently introduced into the herd or flock, and detailed geographic data concerning premises location.

The diagnostician records this information on VS Form 12-27. Information from this form is then entered into our Field Epidemiology Data System (FEDS).

VS Form 12-27 is used for both task force emergency disease investigations and all suspect foreign animal disease investigations. After laboratory confirmation of a specific foreign animal disease, the information collected on the form ensures prompt attention and follow-up by a disease eradication specialist.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the continued use of this information collection activity.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. We need this outside input to help us:

- (1) Evaluate 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;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 .5 hours per response.

**Respondents:** Owners and operators of livestock and poultry producing operations, State personnel who assist with information collection.

**Estimated number of respondents:** 260.

**Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:** 1.615.

**Estimated annual number of responses:** 420.

**Estimated total annual burden on respondents:** 210 hours.

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 9th day of December 1997.

**Craig A. Reed,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-112-1]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

**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 in support of the Swine Health Protection Program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 13, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 97-112-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your

comments refer to Docket 97-112-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For information regarding the Swine Health Protection Program, contact Dr. Arnold Taft, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-4916. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Groves, Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5086.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Swine Health Protection.

**OMB Number:** 0579-0065.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** July 31, 1998.

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

**Abstract:** The United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for preventing the spread of contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases of livestock or poultry from one State to another, and for eradicating such diseases from the United States when feasible.

The Swine Health Protection Act prohibits the feeding of garbage to swine unless the garbage has been treated to kill disease organisms. Untreated garbage is one of the primary media through which numerous infections and communicable diseases are transmitted to swine. The garbage must be treated at a facility holding a valid permit to treat the garbage. The garbage must be treated in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). APHIS requires certain information in order to license (issue a permit to) a facility to operate and in order to monitor the facility for compliance with the regulations.

Information collection activities include the submission of an application for a license to operate a garbage treatment facility, the recording of the destination and date of removal of all food waste or garbage from the treatment facility, and the submission of food waste reports.

With this information we are able to carefully monitor garbage treatment facilities to ensure that they are adhering to our requirements.

The information provided by these information gathering activities is