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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Research Service

#### Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service intends to grant to Dalya dis Ticaret ve Pazarlama of Istanbul, Turkey, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,766,662, issued June 16, 1998, and entitled, "Dietary Fiber Gels for Preparing Calorie Reduced Foods." Notice of Availability for this invention was published in the **Federal Register** on January 8, 1998.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 5, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of the Director, National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research, Room 2042, 1815 N. University Street, Peoria, Illinois 61604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Watkins of the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research at the Peoria address given above; telephone: 309-681-6545.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Government's patent rights to these inventions are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license these inventions as Dalya dis Ticaret ve Pazarlama has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which

establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

**Richard M. Parry, Jr.,**

*Assistant Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-075-1]

#### 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 Application for Inspection and Certification of Animal Byproducts.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by October 5, 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. 98-075-1, 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 No. 98-075-1. 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 CONTACT:** For information on the Application for Inspection and Certification of Animal Byproducts, contact Dr. John Gray,

Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Medical Office, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 129, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-7633; or e-mail john.h.gray@usda.gov. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Application for Inspection and Certification of Animal Byproducts.

*OMB Number:* 0579-0008.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* September 30, 1999.

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

*Abstract:* U.S. exporters who wish to export certain animal byproducts to other countries must, in some instances, furnish the importing country with certificates that have been issued or endorsed by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS). These certificates attest to the class and quality of these products, and also attest that the products have been processed according to the conditions and requirements of the importing country. VS Form 16-24 is one such certificate.

The information requested on VS Form 16-24 is provided by the applicant and notifies us that the applicant desires to have us verify the processing of the product. After verifying the processing technique, we certify (on VS Form 16-24) that the product was processed according to the conditions and requirements of the importing country. Without this certification, the importing country would not accept the product, and the applicant would be unable to conduct business with that country.

The use of VS Form 16-24 has no impact on animal disease prevention or eradication activities in the United States. The form was developed strictly in response to the importation requirements of other countries.

The use of VS Form 16-24 provides ample space for the applicant to detail the processing technique used to make the product eligible to enter the importing country. The form also serves as the written agreement under which the applicant (the U.S. exporter) pays for the services we render in connection

with certifying that the product meets certain conditions required by the importing country.

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:* U.S. exporters of animal byproducts.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 20.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 20.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 10 hours. (Due to rounding, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the average 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 3rd day of August 1998.

**Joan M. Arnoldi,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Interagency Executive Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on September 3, 1998, in Campbell's Conference Center, 104 W. Woodin, Chelan, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. This meeting will focus on rechartering, 1999 watershed restoration project proposals, Northwest Forest Plan monitoring report, and information sharing. All Eastern Washington Cascades Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: July 23, 1998.

**Mark Morris,**

*Administrative Officer, Wenatchee National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Yakima Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Yakima PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on August 27, 1998, at the Cle Elum Ranger District office, 803 W. 2nd. Street, Cle Elum, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. This meeting will focus on rechartering, Adaptive Management Area Subcommittee progress, 1999 watershed restoration project proposals, Northwest Forest Plan monitoring report, and information sharing. All Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National

Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: July 23, 1998.

**Mark Morris,**

*Administrative Officer, Wenatchee National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* Bureau of the Census.

*Title:* Current Industrial Reports (Wave II Voluntary).

*Form Number(s):* M33J, MQ20A, MQ28A, MQ28C, MQ28F, MQ31A, MQ36C, MA20D, MA35N, MA36L.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0206.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 4,514 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,550.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* About 45 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program is a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys which provide key measures of production, shipments, and/or inventories on a national basis for selected manufactured products. Government agencies, business firms, trade associations, and private research and consulting organizations use these data to make trade policy, production, and investment decisions.

For clearance purposes, the approximately 72 CIR surveys are divided into "waves." Each wave has an associated voluntary and mandatory clearance package, making 6 separate clearances. Each year, one wave (2 clearance packages) is submitted for review. This year we are submitting the voluntary and mandatory clearance packages for wave II. This clearance package contains "counterpart" forms. Counterpart forms were added to supplement some voluntary monthly and quarterly surveys to collect annual information on a mandatory basis from respondents not participating in the more frequent collections. In addition to requesting a three-year extension of OMB approval, in this request, we are revising some CIR surveys or changing reporting status or frequency.