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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 2, the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will meet March 18–20, 2008 at the Double Tree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20024.

ADDRESSES: The public may file written comments before or up to two weeks after the meeting with the contact person identified in this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods: E-mail:

JADunn@csrees.usda.gov; Fax: (202) 720–6199; Mail/Hand-Delivery or Courier: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 344–A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 2255, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–2255.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph A. Dunn, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; telephone: (202) 720–3684.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Tuesday, March 18, 2008, from 1 p.m.–5 p.m. the full Advisory Board meeting

will commence beginning with introductory remarks provided by the Chair of the Advisory Board and the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE), USDA. On Tuesday, March 18, 2008, 1:15 p.m., The Honorable Secretary of Agriculture, Ed Schafer will visit and provide welcome remarks to the Board on the Board's role in advising the Department on subjects relevant to REE. An evening session will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m., and adjourning at 9 p.m. with Dr. Gale Buchanan, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE) who will present remarks on how the Board can advise USDA on enhancing its research, extension, education, and economics programs. On Wednesday, March 19, 2008, a focus session continuing discussions on Educating the Future Work Force for Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Areas from the previous day will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. followed by an evening session beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m. with a guest speaker providing additional remarks on (1) What can we do to attract more students into the agriculture, natural resources, and related areas; and (2) What changes are needed by universities, USDA, (and others) to ensure we are training students for industry's needs now and in the future. On Thursday, March 20, 2008, the meeting will reconvene at 8 a.m. to recap highlights from the meeting and to discuss Board business. You will hear remarks from within and outside USDA pertaining to the agency perspective on the individual topics. An opportunity for public comment will be offered after the meeting wrap-up. The Advisory Board Meeting will adjourn by 12 (noon) on March 20, 2008.

Written comments by attendees or other interested stakeholders will be welcomed for the public record before and up to two weeks following the Board meeting (by close of business Thursday, April 3, 2008). All statements will become a part of the official record of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office.

Done at Washington, DC, this 26 day of February 2008.

Gale Buchanan,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2008–0018]

Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection; Nomination Request Form; Animal Disease Training

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: 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 approval of an information collection activity associated with training related to animal diseases.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 5, 2008.

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

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2008-0018> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2008–0018, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS–2008–0018.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room 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) 690–2817 before coming.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on training related to animal diseases, contact Ms. Leslie Bolton, Program Specialist, Professional Development Staff, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 27, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734–3624. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS* Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734–7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Nomination Request Form; Animal Disease Training.

OMB Number: 0579–xxxx.

Type of Request: Approval of a new information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the importation and interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the introduction into and dissemination within the United States of animal diseases and pests and for eradicating such diseases when feasible. In connection with this mission, the Veterinary Services (VS) program of APHIS provides vital training to State, industry, and academic personnel to prepare them to respond to an animal disease event, including disease eradication activities and sample collection.

Individuals who wish to attend animal disease-related training must submit a Nomination Request Form (VS–1–5) to VS to help the program coordinate courses and select participants. VS develops rosters with course participants' names and their contact information to notify them of future training courses and to encourage contact among participants throughout their careers. We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity for 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 information collection, 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 information collection 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 1.275985663 hours per response.

Respondents: State, industry, and academic personnel.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 552.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.010869565.

Estimated annual number of responses: 558.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 712 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the 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 27th day of February 2008.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2008–0021]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Infectious Salmon Anemia; Payment of Indemnity

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 associated with regulations for the payment of indemnity due to infectious salmon anemia.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 5, 2008.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2008-0021> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2008–0021, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS–2008–0021.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room 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) 690–2817 before coming.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on regulations for the payment of indemnity due to infectious salmon anemia, contact Dr. Stephen Ellis, Assistant Area Veterinarian in Charge, Infectious Salmon Anemia Program, Aquaculture, Swine, Equine and Poultry Programs, VS, APHIS, 16 Deep Cove Road, Eastport, ME 04631; (207) 853–2581. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS* Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734–7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Infectious Salmon Anemia; Payment of Indemnity.

OMB Number: 0579–0192.

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

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture is authorized