

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 0.1680434 hours per response.

**Respondents:** State veterinarians or other State representatives, accredited veterinarians, animal owners, private laboratories, and research institutions.

**Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:** 2,762.

**Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent:** 9.9927588.

**Estimated Annual Number of Responses:** 27,600.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 4,638 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 31st day of March 2009.

**Kevin Shea,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 2009-0007]

#### Exemption for Retail Store Operations

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

**ACTION:** Notice of adjusted dollar limitations.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing new dollar limitations on the amount of meat, meat food products, poultry, and poultry products that a retail store can sell to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions without disqualifying itself for exemption from Federal inspection requirements. In accordance with FSIS' regulations, for calendar year 2009, the dollar limitation is increased for meat and meat food products from \$56,900 to \$60,200 and for poultry products from \$46,700 to \$49,400. FSIS is changing the dollar limitations from calendar year 2008 based on price changes for these products evidenced by the Consumer Price Index.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This notice is effective April 6, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact John O'Connell, Policy Issuances Division, Office of Policy and Program Development, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 3532 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700; telephone (202) 720-0345, fax (202) 690-0486.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*) provide a comprehensive statutory framework to ensure that meat, meat food products, poultry, and poultry products prepared for commerce are wholesome, are not adulterated, and are properly labeled and packaged. 21 U.S.C. 661(c)(2) and 454(c)(2) also provide that the statutory provisions requiring inspection of the preparation or processing of meat, meat food, poultry, and poultry products do not apply to the types of operations traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores and restaurants when those operations are conducted at any retail store or restaurant or similar retail-type establishment for sale in normal retail quantities. FSIS' regulations 9 CFR 303.1(d) and 381.10(d) elaborate on the conditions under which requirements for inspection do not apply to retail operations involving the preparation or processing of meat, meat food, poultry, and poultry products.

##### Sales to Hotels, Restaurants, and Similar Institutions

Under these regulations, sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions (other than household consumers) disqualify a store for exemption if the product sales exceed either of two maximum limits: 25 percent of the dollar value of total product sales or the calendar year dollar limitation set by the Administrator. The dollar limitation is adjusted automatically during the first quarter of the year if the Consumer Price Index (CPI), published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows an increase or decrease of more than \$500 in the price of the same volume of product for the previous year. FSIS publishes a notice of the adjusted dollar limitations in the **Federal Register**. (See 9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b).)

The CPI for 2008 revealed an average annual price increase for meat and meat food products of 5.8 percent and for poultry products of 5.8 percent. When

rounded off to the nearest \$100, the price increase for meat and meat food products is \$3,300, and the price increase for poultry products is \$2,700. Because the price of meat and meat food products has increased by more than \$500, and because the price of poultry products has increased by more than \$500, FSIS is increasing the dollar limitation on sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions from \$56,900 to \$60,200 for meat and meat food products and from \$46,700 to \$49,400 for poultry products for calendar year 2009, in accordance with 9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b).

##### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities, are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS Web page located at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2009\\_Notices\\_Index/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2009_Notices_Index/index.asp).

FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The Update is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service consisting of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. The Update also is available on the FSIS Web page. Through Listserv and the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news\\_and\\_events/email\\_subscription/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/). Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on: March 30, 2009.

**Alfred V. Almanza,**  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by June 5, 2009.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michele Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5162 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078. FAX: (202) 720-8435. E-mail: [michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for extension.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or

other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Michele Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-8435. E-mail: [michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov).

*Title:* Deferment of Rural Development Utilities Programs Loan Payments for Rural Development Projects.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0097.

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

*Abstract:* The Deferment of Rural Development Utilities Programs Loan Payments for Rural Development Projects allows RUS electric and telecommunications borrowers to defer the payment of principal and interest on any insured or direct loan made under the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 912). The purpose of the Deferment program is to encourage borrowers to invest in and promote rural development and rural job creation projects that are based on sound economic and financial analyses. This program is administered through 7 CFR 1703, subpart H. The burden required by this collection consists of information that will allow the Agency to determine eligibility for deferment; specific purposes of the deferment; the term of the deferment; cost of the project and degree of participation from other sources; and compliance with Agency and other regulations and legal requirements.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.23 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Business or other for profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 9.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 11 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Gale Richardson, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-0992. FAX: (202) 720-8435.

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: March 31, 2009.

**James R. Newby,**

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Alaska Individual Fishing Quota Cost Recovery Program Requirements.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0398.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 5,984.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,500.

*Average Hours per Response:* 2 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires that the Secretary of Commerce maintain a Cost Recovery Program to cover the management and enforcement costs of the Individual Fishing Quotas (IFQ) for Pacific Halibut and Sablefish in the Alaska Fisheries Program. This Cost Recovery Program requires Registered Buyers to submit information about the volume and value of IFQ species landings and for the IFQ permit holders to calculate and submit fees.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: April 1, 2009.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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