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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 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2009.

**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-2009-0080]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Classical Swine Fever Status of Chile

**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 importation of live swine, pork, and pork products from Chile.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before January 15, 2010.

**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-2009-0080>) 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-2009-0080, 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-2009-0080.

**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 importation of live swine, pork, and pork products from Chile, contact Dr. Magde Elshafie, Staff Veterinarian, Technical Trade Services—Products, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 40, Riverdale MD 20737; (301) 734-3277. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2908.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Classical Swine Fever Status of Chile.

**OMB Number:** 0579-0235.

**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, 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 livestock diseases and pests. To carry out this mission, APHIS regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States. The regulations are contained in title 9, parts 92 through 98, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Part 94, § 94.25, allows the importation, subject to certain conditions, of live swine, pork, and pork products from certain regions, including Chile, that are free of classical swine fever (CSF). Among the conditions is a requirement for a certificate that must be completed by Chilean veterinary authorities prior to export. The certificate must identify both the region of export and the region of origin as regions designated in §§ 94.9 and 94.10 as free of CSF at the time the live swine, pork, or pork products were in the regions.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 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 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 1 hour per response.

**Respondents:** Chilean veterinary officers.

**Estimated annual number of respondents:** 4.

**Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:** 8.

**Estimated annual number of responses:** 32.

**Estimated total annual burden on respondents:** 32 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2009.

**Kevin Shea,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Notice of Request for an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this

notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection procedure in support of the Regulations—Financing Commercial Sales of Agricultural Commodities under Title I, Public Law 83–480; Request for Vessel Approval, Form CCC–105 and Request for Vessel Approval, Form CCC–105 (cotton); and Declaration of Sale, Form FAS–359.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 15, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver comments to Ronald Croushorn, Director, Food Assistance Division, Office of Capacity Building and Development, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1034, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–1034, or to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ronald Croushorn, Director, Food Assistance Division, Office of Capacity Building and Development, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1034, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–1034, or by telephone at (202) 720–3038, or by e-mail at [ronald.croushorn@fas.usda.gov](mailto:ronald.croushorn@fas.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Regulations—Financing Commercial Sales of Agricultural Commodities under Title I, Public Law 83–480.

**OMB Numbers:** 0551–0005 (Records and Rule Keeping), 0551–0008 (Request for Vessel Approval Form), and 0551–0009 (Declaration of Sale Form) were combined into OMB Number 0551–0005 in 2003.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** January 31, 2010.

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

**Abstract:** Title I of the Food for Peace Act authorizes the CCC to finance the sale and exportation of agricultural commodities on concessional credit terms. This program was previously authorized by Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (Pub. L. 83–480). Suppliers of commodities and ocean transportation must retain records for 3 years. Prospective commodity suppliers must provide information to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to determine eligibility. Commodity suppliers must report by telephone details of sales for price approval and submit to USDA, for approval,

information on any amendments to the sales. Form FAS–359, “Declaration of Sale,” is the written record, signed by the commodity supplier, of the terms of sale as reported by telephone. Shipping agents nominated by importing countries must submit information to allow identification of possible conflicts of interest. Shipping agents or embassies submit pertinent shipping information on Form CCC–105 to facilitate approval by CCC of shipping arrangements. This approval is necessary to assure compliance with cargo preference requirements at the lowest cost to CCC. USDA must receive this document before it can generate the CCC–106, which must be issued before an ocean carrier can receive payment for ocean freight. The information collected is used by CCC to manage, plan, evaluate and account for government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

*Estimate Number of Respondents:* 9.

*Estimate Number of Responses per Respondent:* 2.

*Estimated Burden of Hours per Response:* .58.

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

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tamoria Thompson-Hall, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690–1690.

**Request for Comments:** Send comments regarding (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; (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 automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and TDD). 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.

Signed at Washington, DC on November 3, 2009.

**Michael V. Michener,**

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2009-0058]

#### Availability of an Environmental Assessment for a Biological Control Agent for Water Hyacinth

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an environmental assessment relative to the control of water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*). The environmental assessment considers the effects of, and alternatives to, the release of an insect, *Megamelus scutellaris*, into the continental United States for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of water hyacinth infestations. We are making the environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 16, 2009.

**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-2009-0058>) 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-2009-0058, 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-2009-0058.

**Reading Room:** You may read any comments that we receive on the environmental assessment 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