

burden on respondents from 2,832,437 hours to 47,051 hours. In addition, the estimated annual number of respondents has decreased from 500,472 to 106,890.

We are asking 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 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 0.44 hours per response.

Respondents: State and Tribal animal health authorities; animal producers; operators of markets, buying stations, and feedlots; laboratory staff; device manufacturers; and slaughter plant personnel.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 60,315.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.77.

Estimated annual number of responses: 106,890.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 47,051 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 20th day of December, 2012.

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Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2012-0058]

Data Standards for Electronic Interstate Certificates of Veterinary Inspection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of new data standards required to generate an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (ICVI). The data standards would define the minimum data elements required to generate an ICVI using an electronic data system, outline the methods by which data can be shared between participating systems, and provide methods of approving data systems for data quality control. We are making these standards available for public review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before January 30, 2013.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0058-0001>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2012-0058, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

The data standards and any comments we receive may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0058> or in our reading room, which 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) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Joseph Vantien, Information Technology Coordinator, National Animal Health Policy and Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 35, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 851-3579.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has established a set of minimum data standards for any electronic system to be used to generate

an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (ICVI). The standards were developed with the National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials.

ICVIs protect animal health in several important ways. States use ICVIs to monitor animal movements, address specific animal health concerns, and enforce regulations. Specifically, ICVI are used to document the health status of animals moving interstate and track the animals' movement. ICVIs are also used to record observations and test results that show freedom from specific diseases.

ICVIs have traditionally been paper documents; however, a paper-based system can result in lag time between animal movement and the distribution of documents as well as inefficiencies in document archiving and retrieval.

APHIS has attempted to address these deficiencies by developing an electronic module that lets States enter ICVI data into the Veterinary Services Process Streamlining (VSPS) system. Several States and private entities are also attempting to improve the usefulness of ICVIs by developing electronic versions for use by State animal health officials and accredited veterinarians.

Since ICVIs contain important data fields for both animal disease traceability and disease surveillance, the data elements used in ICVIs must be compatible with one another and with the current database standards being implemented in the Surveillance Collaborative Services (SCS) application. SCS is an animal health and surveillance system that is used to maintain test and vaccination data and other program information such as disease or certification status for flocks/herds subject to APHIS' animal disease or pest surveillance and control programs.

We have prepared a document entitled "Data Standards for Interstate Certificates of Veterinary Inspection" (July 2012) that establishes a common set of data for ICVIs so the data can be collected by a variety of methods and be shared seamlessly between all participating entities. We are making this document available to the public for review and comment before posting it on the APHIS Web site¹ for use by interested States and private entities.

The data standards document may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the

¹ The final standards document will be available at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/index.shtml.

location and hours of the reading room). You may also request paper copies of the data standards by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Subsistence Management Program for Public Lands in Alaska; Rural Determination Process

AGENCIES: Forest Service, Agriculture; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Federal subsistence regulations require that the rural or nonrural status of communities or areas be reviewed every 10 years. In 2009, the Secretary of the Interior initiated a review of the Federal Subsistence Management Program. An ensuing directive was for the Federal Subsistence Board (Board) to review its process for determining the rural and nonrural status of communities. As a result, the Board has initiated a review of the rural determination process and is requesting comments from the public. These comments will be used by the Board, coordinating with the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, to assist in making decisions regarding the scope and nature of possible changes to improve the rural determination process.

DATES: *Comments:* Comments on this notice must be received or postmarked by November 1, 2013.

Public meetings: The Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils will hold public meetings to receive comments and make recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board on this notice on several dates between August 19 and October 30, 2013. See Public Meetings under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific information on dates and locations of the public meetings.

ADDRESSES: *Comments:* Comments on this notice must be received or postmarked by November 1, 2013. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Electronically:* Comments addressing this notice may be sent to subsistence@fws.gov.
- *By hard copy:* U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: USFWS, Office of Subsistence Management, 1011 East Tudor Road, MS 121, Attn: Theo Matuskowitz, Anchorage, AK 99503-6199, or hand delivery to the Designated Federal Official attending any of the Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council public meetings.

Comments received will be available for public review during public meetings held by the Board on this issue. This generally means that any personal information you provide us will be available during public review.

Public meetings: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific information on dates and locations of the public meetings. If the Board decides additional meetings are required, public announcements will be made that provide meeting dates and locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attention: Peter J. Probasco, Office of Subsistence Management; (907) 786-3888; or subsistence@fws.gov. For questions specific to National Forest System lands, contact Steve Kessler, Regional Subsistence Program Leader, USDA, Forest Service, Alaska Region; (907) 743-9461; or skessler@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) (16 U.S.C. 3111-3126), the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretaries) jointly implement the Federal Subsistence Management Program. This Program provides a priority for taking of fish and wildlife resources for subsistence uses on Federal public lands and waters in Alaska. The Secretaries published temporary regulations to implement this Program in the **Federal Register** on June 29, 1990 (55 FR 27114), and final regulations in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1992 (57 FR 22940). The Secretaries have amended these regulations a number of times. Because this Program is a joint effort between Interior and Agriculture, these regulations are located in two titles of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Title 36, "Parks, Forests, and

Public Property," and Title 50, "Wildlife and Fisheries," at 36 CFR 242.1-28 and 50 CFR 100.1-28, respectively. The regulations contain the following subparts: Subpart A, General Provisions; Subpart B, Program Structure; Subpart C, Board Determinations; and Subpart D, Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife.

Federal Subsistence Board

Consistent with subpart B of these regulations, the Secretaries established a Federal Subsistence Board to administer the Federal Subsistence Management Program. The Board comprises:

- A Chair, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior with concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture;
- The Alaska Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
- The Alaska Regional Director, U.S. National Park Service;
- The Alaska State Director, U.S. Bureau of Land Management;
- The Alaska Regional Director, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs;
- The Alaska Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service; and
- Two public members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior with concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Through the Board, these agencies and public members participate in the development of regulations for subparts C and D, which, among other things, set forth program eligibility and specific harvest seasons and limits.

In administering the program, the Secretaries divided Alaska into 10 subsistence resource regions, each of which is represented by a Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. The Councils provide a forum for rural residents with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal public lands in Alaska. The Council members represent varied geographical, cultural, and user interests within each region.

Public Meetings

The Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils have a substantial role in reviewing subsistence issues and making recommendations to the Board. The Federal Subsistence Board, through the Councils, will hold public meetings to accept comments on this notice during the fall meeting cycle. You may present comments on this notice during those meetings at the following locations in Alaska, on the following dates: