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We are asking OMB to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, 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:* Officials of the national government of the region in which the pork-filled pasta is processed and operators of pork filled pasta product processing facilities.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 2.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 2.5.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 5.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 5 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 28th day of September 2015.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2015-0063]

#### International Trade Data System Test Concerning the Electronic Submission to the Automated Commercial Environment of Data Using the Partner Government Agency Message Set

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), in coordination with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), has developed a pilot plan to test and assess the International Trade Data System for the electronic submission of data required by APHIS Animal Care, Biotechnology and Regulatory Services, Plant Protection and Quarantine, and Veterinary Services for processing in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). The pilot test will use the APHIS Partner Government Agency (PGA) Message Set and the Automated Broker Interface to transmit, and ACE to process, trade data required for the importation of plants, animals, and their products regulated by APHIS. Under this test, PGA Message Set data may be filed only at certain ports.

**DATES:** The test will commence no earlier than October 2, 2015, and will continue until concluded by publication of a notice ending the test. Participants should consult the PGA Pilot Rollout Plan, available at <http://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/list-aceitds-pga-message-set-pilot-ports>, to determine which ports are operational and the date they become operational. Comments will be accepted through the duration of the test.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0063>.

- **Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:** Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2015-0063, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

- **Email:** Send your comment to Ms. Josephine Baiamonte, ACE Business Office, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DHS, 1400 L Street, NW., 2nd floor, Washington, DC 20229-1225 at [josephine.baiamonte@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:josephine.baiamonte@cbp.dhs.gov). In the subject line of the email, please

indicate, "Comment on PGA Message Set Test FRN."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical questions related to the Automated Commercial Environment or Automated Broker Interface transmissions, contact your assigned CBP client representative. Interested parties without an assigned client representative should direct their questions to Mr. Steven Zaccaro, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DHS, 1400 L Street NW., 2nd floor, Washington, DC 20229-1225; [steven.j.zaccaro@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:steven.j.zaccaro@cbp.dhs.gov).

For PGA-related questions, contact Ms. Emi Wallace, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DHS, 1400 L Street NW., 2nd floor, Washington, DC 20229-1225; [emi.r.wallace@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:emi.r.wallace@cbp.dhs.gov).

For APHIS Program-related questions, contact Ms. Cindy Walters, APHIS Liaison for Automated Commercial Environment, International Trade Data System, Management and Program Analyst, Quarantine Policy and Analysis Staff, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 60, Riverdale, MD 20720; 301-851-2273; [Cindy.L.Walters@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Cindy.L.Walters@aphis.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

##### I. The National Customs Automation Program

The National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) was established in Subtitle B of Title VI—Customs Modernization, in the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182, 107 Stat. 2057, 2170, December 8, 1993; see 19 U.S.C. 1411). Through NCAP, the initial thrust of customs modernization was on trade compliance and the development of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), the planned successor to the Automated Commercial System (ACS). ACE is an automated and electronic system for commercial trade processing intended to streamline business processes, facilitate growth in trade, ensure cargo security, and foster participation in global commerce, while ensuring compliance with U.S. laws and regulations and reducing costs for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and all of its communities of interest. The ability to meet these objectives depends on successfully modernizing CBP's business functions and the information technology that supports those functions.

CBP's modernization efforts are accomplished through phased releases of ACE component functionality designed to replace specific legacy ACS functions or test new automated

procedures. Each release will begin with a test and will end with mandatory use of the new ACE feature and, where applicable, the retirement of the corresponding legacy ACS function. Each release builds on previous releases and sets the foundation for subsequent releases.

The Automated Broker Interface (ABI) allows participants to electronically file required import data with CBP and transfers that data into ACE.

### *International Trade Data System*

This test is in furtherance of the International Trade Data System (ITDS), which is authorized by section 405 of the Security and Accountability For Every Port Act of 2006 (SAFE Port Act, Pub. L. 109-347). The purpose of ITDS, as defined by section 405 of the SAFE Port Act, is to eliminate redundant information filing requirements, efficiently regulate the flow of commerce, and effectively enforce laws and regulations relating to international trade, by establishing a single portal system, operated by CBP, for the collection and distribution of standard electronic import and export data required by all participating Federal agencies.

### **II. Partner Government Agency Message Set**

The Partner Government Agency (PGA) Message Set is the data needed to satisfy the PGA reporting requirements. For purposes of this test, the subject PGA is the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). ACE enables the message set by acting as the "single window" for the submission of trade-related data required by the PGAs only once to CBP. This data must be submitted at any time prior to the arrival of the merchandise on the conveyance transporting the cargo to the United States as part of an ACE Entry/ Cargo Release or Entry Summary. The data will be validated and made available to the relevant PGAs involved in import, export, and transportation-related decision making. The data will be used to fulfill merchandise entry and entry summary requirements. Also, by virtue of being electronic, the PGA Message Set will reduce the need for the submission and subsequent handling of paper documents. All PGA Message Set participants are required to use a software program that has completed ACE certification testing for the PGA Message Set.

Test participants may use the Document Imaging System (DIS) to electronically transmit the following forms and documents required by APHIS:

- APHIS 2006, U. S. Veterinary Biological Product Permit;
- APHIS VS 17-29, Declaration of Importation;
- APHIS VS 17-32, Application for Inspection and Dipping;
- Producers and Manufacturers Statements (sometimes called STATs); and
- Validation documentation, including all documents required to determine entry suitability, such as bills, packing lists, invoices, ingredients lists, and proofs of origin, among others.

For information regarding the use of DIS, and for updates to the list of PGA forms and documents which may be transmitted to ACE using DIS, please visit the DIS tab at: <http://www.cbp.gov/trade/ace/features> or the APHIS Web site at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import-export/itds>.

Upon initiation of this test, CBP will accept electronically for ACE processing data filed by test participants at specified ports through the ABI. The data elements required for ACE processing are the same as those currently submitted in ACS or provided using paper APHIS forms. These data elements are set forth in the supplemental Customs and Trade Automated Interface Requirements (CATAIR) guidelines for APHIS. These technical specifications, including the CATAIR chapters can be found online at <http://www.cbp.gov/trade/ace/catair>.

CBP intends to expand ACE to cover all entry types and will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the expansion. In addition, CBP will make the announcement on its Web site and will reach out to entry filers via the Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS). Trade members may subscribe to CSMS to receive email notifications from CBP regarding important information. For information about subscribing to CSMS, please go to: [http://apps.cbp.gov/csms/csms.asp?display\\_page=1](http://apps.cbp.gov/csms/csms.asp?display_page=1).

Once CBP announces that ACE is required for all import entry types, parties in this test will be required to file some or all APHIS forms for all entry types at test operational ports using either ACE, ABI, or DIS, as designated on the CBP Web site. APHIS will still collect some paper documentation, such as phytosanitary certificates, and health certificates for live animals and animal products, due to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requirements. Information about the ways in which data may be submitted is available on the CBP Web site at <http://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/ace-cargo-release-business-transformation-process-document>. The

entry filing at the pilot project ports will continue until the pilot project is completed or when participation is ended.

Participants should consult the CBP Web site to determine which ports are operational for the test and the date that they become operational: <http://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/list-aceitds-pga-message-set-pilot-ports>. Test participants and interested parties should continue to consult the CBP Web site for changes to the list of ports that are operational for this test.

### **III. The APHIS Test**

APHIS participation in this test will include selected forms and data required for admissibility determinations based on APHIS regulations. Under this test, APHIS required data will be transmitted electronically to ACE using the appropriate submission method. Information about this and other APHIS ITDS pilot projects can be found on the APHIS Web site at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import-export/itds>.

This test will cover all modes of transport at the selected port(s), and all plants, animals, and plant and animal products when imported at one of the selected ports.

The import filing process for APHIS will require the submission of specifically designated information. The core submission will include DIS and paper submission for certain items due to OMB requirements. The designated PGA Message Set will be used to collect specified information that is required by APHIS. The PGA Message Set data will be submitted to ACE system through the use of the ABI at the time of the entry filing in addition to the CBP required import Entry or Entry Summary data. Examples of the kind of data that will be submitted as part of the PGA Message set are: Importer name, port of arrival, country of origin, quantity, commodity name, scientific name, and permit numbers.

We will accept applications starting October 2, 2015 and will continue to accept applications throughout the duration of the test. Any party seeking to participate in this test must provide to APHIS, in its request to participate, the name of its organization, its point of contact for the pilot, and contact information (phone number and email address). Submit your request to participate in this test by sending an email to [ace.itds@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:ace.itds@aphis.usda.gov). In the subject line, please indicate, "Request to Participate in APHIS PGA Message Set Test." Participants must also contact their assigned CBP client representative to ensure readiness to participate in a

pilot (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above for instructions for contacting CBP if you do not have an assigned client representative). CBP will notify the selected applicants by an email message of their selection and the starting date of their participation. Selected participants may have different starting dates. Anyone providing incomplete information, or otherwise not meeting participation requirements, will be notified by an email message and given the opportunity to resubmit their application.

At this time, PGA Message Set data may be submitted only for entries filed at certain ports. A current listing of those ports may be found on the CBP Web site at <http://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/list-aceitds-pga-message-set-pilot-ports>.

This test covers communication and coordination among the agencies and the filers of data through the PGA Message Set for the importation of plants, animals, and plant and animal products regulated by APHIS. Entry data submissions will be subject to validation edits and any applicable PGA business rules programmed into ACE. Once all of the PGAs have concluded their review of the shipment, issued a "May Proceed," and have unset any remaining holds, CBP will send a single U.S. Government release message to the filer indicating that CBP has conditionally released the goods.

#### IV. Confidentiality

All data submitted and entered into ACE is subject to the Trade Secrets Act (18 U.S.C. 1905) and is considered confidential, except to the extent as otherwise provided by law. Participation in this test is not confidential and upon a written Freedom of Information Act request, the name(s) of an approved participant(s) will be disclosed by CBP in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552.

Done in Washington, DC, this 28th day of September 2015.

**Kevin Shea,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2015-0049]

#### Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Importation of Baby Corn and Baby Carrots From Zambia

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

**ACTION:** Revision to and 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 a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations for the importation of baby corn and baby carrots from Zambia into the continental United States.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 1, 2015.

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

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0049>.
- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2015-0049, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0049> 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:** For information on the importation of baby corn and baby carrots from Zambia, contact Mr. Hesham Abuelnaga, Trade Director, PIM, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 140, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-2010. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2727.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Importation of Baby Corn and Baby Carrots From Zambia.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0284.

*Type of Request:* Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* The Plant Protection Act (PPA, 7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. Regulations authorized by the PPA concerning the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world are contained in "Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables" (7 CFR 319.56-1 through 319.56-73).

In accordance with § 319.56-43, baby corn and baby carrots from Zambia are subject to certain conditions before entering the continental United States to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States. The regulations include requirements for the use of a phytosanitary certificate issued by the national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Zambia stating that the commodity was inspected and found free of certain pests.

The information collection activity of a phytosanitary certificate was approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control number 0579-0284. However, when we compared the regulations with this collection activity, we found that inspection of production sites was omitted. Therefore, we have added inspection of production sites to this collection.

We are asking OMB to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years.

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- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic,