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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of USDA's Biological Control Documentation Program dealing with documenting the importation and release of foreign biological control agents.

DATES: Comments of this notice must be received by February 23, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Jack R. Coulson, Director, ARS Biological Control Documentation Center, Insect Biocontrol Laboratory, Plant Sciences Institute, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center—West, ARS, USDA, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2330, (301) 504-6350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: USDA Biological Shipment Record—Beneficial Organisms: Foreign/Overseas Source (AD-941); Quarantine Facility (AD-942); and Non-Quarantine (AD-943).

OMB Number: 0518-0013.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 1996.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the Biological Control Documentation Program is to record the importation (AD-941), release from quarantine (AD-

942), and shipment and/or field release/recolonization (AD-942 and AD-943) of foreign/introduced beneficial organisms (biological control agents and pollinators). The information collected is entered into the USDA "Releases of Beneficial Organisms in the United States and Territories" (ROBO) database, established in 1984. It is a cooperative program among USDA and other federal agencies, state governmental agencies, and U.S. universities. The use of the forms and the information provided is voluntary. The program is for the benefit of biological control research and action agency personnel, taxonomists, federal and state regulatory agencies, agricultural administrators, and the general public. Efforts are underway to replace the paper forms with computerized information collection, and when completed, the forms would be used by those units for which computerized input is not possible.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average $\frac{1}{12}$ hour per response.

Non-Federal Respondents: Non-profit institutions, universities, and state and local governments.

Estimated Number of Non-Federal Respondents: 100.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: An average of 3 (range 1-60).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 25 hours.

Copies of the 3 forms used in this information collection can be obtained from Jack R. Coulson, ARS Biological Control Documentation Center, at (301) 504-6350.

COMMENTS: 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or

other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to:

Jack R. Coulson, Director, ARS Biological Control Documentation Center, Insect Biocontrol Laboratory, Plant Sciences Institute, ARS, USDA, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center—West, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2350.

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 Beltsville, MD, December 1, 1995.

Richard S. Soper,
Assistant Administrator, Office of International Research Programs, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture.

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National Genetic Resources Advisory Council

According to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (P.L. 92-463), the Agricultural Research Service announces the following meeting:

Name: National Genetic Resources Advisory Council.

Date: February 14-15, 1996.

Time: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., February 14, 1996; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., February 15, 1996.

Place: USDA, South Building, Room 3109, 14th and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public. Persons may participate in the meeting as time and space permit.

Comments: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person below.

Purpose: To advance the development of the National Genetic Resources Program.

Contact Person: Henry L. Shands, Director, National Genetic Resources Program, Building 005, Room 115, BARC-West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. Telephone: 301-504-5059.

Done at Beltsville, Maryland, this 11 day of December 1995.

Henry L. Shands,
Director, National Genetic Resources Program.

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