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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TM-96-00-2]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: September 18, 1996 at 12:30 p.m. through September 20, 1996 at 5 p.m. for the NOSB.

PLACE: Radisson Hotel City Centre, 31 Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Phone: (317) 635-2000. All meetings of the NOSB will be held at that address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harold S. Ricker, Staff Director, NOSB, Room 2945 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AMS, Transportation and Marketing Division, National Program Staff, Post Office Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456. Phone (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (FACT Act), as amended (7 U.S.C. Section 6501 *et seq.*) requires establishment of a NOSB. The purpose of the Board is to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on any other aspects of the implementation of Title XXI of the FACT Act. The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, D.C. in March 1992 and currently has five subcommittees to work on various aspects of the program. The subcommittees are: Crops Standards;

Processing, Labelling and Packaging; Livestock Standards; Accreditation; and International Issues. At the last meeting, the NOSB continued the review of substances for consideration for the National List as allowed synthetics for use in organic production and processing. Technical advisory panels provided information on approximately 78 substances for NOSB consideration. The NOSB reviewed the materials and determined whether they would be considered non-synthetic or synthetic. If synthetic, then the NOSB determined whether they should be placed on the list of allowed synthetic substances for use in organic processing and production. Approximately 45 substances were placed on the allowed synthetic list. Others were determined to be non-synthetic or required more information.

Purpose and Agenda

The main focus of this meeting is to continue the discussion of additional materials for consideration for placement on the National List of allowed synthetics and prohibited natural substances for use in organic production and processing of organic foods. Main emphasis will be placed on the review of approximately 30 substances for which a review has been conducted by the technical advisory panel. Additional topics to be covered in the full NOSB meeting include: cotton dyes and biotechnology.

A final agenda will be available on September 3, 1996. Persons requesting copies should contact Ms. Karen Thomas at the above address or phone (202) 720-3252.

Type of Meeting

All meetings will be open to the public. Individuals and organizations wishing to provide written comments on these issues or to comment orally on any organic issues should forward the request to Harold S. Ricker at the above address or FAX to (202) 690-3924 by September 13, 1996, in order to be scheduled. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input on Wednesday, September 18, 1996, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing until 5:30 p.m. While people may sign up to speak at the door, advance scheduling assures an opportunity in the time allowed and helps the NOSB plan its activities. Each individual or organization will be allocated 10 minutes for presenting

orally the key issues of concern, and should provide 16 copies of written material elaborating on those issues for the NOSB.

Dated: August 19, 1996.

Eileen S. Stommes,
Director, Transportation and Marketing Division.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-047-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Approved information collection extension; 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 a currently approved information collection in support of regulations for the continued control of domestic animal diseases in the United States.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 22, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 96-047-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 96-047-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the permit for movement of restricted animals, contact Dr.

Granville Frye, Chief Staff Veterinarian, Brucellosis Eradication Staff, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 36, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-8711; or e-mail:

GFrye@aphis.usda.gov. For copies of more detailed information, contact Ms. Cheryl Groves, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals.

OMB Number: 0579-0051.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 1997.

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

Abstract: When farm animals (such as cattle, swine, sheep, or horses) become sick or have been exposed to a disease, it is important that they be removed promptly from their farm so as not to infect other animals around them. In such situations, the owner of a sick or exposed animal will have the animal transported from the farm to a slaughtering establishment. If the animal must be transported across State lines for this purpose, a "Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals," also known as VS Form 1-27, must be completed by an APHIS representative, a State veterinarian, or an accredited veterinarian. The information needed to correctly complete this form is obtained from the animal's owner.

It is imperative that these animals not be removed from their vehicle during transport, or be otherwise diverted from their final destination, since such an event could result in the spread of disease among healthy animals. VS Form 1-27, which is completed by specified personnel at the farm of origin and again at the point of destination, is our primary means of ensuring that these animals move directly from their farm to the slaughtering establishment.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. We need this outside input to help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed 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: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .0561 hours per response.

Respondents: Animal owners, APHIS representatives, State veterinarians, and accredited veterinarians.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,130.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.125.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,346 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection.

Done in Washington, DC, this 20th day of August 1996.

A. Strating,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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[Docket No. 96-064-1]

Procedures for Importing Animals Through the Harry S. Truman Animal Import Center

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice of the date and location of the lottery for authorization of the use of the Harry S Truman Animal Import Center (HSTAIC) in calendar year 1997. We are also giving notice of the period during which applications must reach the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in order to be included in the lottery.

DATES: To be included in the lottery for authorization to use HSTAIC in calendar year 1997, applications must be received no earlier than October 1, 1996, and no later than October 15, 1996. Deposits must be received by November 26, 1996. The lottery for authorization to use HSTAIC during 1997 will be held on December 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications and deposits must be sent to the Administrator, c/o Import-Export Animal Staff, National Center for

Import-Export, VS, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231. Application forms may be obtained by writing to the same address, or by calling the telephone number provided under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.** The lottery will be held at USDA, APHIS, Conference Room 3B01CN, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Joan Montgomery, Staff Specialist, Import-Export Animals Staff, National Center for Import-Export, VS, APHIS, Suite 3B30, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-8172.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 9 CFR part 92, §§ 92.430, 92.431, 92.522, and 92.523 (referred to below as the regulations), set forth the conditions under which importers may qualify animals to enter the United States through the Harry S Truman Animal Import Center (HSTAIC) in Fleming Key, FL.

Because the demand for quarantine space at HSTAIC has traditionally exceeded the space available, the regulations provide that a lottery will be held each year during the first 7 days of December, to determine the priority of applications for the following calendar year. To be included in the December lottery, applications must reach the Import-Export Animals Staff of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) no earlier than October 1, and no later than October 15 of the year of the lottery. Additionally, applicants must send a deposit in the form of a certified check or money order in the amount of \$32,000, payable to the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, for each application. APHIS will not consider an application unless we receive this deposit from the applicant on or before November 26, 1996. In the event that the Import-Export Animals Staff receives no more than one application between October 1, 1996, and October 15, 1996, the lottery will not be held, and APHIS will grant exclusive right to use HSTAIC during the calendar year 1997 in the order applications are received.

Applicants should be aware that certain improvements are being made to the HSTAIC facility in order to meet standards set by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The availability of HSTAIC for use for 1997 lottery applicants will be dependent upon satisfactory completion of these projects.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1622; 19 U.S.C. 1306; 21 U.S.C. 102-105, 111, 114a, 134a, 134b,