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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-091-1]

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 the exportation of animals and animal products.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 10, 1997 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. 96-091-1, 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 96-091-1. 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: For information regarding the import health requirements of other countries for

animals and animal products exported from the United States, contact Dr. Andrea Morgan, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-8068; or e-mail: amorgan@aphis.usda.gov. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Groves, APHIS' Support Services Specialist, at (301) 734-5086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: United States Origin Health Certificate.

OMB Number: 0579-0020.

Expiration Date of Approval: 6/30/97.

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

Abstract: The export of agricultural commodities, including animals and animal products, is a major business in the United States and contributes to a favorable balance of trade. As part of its mission to facilitate the export of U.S. animals and products, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS), maintains information regarding the import health requirements of other countries for animals and animal products exported from the United States.

Most countries require a certification that our animals are disease free. This certification generally must carry the USDA seal and be endorsed by an authorized veterinarian. VS Form 17-140, United States Origin Health Certificate, is generally used to meet these requirements. The requirements concerning origin health certificates for animals intended for export from the United States are contained in 9 CFR part 91. These regulations are authorized by 21 U.S.C. 112.

We are seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to continue the use of this form. 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 .5002 hours per response.

Respondents: State and Federal veterinarians, accredited veterinarians.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,800.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 15.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 21,009 hours.

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

Done in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of January 1997.

A. Strating,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Food and Consumer Service

Summer Food Service Program for Children; Program Reimbursement for 1997

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in the Summer Food Service Program for Children (SFSP). These adjustments reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index and are required by the statute governing the Program. In addition, this year's operating rates are lower as a result of amendments made by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1997.