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Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. PY-97-009]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension to a currently approved information collection in support of the Poultry Market News Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 24, 1997.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Grover T. Hunter, Market News Branch, Poultry Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0262, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456, (202) 720-6911 and FAX (202) 720-2403.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Market News Reports (Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946).

OMB Number: 0581-0033

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 1998

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

Abstract: Under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*) the Poultry Market News Branch provides nationwide coverage of broiler/fryers, turkeys, and eggs through field offices. Reporters in the Federal-State field offices make contact with trade members.

The mission of Market News is to provide current unbiased, factual information to all members of the Nation's agricultural industry, from farm to retailer, depicting current conditions on supply, demand, price, trend, movement, and other pertinent information affecting the trade in poultry and eggs, and their respective products. In order to accomplish this

mission, Market News observes, records, interprets, and reports trading levels of poultry and egg markets. Market reports assist producer-processors in their production planning, and help promote orderly marketing by placing producer-processors and others in the industry on a more equal bargaining basis.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.83 hours per response.

Respondents: Producers, processors, brokers, retailers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,720.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 123.69.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 17,657 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Grover T. Hunter, Chief, Market News Branch, Poultry Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0262, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

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.

Dated: August 19, 1997.

D. Michael Holbrook,

Director, Poultry Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-075-1]

Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases; Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice of a meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases.

Place, Dates, and Time of Meeting:

The meeting will be held in the Conference Center of the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737. Sessions will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 9-10, 1997, and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on September 11, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Quita Bowman, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Emergency Programs Staff, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 41, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-7707; or e-mail: qbowman@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases (the Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture on actions necessary to prevent the introduction of foreign diseases of livestock and poultry into the United States. In addition, the Committee advises the Secretary on contingency planning and on maintaining a state of preparedness to deal with these diseases, if introduced.

The meeting will focus on emerging issues, the design of an emergency management system, and the foreign animal disease situation worldwide and its relevance to the United States. The meeting will be open to the public. However, due to the time constraints, the public will not be allowed to participate in the Committee's discussions. Written statements on meeting topics may be filed with the Committee before or after the meeting by sending them to Dr. Quita Bowman at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Written comments may also be filed at the time of the meeting. Please refer to Docket No. 97-075-1 when submitting your comments.

This notice of meeting is given pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Done in Washington, DC this 19th day of August 1997.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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