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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

National Commission on Small Farms; Meetings

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting. Correction; In the **Federal Register** of August 28, 1997, on page 45617 in the 3rd column, in the 11th line, "1:00 p.m." is corrected to read "9:00 a.m."

SUMMARY: The USDA National Commission on Small Farms published a document in the **Federal Register**, FR doc. 97-22976 on page 45617. This notice serves as a correction to the meeting time:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Yezak Molen, Director, National Commission on Small Farms, at the address above or at (202) 690-0648 or (202) 690-0673. The fax number is (202) 720-0596.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF MEETING: The Commission's third public meeting is September 10 and 11 at the Jefferson Auditorium, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. The meeting is open to the public. On September 10, the Commission will meet from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to hear public testimony. On September 11, the Commission will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to conduct Commission business.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-053N]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, this notice announces the Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection package regarding ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before November 3, 1997.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Lee Puricelli, Paperwork Specialist, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 300 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 720-0346.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection.

OMB Number: 0583-0090.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 1997.

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

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is requesting an extension and revision to the information collection package addressing meat and poultry paperwork and recordkeeping requirements regarding ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection. Such information collections are necessary to ensure that meat and poultry products are wholesome and unadulterated.

FSIS permits poultry establishments to operate under the Streamlined Inspection System (SIS), the New Line Speed (NELS) Inspection System, or the New Turkey Inspection (NTI) System. These systems are post-mortem inspection systems that have enabled the poultry industry to increase their daily production. To operate under SIS for broilers and Cornish game hens, establishments must request and receive approval from the Agency. Establishments operating under NELs and NTI must develop and maintain a partial quality control (PQC) programs. There are information collection requirements associated with the request, approval, and daily operations of these systems. FSIS program employees review the records relating to the systems operation at least three times a week to verify regulatory compliance.

Meat and poultry establishments wishing to slaughter animals treated with experimental biological products, drugs or chemicals must provide certain information and supporting data for review by the Agency before approval may be granted. Also, persons or entities wishing to obtain specimens of diseased, condemned or inedible material must submit information to FSIS.

Because of the continued need for these information collection activities, FSIS is requesting OMB extension for and revision of the Information Collection Request covering information collection activities related to these requirements.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .0216572 hours per response.

Respondents: Meat and poultry establishments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,114.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 817.20466.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 19,716 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment and comments can be obtained from Lee Puricelli, Paperwork Specialist, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 300 12th Street SW, Room 109, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 720-0346.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information