

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

[Docket No. 97-089-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Extension of approval of an information collection; 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 approval of an information collection in support of the Pseudorabies Eradication Program.**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by November 24, 1997 to be assured of consideration.**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 97-089-1, 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 97-089-1. 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 Pseudorabies Eradication Program, contact Dr. Arnold Taft, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 37, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-4916; or e-mail Ataft@aphis.usda.gov. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mr. Gregg Ramsey, Agency Support Service Specialist, at (301) 734-5582.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title:* Pseudorabies.*OMB Number:* 0579-0070.*Expiration Date of Approval:* April 30, 1998.*Type of Request:* Extension of approval of an information collection.*Abstract:* The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of

the U.S. Department of Agriculture is responsible for preventing the spread of contagious, infectious, or communicable animal diseases from one State to another, and for eradicating such diseases from the United States when feasible.

In connection with this mission, APHIS regulates the interstate movement of swine in order to carefully control the movement of swine that are infected with or exposed to pseudorabies. The most common method of pseudorabies transmission is the movement of infected swine from one herd to another.

Regulating the interstate movement of these animals requires the use of certain information gathering activities, including the completion of documents attesting to the health status of the swine being moved, the number of swine being moved in a particular shipment, the shipment's point of origin, and the shipment's destination.

With this information we are able to carefully monitor the location of infected or exposed animals and prevent them from coming into contact with healthy animals.

These documents also provide useful "traceback" information in the event an infected animal is discovered and an investigation must be launched to determine where the animal originated, as well as the number and location of other animals with which it may have had contact during its interstate movement.

The information provided by these documents is critical to our ability to prevent the interstate spread of pseudorabies, and therefore plays a vital role in our Pseudorabies Eradication Program.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the continued use of this information collection activity.

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 .0208 hours per response.*Respondents:* U.S. producers, shippers, State animal protection authorities.*Estimated number of respondents:* 30,050.*Estimated number of responses per respondent:* 2,6689.*Estimated annual number of responses:* 80,200.*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 1,668 hours.

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of September 1997.

Craig A. Reed,*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

[FR Doc. 97-25328 Filed 9-23-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-34-P

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records****AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.**ACTION:** Amendment of system of records to include new routine uses.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11)), the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (USCCR) is issuing notice of our intent to amend the system of records entitled the Personnel Records—CRC-007 to include new routine uses. We invite public comment on this publication.**DATES:** The changes will become effective as proposed, on October 1, 1997, unless comments which would warrant our preventing the changes from taking effect are received on or before 30 days from the date of this notice.**ADDRESSES:** Interested individuals may comment on this publication by writing to Myrna Hernandez—U.S. Commission on Civil Rights—624 9th Street NW., Suite 510, Washington, DC 20425. All comments received will be available for public inspection at that address.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**