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## Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries

### Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations; Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet in Conference Room 118 of the Aerospace Building, L'Enfant Plaza, 901 D Street, SW, Washington, DC, on Thursday and Friday, January 8 and 9, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss topics and questions which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in Title 29 U.S. Code, section 1242(a)(1)(B) and to review the November 1997 Joint Board examination in order to make recommendations relative thereto, including the minimum acceptable pass score. In addition, a number of issues will be discussed relative to the future Joint Board examinations including, but not limited to, the structure of the exams, the possibility of open book exams, the elimination of commutation functions, and varying point values of questions.

A determination has been made as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) that the portions of the meeting dealing with the discussion of questions which may appear on future Joint Board examinations and review of the November 1997 Joint Board examination fall within the exceptions to the open meeting requirement set forth in Title 5 U.S. Code, section 552(c)(9)(B), and that public interest requires that such portions be closed to public participation.

The portion of the meeting dealing with the discussion of the structure of future exams, open book exams, commutation functions, and varying point values of questions will commence at 1:30 p.m. on January 8 and

will continue for as long as necessary to complete the discussion, but not beyond 3:00 p.m. This portion of the meeting will be open to the public as space is available. Time permitting, after the close of this discussion by Committee members, interested persons may make statements germane to this subject. Persons wishing to make oral statements are requested to notify the Committee Management Officer in writing prior to the meeting in order to aid in scheduling the time available, and should submit the written text, or, at a minimum, an outline of comments they propose to make orally. Such comments will be limited to ten minutes in length. Any interested person also may file a written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and Committee by sending it to the Committee Management Officer. Persons planning to attend the public session must also notify the Committee Management Officer in writing to obtain building entry. Notifications should be faxed to (202) 401-6657 no later than December 30, 1997, Attention: Robert I. Brauer, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (C:AP:P), 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

Dated: December 8, 1997.

**Robert I. Brauer,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-111-1]

#### 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

Foreign Animal Disease Surveillance Program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 13, 1998 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. 97-111-1, 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 97-111-1. 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 Foreign Animal Disease Program, contact Dr. Mark Teachman, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Emergency Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 41, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-8908. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Groves, Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5086.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Field Epidemiology Data System.

*OMB Number:* 0579-0071.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 1998.

*Type of Request:* Extension of approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for preventing foreign diseases of livestock or poultry from entering the United States, for conducting a surveillance program for the early detection of such foreign animal diseases, and for eradicating such foreign animal diseases if they are detected.

Through our Foreign Animal Disease Surveillance Program, the Emergency Programs division of Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health