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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 3

[Docket No. 98-121-2]

Animal Welfare; Draft Policy on Environment Enhancement for Nonhuman Primates

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are extending the comment period for a document requesting comments on a draft policy regarding environment enhancement for nonhuman primates. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: We invite you to comment on Docket No. 98-121-1. We will consider all comments that we receive by October 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please send your comment and three copies to: Docket No. 98-121-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 98-121-1.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS rules, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrep0.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 15, 1999, we published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 38145-38150, Docket No. 98-121-1) a draft policy statement to clarify what we believe must be considered and included in an environment enhancement plan for nonhuman primates in order for dealers, exhibitors, and research facilities to adequately promote the psychological well-being of the nonhuman primates. We also requested public comment on the draft policy.

Comments on the draft policy were required to be received on or before September 13, 1999. We are extending the comment period on Docket No. 98-121-1 for an additional 30 days. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2131-2159; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 1st day of September 1999.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

15 CFR Part 806

[Docket No. 99810212-9212-01]

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Direct Investment Surveys: BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad—1999

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document sets forth proposed rules to revise regulations, to present the reporting requirements for the BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad.

The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The BE-10 survey is a mandatory survey and is conducted once every 5 years by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), US Department of Commerce, under the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act. The proposed benchmark survey will be conducted for 1999. BEA will send the survey to potential respondents in March of the year 2000; responses will be due by May 31, 2000 for respondents required to file fewer than 50 forms and by June 30, 2000 for those required to file 50 or more forms. The last benchmark survey was conducted for 1994. The benchmark survey covers virtually the entire universe of US direct investment abroad in terms of value, and is BEA's most comprehensive survey of such investment in terms of subject matter.

Changes proposed by BEA in the reporting requirements to be implemented in these proposed rules are: Increasing the exemption level for reporting on the BE-10B(SF) short form and the BE-10B BANK form from \$3 million to \$7 million; directing that minority-owned nonbank foreign affiliates, regardless of size, be reported on the BE-10B(SF) short form; increasing the exemption level for reporting on the BE-10B(LF) long form from \$50 million to \$100 million; and requiring U.S. reporters with total assets, sales or gross operating revenues, and net income less than or equal to \$100 million (positive or negative) to report only selected items. These changes will reduce respondent burden, particularly for small companies. BEA is also proposing several changes in the format and content of the survey that, on balance, also reduce respondent burden.

DATES: Comments on these proposed rules will receive consideration if submitted in writing on or before November 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to the Office of the Chief, International Investment Division (BE-50), Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, or hand deliver comments to room M-100, 1441 L