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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has established the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture. In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given of a meeting in June of the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture. The purpose of the meeting on June 14–16, 2000 is a working session, which will be to address issues regarding agricultural policy initiatives to be included in the Commission report. The meeting is open to the public.

PLACE, DATE, AND TIME OF MEETING: This meeting will be held June 14, 2000 from 12–5 p.m. EST in Room 108–A, Whitten Building; June 15, 2000 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. EST in Room 108–A, Whitten Building; June 16, 2000 from 9 a.m.–12 EST in Room 221–A, Whitten Building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mickey Paggi on (202–720–3139), Director, Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture, Room 3702 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250–0524.

Dated: May 15, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00–041–1]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved 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 a currently approved information collection in support of the export of animals and animal products from the United States.

DATES: We invite you to comment on this docket. We will consider all comments that we receive by July 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send your comment and three copies to: Docket No. 00–041–1, 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. 00–041–1.

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 dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the use of VS Form 17–140, contact Dr. Lisa Ferguson, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Animals Program, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301)

734–4928. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Groves, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734–5086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: U.S. Origin Health Certificate.

OMB Number: 0579–0020.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2000.

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

Abstract: The export of agricultural commodities, including animals and animal products, is a major business in the United States and contributes to a favorable balance of trade. As part of its mission, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS), maintains information regarding the import health requirements of other countries for animals and animal products exported from the United States.

Most countries require a certification that our animals are free from specific diseases and show no clinical evidence of disease. This certification generally must carry the USDA seal and be endorsed by an authorized APHIS veterinarian. VS Form 17–140, United States Origin Health Certificate, is generally used to meet these requirements. Regulations requiring a U.S. Origin Health Certificate under certain circumstances are contained in 9 CFR part 91. The regulations in part 91 are authorized under 21 U.S.C. 105, 112, 113, 114a, 120, 121, 134b, 134f, 136, 136a, 612, 613, 614, and 618; 46 U.S.C. 466a and 466b; and 49 U.S.C. 1509 (d).

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our continued use of VS Form 17–140, United States Origin Health Certificate, for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning this information collection activity. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our agency's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;