

**Estimate of burden:** The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

**Respondents:** Federal animal health authorities in Mexico, and personnel in Sinaloa and Sonora, Mexico, who operate slaughtering and processing plants and who engage in the export of poultry meat and other poultry products to the United States.

**Estimated annual number of respondents:** 10.

**Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:** 4.

**Estimated annual number of responses:** 40.

**Estimated total annual burden on respondents:** 40 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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 28th day of June, 2002.

**Bobby R. Acord,**

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-009-4]

#### Wildlife Services; Availability of a Supplemental Decision/Finding of No Significant Impact for Oral Rabies Vaccine Program

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that we have prepared a supplement to an August 2001 decision/finding of no significant impact relative to oral rabies vaccination programs in several States. Since the publication of our original decision/finding of no significant impact, we have determined there is a need to expand the oral rabies vaccine program to include the States of Kentucky and Tennessee to effectively stop the westward spread of raccoon rabies. The purpose of the new decision/finding of no significant impact is to facilitate planning, interagency coordination, and program management and to provide the public

with our analysis of potential individual and cumulative impacts of an expanded oral rabies vaccine program.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive by August 5, 2002. Unless new substantial issues bearing on the effects of the proposed expansion of the oral rabies vaccine program are brought to our attention, the new decision/finding of no significant impact will take effect upon the close of the comment period.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 01-009-4, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 01-009-4. If you use e-mail, address your comment to [regulations@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:regulations@aphis.usda.gov). Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 01-009-4" on the subject line.

To obtain copies of the environmental assessment, the original decision/finding of no significant impact, and the supplemental decision/finding of no significant impact, contact Tara Wilcox, Operational Support Staff, Wildlife Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234; phone (301) 734-7921, fax (301) 734-5157, or e-mail: [tara.c.wilcox@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:tara.c.wilcox@aphis.usda.gov). When requesting copies, please specify the document or documents you wish to receive.

You may also read the documents discussed in this notice, as well as any comments that we receive, 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:** Mr. Dennis Slate, Rabies Program Coordinator, Wildlife Services, APHIS,

59 Chennell Drive, Suite 7, Concord, NH 03301-8548; phone (603) 223-6832.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The Wildlife Services (WS) program in the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) cooperates with Federal agencies, State and local governments, and private individuals to research and implement the best methods of managing conflicts between wildlife and human health and safety, agriculture, property, and natural resources. Wildlife-borne diseases that can affect domestic animals and humans are among the types of conflicts that APHIS-WS addresses. Wildlife is the dominant reservoir of rabies in the United States.

On December 7, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 76606-76607, Docket No. 00-045-1) in which the Secretary of Agriculture declared an emergency and transferred funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation to APHIS-WS for the continuation and expansion of oral rabies vaccination (ORV) programs to address rabies in the States of Ohio, New York, Vermont, Texas, and West Virginia.

On March 7, 2001, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 13697-13700, Docket No. 01-009-1) to solicit public involvement in the planning of a proposed cooperative program to stop the spread of rabies in the States of New York, Ohio, Texas, Vermont, and West Virginia. The notice also stated that a small portion of northeastern New Hampshire and the western counties in Pennsylvania that border Ohio could also be included in these control efforts, and discussed the possibility of APHIS-WS cooperating in smaller-scale ORV projects in the States of Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, and Alabama. The March 2001 notice contained detailed information about the history of the problems with raccoon rabies in eastern States and with gray fox and coyote rabies in Texas, along with information about previous and ongoing efforts using ORV baits in programs to prevent the spread of the rabies variants or "strains" of concern.

Subsequently, on May 17, 2001, we published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 27489, Docket No. 01-009-2) a notice in which we announced the availability, for public review and comment, of an environmental assessment (EA) that examined the potential environmental effects of the ORV programs described in our March 2001 notice. We solicited comments on the EA for 30 days ending on June 18,

2001. We received one comment by that date. The comment was from an animal protection organization and supported APHIS' efforts toward limiting or eradicating rabies in wildlife populations. The commenter did not, however, support the use of lethal monitoring methods or local depopulation as part of an ORV program.

Finally, on August 30, 2001, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 45835–45836, Docket No. 01–009–3) in which we advised the public of APHIS' decision and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding the use of oral vaccination to control specific rabies virus strains in raccoons, gray foxes, and coyotes in the United States. That decision allows APHIS–WS to purchase and distribute ORV baits, monitor the effectiveness of the ORV programs, and participate in implementing contingency plans that may involve the reduction of a limited number of local target species populations through lethal means (i.e., the preferred alternative identified in the EA). The decision was based upon the final EA, which reflected our review and consideration of the comments received from the public in response to our March 2001 and May 2001 notices and information gathered during planning/scoping meetings with State health departments, other State and local agencies, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Since the August 2001 publication of our original decision/FONSI, we have determined there is a need to expand the ORV programs to include the States of Kentucky and Tennessee to effectively stop the westward spread of raccoon rabies. The purpose of the new decision/FONSI is to facilitate planning, interagency coordination, and program management and to provide the public with our analysis of potential individual and cumulative impacts of the expanded ORV programs.

The States where APHIS–WS involvement would be continued or expanded include Kentucky, Tennessee, New York, Ohio, Texas, Vermont, Florida, Virginia, and West Virginia. A small portion of northwestern New Hampshire and the western counties in Pennsylvania that border Ohio could also be included in these control efforts. In addition, APHIS–WS may cooperate in smaller-scale ORV projects in the States of Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, and Alabama as part of the proposed action. As noted above, the primary goal of the ORV programs is to stop the spread of specific strains of the rabies virus, i.e.,

raccoon rabies in the eastern States and gray fox and coyote rabies in Texas. The EA analyzed the proposed action and several alternatives with respect to a number of environmental and other issues raised by involved cooperating agencies and the public. Analyses of the potential impacts of ORV programs in those specific geographic areas that were not examined in the EA are presented in the supplemental decision/FONSI and have been incorporated into the decisionmaking process.

The EA, the August 2001 FONSI, and the supplemental FONSI that is the subject of this notice have been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 28th day of June, 2002.

**Bobby R. Acord,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

**[Docket No. 98–090–3]**

#### Classical Swine Fever: Availability of Risk Analysis Related to the Importation of Swine and Swine Products From the European Union

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of reopening and extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We are reopening and extending the comment period for a revised analysis of the risk of introducing classical swine fever virus in swine and swine products imported from the European Union. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before July 17, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and

three copies) to: Docket No. 98–090–2, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 98–090–2. If you use e-mail, address your comment to [regulations@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:regulations@aphis.usda.gov). Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 98–090–2" on the subject line.

You may read the revised risk analysis and any comments that we receive on that document 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.

You may request a copy of "Risk Analysis for Importation of Classical Swine Fever in Swine and Swine Products from the European Union December 2000" by writing to the person listed below under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The risk analysis is also available on the Internet. Instructions for electronic access are included below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

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:** Dr. Anne Goodman, Supervisory Staff Officer, Regionalization Evaluation Services Staff, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 734–4356.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On May 3, 2002, we published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 22388–22389, Docket No. 98–090–2) a notice of the availability of and request for comments on a revised risk analysis of the risk of introducing classical swine fever virus in swine and swine products imported from the European Union.

Comments on the revised risk analysis were required to be received on or before July 2, 2002. We are reopening and extending the comment period on the risk analysis for an additional 15 days ending July 17, 2002. This action