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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Collect Information

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Office of the White House Liaison's intention to request an extension of the currently approved manner of information collection (form AD-755) for all Advisory Committee Membership Background Information—expiration July 31, 2002; with the inclusion of one item (#19) at the end of the form, to be detailed later in this announcement.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Denise Bell, Program Support Specialist, Office of the White House Liaison, Telephone: (202) 720-2406, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., the Whitten Building, Room 219-A, Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Advisory Committee Membership Background Information. OMB Number 0505-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Bell at the above address or telephone: (202) 720-2406.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2002.

Type of Request: To extend the use of the currently approved information collection form (AD-755) with one addition to the form.

Abstract: The primary objective for the use of the AD-755 form is to determine the qualifications, suitability and availability of a candidate to serve

on advisory committees and/or research and promotion boards. The information will be used to both conduct background clearances and to compile annual reports on advisory committees.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per respondent.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated number of respondents: 1,631.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 815.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) 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. (b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used. (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. (d) Finally, ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or forms of information technology.

Additional Information: The USDA intends to provide electronic access and a submission alternative for applicants submitting this information on or before December 31, 2002.

Proposed Change to form AD-755: The Office of the White House Liaison proposes the addition of a section 19, requesting that a copy of the applicant's personal biography and/or résumé be submitted along with form AD-755.

Send comments to: Denise Bell, Program Support Specialist, Office of the White House Liaison. 1400 Independence Avenue, SW. The Whitten Building, Room 219-A Washington, DC 20250.

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.

Dated: June 28, 2002.

Ann M. Veneman,
Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Solicitation of Applicants for Membership on a National Board on Rural America

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) was amended by section 6030 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171) to create the National Board on Rural America. The Act provides that the Board shall consist of 14 members appointed by the Secretary. This notice solicits candidates interested in serving on this Board. Qualifications for candidates are specified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice.

Other than recommendations by elected members of Federal, State or county governments, nominations will be accepted from organizations only and should be on the organization's letterhead. Nominations from individuals, either for themselves or others, will not be considered.

DATES: Submit a completed application by 5:00 p.m. on July 19, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed written applications to the Office of the Under Secretary, Rural Development. ATTN: Duane Ischer. 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 206-W, STOP 0107, Washington, DC 20250-0107 or by FAX to 202-720-2080. To ensure timely delivery, nominations may be faxed to (202) 720-2080.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane Ischer, Office of the Under Secretary, Rural Development, 202-720-2721. E-Mail: Duane.Ischer@USDA.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act provides that, in addition to the Secretary or the designee of the Secretary, the National Board shall consist of 14 members appointed by the Secretary from among representatives of:

- (1) Nationally recognized entrepreneurship organizations;
- (2) Regional planning and development organizations;
- (3) Community-based organizations;
- (4) Elected members of county governments;
- (5) Elected members of State legislatures;
- (6) The rural philanthropic community; and
- (7) Indian tribes (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)).

An AD Form 755, Nominee Background Information, is required for each nominee. A copy of the AD Form 755 is available on the USDA Rural Development Web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/farmbill2002.html>.

The term of office initially will be 4 years for 5 members, 3 years for 5 members, and 2 years for 4 members. After the initial term, the term will be for 4 years.

The responsibilities of the board include developing a national strategic investment plan for rural America and overseeing the delivery of planning and innovation grants to regional boards.

Dated: June 27, 2002.

Ann M. Veneman,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-073-1]

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 regulations for the importation of poultry meat and other poultry products from Sinaloa and Sonora, Mexico.

DATES: We will consider all comments we receive on or before September 3, 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. 02-073-1, 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. 02-073-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to 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. 02-073-1" on the subject line.

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 on the regulations regarding importation of poultry meat and other poultry products from Sinaloa and Sonora, Mexico, contact Dr. Michael David, Assistant Director, Sanitary International Standards Team, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 33, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-8093. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Importation of Poultry Meat and Other Poultry Products from Sinaloa and Sonora, Mexico.

OMB Number: 0579-0144.

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

Abstract: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for protecting the health of our Nation's livestock and poultry populations by preventing the introduction of contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases of livestock and poultry and for eradicating such diseases from the United States when feasible. In connection with this mission, Veterinary Services of the

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA, regulates the importation of animals and animals products in order to prevent the introduction of animal diseases, such as exotic Newcastle disease, into the United States. The regulations pertaining to the importation of animals and animal products are set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in title 9, chapter I, subchapter D (9 CFR parts 91 through 99).

We currently have regulations in place that restrict the importation of poultry meat and other poultry products from Mexico and other regions of the world where exotic Newcastle disease has been determined to exist. However, we allow the importation, under specified conditions, of poultry meat and poultry products from the Mexican States of Sinaloa and Sonora because we have determined that poultry meat and products from these two Mexican States, when imported in accordance with those conditions, pose a negligible risk of introducing exotic Newcastle disease into the United States. To ensure that these items are safe for importation, we require that certain data appear on the foreign meat inspection certificate that accompanies the poultry meat or other poultry products from Sinaloa and Sonora. We also require that serially numbered seals be applied to containers carrying the poultry meat or other poultry products. These requirements necessitate the use of information collection activities.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

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

- (1) Evaluate whether the 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 information collection, 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 information collection 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.