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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-088-2]

RIN 0579-AB47

Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Approval Received

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces the Office of Management and Budget's approval of a collection of information contained in the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service interim rule establishing the regulations pertaining to possession, use, and transfer of biological agents and toxins.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHI Information Collection Coordinator, MRPBS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 123, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238; (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 13, 2002, we published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 76908-76938, Docket No. 02-088-1) an interim rule that established the regulations at 7 CFR part 331 and 9 CFR part 121, "Possession, Use, and Transfer of Biological Agents and Toxins." That rule contains information collection requirements. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the collection of information requirements with respect to that interim rule under OMB control number 0579-0213 (expires August 31, 2003).

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of March, 2003.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Supplemental Form for Collecting Taxpayer Identifying Numbers

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on the Agency's proposed information collection of taxpayer identifying numbers.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Mark Porter, Grants Management Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. 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 has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methods and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Mark Porter, Grants Management Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instruction should be directed to Mark Porter at (703) 305-2847.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Supplemental Form for Collecting Taxpayer Identifying Numbers, FNS-711.

OMB Number: 0584-0501.

Expiration Date: May 31, 2003.

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

Abstract: Section 3100(y) of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-134), codified at 31 U.S.C. 3325(d), requires Federal agencies to include the taxpayer identifying number (TIN) of all persons or organizations they pay whenever a request for payment is submitted to Federal payment officials. Departmental Regulation 2100-2 requires all individuals and entities doing business with USDA to furnish a TIN. The purpose of the Supplemental Form for Collecting Taxpayer Identifying Numbers is to comply with Federal law by enabling the Agency to legally obtain a TIN from all persons and organizations who are entered into a direct payment relationship with FNS.

Affected Public: Individuals and entities who enter into a direct payment agreement with FNS under any of the various nutrition and nutrition education programs administered by FNS.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 800.

Number of Responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated Total annual responses: 800.

Hours per response: 0.0833.

Total Annual Reporting hours: 66.6.

Number of record keepers: 8.

Estimated annual hours per record keeper: 1.0.

Total annual record keeping hours: 8.

Total annual burden hours: 74.6

(annual reporting hours plus annual record keeping hours).

Dated: March 19, 2003.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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