

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:

Form (Time required to complete)	Number completed annually	Total burden
Confidentiality Agreement (12 min.)	100	1200 min.
Peer Review Forms (~5 hrs)	400	2000 hrs.
Panelist Information Forms (25 min.)	225	5625 min.
Recommendations Form (1 hr)	200	200 hrs.
Invoice (7 min.)	225	1575 min.
Expense Report (12 min.)	225	2700 min.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chap. 35.

Comments: The Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of ARS functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the estimated burden from proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 27, 2003.

Dr. Caird Rexroad,

Acting Associate Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03-013N]

Exemption for Retail Store Operations

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Adjusted Dollar Limitations.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing the dollar limitations on sales of meat and meat food products and poultry products to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions that do not disqualify a store for exemption from Federal inspection requirements. By reason of FSIS' regulations, for calendar

year 2003 the dollar limitation for meat and meat food products is remaining at \$47,000 and for poultry products at \$41,600. FSIS is retaining the dollar limitations from calendar year 2002 based on the small price changes for these products evidenced by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective June 9, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lynn Dickey, Ph.D., Director, Regulations and Directives Development Staff, Office of Policy, Program Development, and Evaluation, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 112, Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700; telephone (202) 720-5627, fax (202) 690-0486.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*) provide that the statutory provisions requiring inspection of the slaughter of livestock or poultry and the preparation or processing of products thereof do not apply to operations of types traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores and restaurants, when conducted at any retail store or restaurant or similar retail-type establishment for sale in normal retail quantities or service to consumers at such establishments (21 U.S.C. 454(c)(2) and 661(c)(2)). In Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations §§ 303.1(d) and 381.10(d), respectively, FSIS regulations address the conditions under which requirements for inspection do not apply to retail operations.

Under these regulations, sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions disqualify a store for exemption if they exceed either of two maximum limits: 25 percent of the dollar value of total product sales or the calendar year dollar limitation set by the Administrator. The dollar limitation is adjusted automatically during the first

quarter of the year if the CPI, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicates an increase or decrease of more than \$500 in the price of the same volume of product for the previous year. FSIS publishes a notice of the adjusted dollar limitations in the **Federal Register**. (See paragraphs (d)(2)(iii)(b) and (d)(2)(iii) of §§ 303.1 and 381.10.)

The CPI for 2002 reveals an average annual price increase for meat and meat food products of 0.2 percent and an annual average price decrease for poultry products of 0.7 percent. The price increase for meat and meat food products is \$94 and the price decrease for poultry products is \$291. Because the price of meat and meat food products and the price of poultry products have not changed by more than \$500, in accordance with §§ 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b) of the regulations, FSIS has retained the dollar limitation on sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions at \$47,000 for meat and meat food products and at \$41,600 for poultry products for calendar year 2003.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it and make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly Constituent Update, which is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service. In addition, the update is available on-line through the Internet at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/ stakeholders. The constituent Listserv consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied

health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through the Listserv and web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

For more information contact the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-9113. To be added to the free e-mail subscription service (Listserv) go to the "Constituent Update" page on the Internet at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/update/update.htm>. Click on the "Subscribe to the Constituent Update Listserv" link, then fill out and submit the form.

Done at Washington, DC, on: June 4, 2003.

Garry L. McKee,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

RIN 0596-AB95

Forest Land Enhancement Program

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of interim directive; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In conjunction with an interim final rule published elsewhere in the same separate part of today's **Federal Register**, the Forest Service is issuing an interim directive to provide guidance to Forest Service employees for managing the Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP), which was authorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the 2002 Farm Bill). This interim directive is issued to the Forest Service Manual (FSM) Title 3300, Forestry Incentives, Chapter 3310, Cost-Sharing as ID 3310-2003-1. Comments received in response to this notice will be considered in development of the final directive.

DATES: This interim directive (ID 3310-2003-1) is effective on June 9, 2003. Comments must be received in writing by August 8, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Hal E. Brockman, Forest Service, Cooperative Forestry Staff, Mail Stop 1123, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1123; via electronic mail to hbrockman@fs.fed.us; or via facsimile to FLEP ID Comments at (202) 205-1271. The agency cannot confirm receipt of comments. A toll free number is available, 1-866-585-8540, for callers to record voice mail messages (up to 3 minutes long) with their comments on the interim directive. This

toll free number will be active 24 hours a day during the comment period. Public comments submitted by voice mail will be transcribed for the public record. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received on this interim directive during regular business hours at the office of the Cooperative Forestry Staff, 4th Floor SE., Yates Building, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-1389 to facilitate entry into the building.

A copy of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, sections 8001 and 8002 (Pub. L. 107-171), and other information on this program can be found on the World Wide Web/Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/flep.htm>. A copy of the interim directive (ID 3310-2003-1) is available electronically at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hal E. Brockman, Cooperative Forestry Staff, (202) 205-1694.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is adopting an interim final rule to establish a new subpart C in part 230 of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) that sets forth requirements for the management and operation of the new Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP), which was authorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the 2002 Farm Bill). The notice setting out this interim final rule and requesting comment can be found elsewhere in this part of today's **Federal Register**. The FLEP interim final rule is intended to improve the long-term sustainability of nonindustrial private forest lands in the United States by assisting landowners, through State Foresters, in more actively managing their forest lands and related resources through the use of State, Federal, and private sector resource management expertise, financial assistance, and educational programs. In conjunction with this interim final rule, the agency is issuing an interim directive to Forest Service Manual Chapter 3310 (ID 3310-2003-1) to provide additional guidance to Forest Service employees in the administration of the FLEP. This interim directive is available electronically on the World Wide Web/Internet at the Web site address provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Comments received on the interim directive will be used in the development of the final directive.

Dated: April 11, 2003.

Dale N. Bosworth,

Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Lassen Resource Advisory Committee, Susanville, California, Forest Service USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Lassen National Forest's Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, June 12, 2003, in Susanville, California for a business meeting. The meetings are open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting June 12, 2003 begins at 9 a.m., at the Lassen National Forest Headquarters Office, Caribou Conference Room, 2550 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130. Agenda topics will include: Review previous meeting minutes and approve, RAC members/subcommittee reports, merchantable materials projects, quorum and or proxy votes, establishment of a monitoring form, and a date for a field trip to one of the projects. Time will also be set aside for public comments at the end of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Andrews, Eagle Lake District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, at (530) 257-4188; or RAC Coordinator, Heidi Perry, at (530) 252-6604.

Edward C. Cole,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Madera County Resources Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act of