

16-3, Import Permit Application. The information contained in the VS form 16-3 enables APHIS to determine whether the shipment qualifies for import into the United States. Without the information it would be impossible for APHIS to effectively prevent BSE-contaminated animal products from entering the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,494.

Sondra Blakey,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Office of the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics; Notice of Solicitation

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for membership to the Forestry Research Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces solicitation for nominations to fill nine anticipated vacancies on the Forestry Research Advisory Council. The terms of nine members expire December 31, 2004. Nominations for a three-year appointment for all nine positions are sought.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before December 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The address for hand-delivered nominations or nominations submitted using an express mail or overnight courier service is: Office of the Forestry Research Advisory Council; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Room 3213 Waterfront Center; 800 9th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024; fax: (202) 401-1706. Nominations sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be sent to the following address: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Office of the Forestry Research Advisory Council; Mail Stop 2210; 1400

Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catalino A. Blanche, Designated Federal Officer, Forestry Research Advisory Council; Office of the Forestry Research Advisory Council; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Mail Stop 2210; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2210; telephone: (202) 401-4190; fax: (202) 401-1706; e-mail: cblanche@reeusda.gov, or contact Dr. Hao Tran, Staff Assistant, Research and Development, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; telephone: (202) 205-1293; fax: (202) 205-1530; e-mail: htran@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forestry Research Advisory Council was established to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on accomplishing efficiently the purposes of the McIntire-Stennis Act of 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a-4, *et seq.*). The Council also provides advice related to the Forest Service research program, authorized by the Forest and Rangeland Resources Research Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-307, 92 Stat. 353, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1600 (note)). The Council is composed of 20 voting members from the following membership categories:

- Federal and State agencies concerned with developing and utilizing the Nation's forest resources. In particular committee membership, will include representation from the National Forest System and Forest and Range Experiment Stations leaders, Forest Service;
- The forest industries;
- The forestry schools of the State certified eligible institutions, and State agricultural experiment stations; and
- Volunteer public groups concerned with forests and related natural resources.

Nominees will be carefully reviewed for their broad expertise, leadership, and relevancy to a membership category. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories, or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. Please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee.

Each nominee must complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information (which can be obtained from the contact persons above) and will be vetted before selection. Send the nominee's name, resume, and the completed Form AD-755 as noted above. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit nominations via overnight mail or

delivery service to ensure timely receipt by the USDA.

Done at Washington, DC, this 28th day of October, 2004.

Joseph J. Jen,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request: FNS-583, Food Stamp Program Employment and Training Program Activity Report

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on a proposed revision to the information collection burden for the Food Stamp Program Employment and Training Program, currently approved under OMB No. 0584-0339. This notice proposes to add 10.23 hours to the currently approved burden to account for the time it takes State agencies to request more funds after initial allocations are made.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 11, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The Food and Nutrition Service invites interested persons to submit comments on this proposed information collection. Send comments to Dale Walton, Program Analyst, Program Design Branch, Program Development Division, FSP, FNS, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 810, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1594, (703) 305-2432.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed revision 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 burden of the proposed collection of information, including validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection