

(including those who perform appraisals).

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 160.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 8.75.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 1,400.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 5,600 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 8th day of March 2005.

**Elizabeth E. Gaston,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04-142-1]

#### 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 associated with regulations to prohibit the importation of used farm equipment from regions affected with foot-and-mouth disease unless the equipment has been steam-cleaned prior to export to the United States.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 13, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **EDOCKET:** Go to <http://www.epa.gov/feddoCKET> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once you have entered EDOCKET, click on the "View

Open APHIS Dockets" link to locate this document.

- **Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:** Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. 04-142-1, 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. 04-142-1.

**Reading Room:** 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.

**Other Information:** You may view APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register** and related information on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on regulations for the export of used farm equipment to the United States from regions affected with foot-and-mouth disease, contact Dr. Arnaldo Vaquer, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Technical Trade Services Team, National Center for Import and Export, VS, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-8074. 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 Used Farm Equipment From Regions Affected With Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

*OMB Number:* 0579-0195.

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

*Abstract:* The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for, among other things, regulating the importation into the United States of certain animals, animal products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of serious animal diseases and pests into the United States.

These regulations are contained in 9 CFR parts 92 through 98.

In part 94, § 94.1 prohibits the importation of used farm equipment into the United States from regions in which foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest exists, unless the equipment

has been steam-cleaned prior to export to the United States so that it is free of exposed dirt and other particulate matter. Such equipment must be accompanied to the United States by an original certificate, signed by an authorized official of the national animal health service of the exporting region, stating that the farm equipment, after its last use and prior to export, was steam-cleaned free of all exposed dirt and other particulate matter.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity 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 collection of information, 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 collection of information 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.

*Estimate of burden:* The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.20 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Exporters of used farm equipment in FMD-affected regions, and national animal health service officials in FMD-affected regions.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,000.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 10.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 10,000.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 2,000 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 8th day of March 2005.

**Elizabeth E. Gaston,**

*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—National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program Access, Participation, Eligibility, and Certification Study (APEC Study)

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Nutrition Service's intention to request Office of Management and Budget approval of the data collection instruments for the APEC study.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by May 10, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent to Alberta C. Frost, Director, Office of Analysis, Nutrition, and Evaluation, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, 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 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; 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 techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection forms should be directed to Alberta C. Frost, (703) 305-2017.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program Access, Participation, Eligibility, and Certification Study (APEC study).

*OMB Number:* Not yet assigned.

*Expiration Date:* N/A.

*Type of Request:* New collection of information.

*Abstract:* The Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, Public Law 107-300, requires the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to identify and reduce erroneous payments in various programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). An OMB directive, issued May 21, 2003, states that an annual erroneous payment estimate is the gross (not net) total of both overpayments and underpayments, *i.e.*, the sum of the absolute value of overpayments and underpayments. To comply with the Improper Payments Information Act, USDA needs a reliable measure to estimate NSLP and SBP erroneous payments on an annual basis. Therefore, USDA is conducting a nationally representative study that will collect data from school districts and households in School Year 2005-2006 for calculating national estimates of certification and payment errors and provide overall national estimates of erroneous payments in NSLP and SBP that would be the gross of overpayments and underpayments. It would be cost prohibitive to conduct a large nationally representative study on a yearly basis. Therefore, estimation models will be developed that will utilize the data collected during this study, augmented with available extant data sources in future years to generate updated yearly estimates of overpayments, underpayments and overall erroneous payments in NSLP and SBP until the next large on-site data collection is undertaken.

In addition to the annual national erroneous payment estimate based on misclassification of participating students' school meal eligibility status, this study will also provide national estimates of payment errors due to the improper counting and claiming of meals served under the NSLP and the SBP. The on-site data collected for this study, including household characteristic data, will also be used for informing program access issues including barriers and deterrence to participation.

In School Year 2005-2006 on-site data collection activities will be conducted in a nationally representative sample of schools selected from school districts across the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. Data to be collected will include school administrative records, household income from parents/guardians and other information that will inform this study. OMB approval will be requested for the data collection instruments to be used for the APEC study.

#### *Respondents:*

Respondents include: (a) State Child Nutrition Agency Directors; (b) School Food Service Directors; (c) school financial administrative staff; (d) school liaisons; and (e) households.

#### *Estimated Number of Respondents:*

Respondents include: (a) 51 State Child Nutrition Agency Directors; (b) 100 School Food Service Directors; (c) 360 school financial administrative staff; (d) 360 school liaisons; and (e) 5,300 households.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* Multiple responses will be obtained from most respondents with the exception of the State Child Nutrition Agency Directors and 4,300 households, who will be interviewed once. One thousand households will be interviewed twice. School financial administrative staff and school liaisons will be providing the contractor's field staff the data or the access to administrative data on a recurring basis throughout the School Year.

#### *Estimate of Burden:*

Public reporting burden is estimated to range from 45 minutes for the household interview to 170 minutes for School Food Service Directors to complete fact sheets, provide claim data and be interviewed.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 5,525 hours.

(a) State Child Nutrition Agency Directors (51 × 90 minutes) = 76.5 hours; (b) School Food Service Directors (100 × 170 minutes) = 283.3 hours; (c) school financial administrative staff ((330 × 15 minutes + (360 × 60 minutes) + (360 × 15 minutes)) = 532.5 hours; (d) school liaisons ((300 × 30 minutes) + (30 × 15 minutes)) = 157.5 hours; and (e) households ((5,300 × 45 minutes) + (1,000 × 30 minutes)) = 4,475 hours.

Dated: March 8, 2005.

**Roberto Salazar,**

*Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*

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