

Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-035N]

Notice of Request for a New Information Collection (Application for Return of Exported Products)

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, this notice announces the Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) intention to request a new information collection regarding the application for the return of exported meat, poultry, and egg products to the United States.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 14, 2006.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this information collection request.

Comments may be submitted by mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand- or courier-delivered items. Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102 Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20250. All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number 05-035N.

All comments submitted in response to this notice, as well as research and background information used by FSIS in developing this document, will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The comments also will be posted on the Agency's Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/>

regulations_&_policies/2005_Notices_Index/index.asp.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 720-0345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Return of Exported Products.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is requesting a new information collection addressing paperwork requirements regarding the application for return of exported meat, poultry, and egg products.

In accordance with 9 CFR 327.17, 381.209, and 590.965, exported product returned to this country is exempt from FSIS import inspection requirements upon notification to and approval from the Agency's Office of International Affairs (OIA). Returned exported product may, however, require re-inspection at a federally-inspected facility for food safety and food defense determinations. When FSIS inspection program personnel determine that product is safe and not adulterated or misbranded, the product may be released into domestic commerce.

When an FSIS inspected and passed product is exported and then returned to this country, the owner, broker, or agent of the product (the applicant) arranges for the product's entry and notifies FSIS. To formalize this process, FSIS is seeking approval for the new form. The applicant will fill out the FSIS Form, Application for the Return of Exported Products to the United States.

The purpose of the form is to allow OIA the opportunity to determine whether re-inspection of the product is needed and to notify the appropriate

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FSIS office where to perform the re-inspection of the product, if necessary.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment.

Estimate of Burden: FSIS estimates that it will take an average of 17 hours to collect and submit this information to FSIS.

Respondents: Owners, brokers, and agents.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,333 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 720-5627, (202) 720-0345.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS' functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS' 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. Comments may be sent to both John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at the address provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

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.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities, are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through

the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2005_Notices_Index/index.asp.

FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service consisting of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. The update also is available on the FSIS Web page. Through Listserv and the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides an automatic and customized notification when popular pages are updated, including **Federal Register** publications and related documents. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/ and allows FSIS customers to sign up for subscription options across eight categories. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices.

Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their account.

Done at Washington, DC, on: December 13, 2005.

Barbara J. Masters,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

New Information Collection for Special Use Administration

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection established pursuant to the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act (CUFFA) of 2000.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before February 14, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to: USDA, Forest Service, Attention: Rita Staton, Lands Staff (2720), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1124, Washington, DC 20250-1124 or by facsimile to Rita Staton at 202-205-1604 or by e-mail to: reply_lands_staff@fs.fed.us. Comments may also be submitted by the following instructions at the federal eRulemaking portal at: <http://www.regulation.gov>. If comments are sent by e-mail or facsimile, the public is requested not to send duplicate comments via mail. Please confine comments to issues pertinent to the proposed information collection, explain the reasons for any recommended changes, and where possible, reference the specific wording being addressed.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received in the Office of the Director, Lands Staff, 4th Floor South, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC on business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Those wishing to inspect comments are encouraged to call ahead at (202) 205-1248 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Staton, Lands Staff, at (202) 205-1390. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for New Appraisal and Peer Review Pursuant to the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act of 2000.

OMB Number: 0596-New.

Expiration Date of Approval: N/A.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: The Cabin User Fee Fairness Act (CUFFA) of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6201-13) directs the Forest Service to promulgate regulations and adopt policies for assessing a base cabin user fee for recreation residences on National Forest System lands. Section 614 of CUFFA establishes a "transition period", defines how long the transition period will last, and provides guidelines on how the annual cabin user fees should be assessed and adjusted during the transition period. The transition period is that period of time between

the date of the enactment of CUFFA (Oct. 11, 2000) and the date upon which the base cabin user fee for a recreation residence is established as a result of implementing the final regulations and agency directives.

Upon adoption of the final regulations and agency directives, recreation residence permit holders will have 2 years to request that the Forest Service take one of the following actions to establish a new base cabin user fee:

(1) Conduct a new appraisal pursuant to the final regulations and policies (permit holder's request for new appraisal);

(2) Commission a peer review of an existing appraisal report for the typical lot completed after September 30, 1995 (permit holder's request for peer review); or

(3) Establish a new fee based on the market value of the typical lot identified in an existing appraisal report that was completed and approved after September 30, 1995 (permit holder's request to use the value established in the existing appraisal).

A request to act on one of the three options in the 2-year transition period must be submitted in writing to the authorized officer and must be signed by a majority of the recreation residence holders within the group of the recreation residence lots represented by the typical lot to be appraised. There is no specific form or format required for permit holders to use when requesting a new appraisal, a peer review, or that the Forest Service use an existing appraisal. However, the Forest Service is proposing to use standard forms ("Statement from Holders Requesting a New Appraisal" and "Statement from Holders Requesting a Peer Review") when a new appraisal or peer review is requested, and the base fee of the previous appraisal increases more than \$3,000.00 from the annual fee assessed on October 1, 1996, and the new base cabin user fee established by either the new appraisal or the peer review is 90% or more of the fee determined by the previous appraisal (October 1996). Permit holders are required to document that they agree to pay the United States the additional fees, pursuant to the phase-in provisions of CUFFA. The forms would facilitate documenting the request and agreement by the permit holder.

The information request is necessary for the Forest Service to collect the permit holder's request, agreement, and accompanying signatures. Such information is necessary to assist the Forest Service in establishing an accurate base cabin user fee during the