

or at the county FSA office serving the county where the producer owns or rents land. A producer engaged in production of hogs or pigs in the United States for sale in commerce who operates in more than one county will participate in the county FSA office where the producer conducts most of his or her business. Completed form and supporting documentation, such as sales receipts, feed and veterinary bills, etc. * * *, must be returned to county FSA offices by fax or in person no later than the last day of voting period or, if returned by mail, they must be postmarked by the last day of the voting period.

Importers: Completed form LS 54-1, Customs Form 7501, and supporting documentation as needed must be returned to AMS by fax at (202) 720-1125, or in person no later than the last day of voting period or, if returned by mail, they must be postmarked by the last day of the voting period. Importers must use a form of express mail service if returning forms via mail to Kenneth R. Payne, Chief, Marketing Programs, Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA, Room 2628-S, STOP 0251, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0251.

How do I locate the nearest county FSA office?

Eligible producers can determine the location of county FSA offices by contacting the nearest county FSA office, the State FSA office, or on FSA's Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/default.asp>. From the options available on this Web page select "Contact Us" and locate the service center closest to you. Some county FSA offices service multiple counties.

What is FSA's role in the Request for Referendum?

FSA will coordinate State and county FSA roles in conducting the Request for Referendum by (1) Confirming producer eligibility, (2) canvassing and counting requests, and (3) reporting the results to AMS.

What action will cause a referendum?

If the Request for Referendum indicates that 15 percent of the total number of eligible producers and importers want a referendum on the Pork Checkoff Program, it will be conducted within 1 year after the results of the survey are announced. If results of the Request for Referendum indicate that a referendum is not supported, a referendum would not be conducted.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Form LS 54-1 is being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval to determine if producers and importers want a referendum.

In accordance with the PRA [44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*], this notice announces that AMS is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a new information collection.

Title: Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Program Procedures to Hold a Request for Referendum.

OMB Number: 0581-NEW.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .2 hours per response.

Respondents: Pork producers and importers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,500 total hours.

Abstract: The purpose of this Notice is to provide producers and importers who have been engaged in pork production in the United States for sale in commerce or the importation of hogs, pigs, pork or pork products the opportunity to participate in a nationwide Request for Referendum. This Notice will require eligible producers and importers to complete Form LS-54-1 in its entirety. The form will require signature to certify that the signatory either is in the business of producing hogs and pigs in the United States for sale in commerce or in the business of importing hogs, pigs, pork or pork products into the United States. In addition, participants must be 18 years of age or older prior to the conclusion of the representative period. Participating in the Request for Referendum is voluntary and will indicate that participant desires a referendum on the Pork Checkoff Program. Only those producers or importers who want a referendum on the Pork Checkoff Program should participate. Producers must submit completed form LS 54-1 and supporting documentation, including sales receipts, feed and veterinary bills, etc. * * *, as proof of eligibility. Importers must submit completed form LS 54-1, Customs Form 7501, or any other supporting documentation as needed that demonstrates the importation of hogs, pigs, pork, or pork products as proof of eligibility.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the proposed Order and the USDA's oversight of the program, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of USDA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: May 16, 2008.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2008-0056]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; User Fee Regulations

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 the collection of user fees.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before July 22, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2008-0056> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2008-0056, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your

comment refers to Docket No. APHIS–2008–0056.

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: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on user fees, contact Ms. Kris Caraher, User Fees Section Head, FMD, MRPBS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 54, Riverdale, MD 20737–1232, (301) 734–5743. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS* Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: User Fee Regulations.

OMB Number: 0579–0094.

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

Abstract: Section 2509 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, as amended, authorizes the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to collect user fees for agricultural quarantine and inspection (AQI) services, for providing for the inspection and certification of plants and plant products offered for export or transiting the United States, and for providing veterinary diagnostic services and services related to the importation and exportation of animals and animal products.

Although certain AQI functions, but not the laws or regulations upon which they are premised, were transferred from APHIS to the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) bureau of the Department of Homeland Security in 2002, APHIS remains responsible for the regulations related to AQI activities, including the user fee regulations. APHIS also remains responsible for administration of the user fee programs.

Neither APHIS nor CBP receives an appropriation to fund these activities; instead, user fees are calculated and assessed to ensure full cost recovery of each user fee program. If the information was not collected, the agencies would not be able to perform the services since the fees collected are necessary to fund the work.

Requesters of services usually are repeat customers, and, in many cases,

request that we bill them for our services. Also, the 1996 Debt Collection Improvement Act requires that agencies collect tax identification numbers (TINs) from all persons doing business with the government for purposes of collecting delinquent debts. Without a TIN, service cannot be provided on a credit basis.

The requests for services are in writing, by telephone, or in person. The information contained in each request identifies the specific service requested and the time in which the requester wishes the service to be performed. This information is necessary in order for the animal import centers and port offices to schedule the work and to calculate the fees due.

APHIS is responsible for ensuring that the fees collected are correct and that they are remitted in full and in a timely manner. To ensure this, thearty (ticketing agents for transportation companies) responsible for collecting and remitting fees must allow APHIS personnel to verify the accuracy of the fees collected and remitted, and otherwise determine compliance with the statute and regulations. We also require that whoever is responsible for making fee payments advise us of the name, address, and telephone number of a responsible officer who is authorized to verify fee calculations, collections, and remittances.

This information collection is necessary for APHIS to effectively collect fees, ensure remittances in a timely manner, and determine proper credit for payment of international air passenger, aircraft clearance, commercial truck, commercial railroad car, commercial vessel, phytosanitary certificate, import/export, and veterinary diagnostic user fees.

We have reviewed the paperwork requirements of the user fee programs and have made every possible effort to streamline our processes and minimize the impact on the public. Whenever possible, we use existing billing/collection methods to minimize the cost to the Agency.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities 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 0.0251 hours per response.

Respondents: Arriving international passengers, owners and operators of arriving international means of conveyance, importers/exporters who wish to import or export plants and plant products, and importers/exporters who wish to import or export animals and animal products.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 46,729.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 5.246.

Estimated annual number of responses: 245,122.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 6,154 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 15th day of May 2008.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2008–0048]

Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection; Permit for Reshipment of Swine From Slaughtering Facilities

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: New information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this