

Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 2, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will meet April 28–30, 2009. The public may file written comments before and up to two weeks after the meeting with the contact person.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20045 and the Double Tree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Written comments from the public may be sent to the contact person identified in this notice at: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 344-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0321, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0321.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Hunter, Executive Director or Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; *telephone:* (202) 720–3684; *fax:* (202) 720–6199; or *e-mail:*

Karen.hunter@ars.usda.gov or *Shirley.morgan@ars.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Tuesday, April 28, 2009, from 8:45 a.m.–4:45 p.m., the Advisory Board will meet at the National Press Club located at 529 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC. On Wednesday, April 29, 2009, from 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. the Board will convene at the Double Tree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, DC 20005 and begin with introductory remarks from the Chair of the Advisory Board and the Acting Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE), USDA. Guest speaker comments will follow. Remarks will be heard from a variety of distinguished leaders and experts in the field of agriculture, as well as officials and/or designated experts from USDA. Various presentations and sessions throughout the day will focus on Global Climate Change and Agriculture. Board members will consider information received during the meeting to formulate recommendations for USDA to enhance its research, extension, education, and economic programs. On Thursday, April 30, 2009, the Board will reconvene at the Doubletree Hotel to continue discussions on recommendations, to determine future directions for the Board, and to evaluate the meeting. The meeting will adjourn by 12 p.m. (noon). An opportunity for public comment will be offered after the conclusion of this session. Written comments by attendees or other interested stakeholders are invited for the public record before and up to two weeks following the Board meeting (by close of business Thursday, May 14, 2009). All statements will become a part of the official record of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office.

Done at Washington, DC, this 30th day of March 2009.

Katherine Smith,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2009–0010]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Tuberculosis

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 bovine tuberculosis regulations.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before June 5, 2009.

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-2009-0010> 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–2009–0010, 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–2009–0010.

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 the domestic

tuberculosis program, contact Dr. Charles W. Hench, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Ruminant Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 2150 Centre Avenue, Building B MS 320, Fort Collins, CO 80526; (970) 494-7378. 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: Tuberculosis.

OMB Number: 0579-0146.

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

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is authorized, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the dissemination within the United States of animal diseases and pests and for conducting programs to detect, control, and eradicate pests and diseases of livestock. In connection with this mission, APHIS participates in the Cooperative State-Federal Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Program, which is a national program to eliminate bovine tuberculosis from the United States. This program is conducted under various States' authorities supplemented by Federal authorities regulating interstate movement of affected animals.

The tuberculosis regulations contained in 9 CFR part 77 provide several levels of tuberculosis risk classifications to be applied to States and zones within States, and classify States and zones according to their tuberculosis risk. The regulations restrict the interstate movement of cattle, bison, and captive cervids from the various classes of States or zones to prevent the spread of tuberculosis.

These regulations contain information collection activities, including requirements for epidemiological reviews, certificates for animals moved interstate, tuberculosis management plans, submission by States of requests to APHIS for State or zone status, and submission by States of an annual report to APHIS for renewal of State or zone status.

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 0.6433521 hours per response.

Respondents: State animal health officials and accredited veterinarians.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 2,585.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.4003868.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 6,205.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,992 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 31st day of March 2009.

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-2009-0009]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Horse Protection 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 Horse Protection Program.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before June 5, 2009.

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-2009-0009> 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-2009-0009, 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-2009-0009.

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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 regulations for the Horse Protection Program, contact Dr. Rachel Cezar, Horse Protection National Coordinator, Animal Care, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238; (301) 734-5784. 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: Horse Protection Regulations.

OMB Number: 0579-0056.

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

Abstract: In 1970, Congress passed the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1821 *et seq.*), referred to below as the Act, that prohibits the showing, sale, auction, exhibition, or transport of horses subjected to a cruel and inhumane