Although LBAM was first detected in the late 1800s in Hawaii, it is present only at elevations of 1,394 feet or above in the State. Because most agricultural production in Hawaii occurs in the coastal regions, at elevations below 1,394 feet, LBAM has not been considered a pest of concern within the State. However, the interstate movement from Hawaii of cut flowers, fruits and vegetables, plants, and portions of plants, including LBAM host material, is currently prohibited unless the articles are first inspected and found free of plant pests (including LBAM) or are treated for plant pests.

Moths suspected of being LBAM were detected in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, CA, in February 2007, and were subsequently confirmed as LBAM on March 16, 2007. Due to California’s cooler climate and the potential impact of LBAM on a wide range of crops, an aggressive response program has been conducted by the State of California with support from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture.

On September 12, 2008, and February 4, 2009, petitions were submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture requesting that APHIS reclassify LBAM from an actionable, quarantine-significant pest to a non-actionable, non-quarantine pest and that APHIS relieve the Federal restrictions placed on the interstate movement of LBAM host articles from areas where the pest had been detected. The petitions also questioned APHIS’ ability to eradicate LBAM, the appropriateness of technologies used to support an eradication program, the potential impacts of these technologies on the environment and to human health and safety, and the effectiveness of the communication strategies used to inform the public about the LBAM program.

This document announces the availability of our draft response to these petitions, titled “APHIS Draft Response to Petitions for the Reclassification of Light Brown Apple Moth [Epiphyas postvittana (Walker)] as a Non-Quarantine Pest.” For the sake of clarity, the discussion in our response focused on the petitioners’ request to reclassify LBAM. Questions raised by the petitions regarding regulatory and other actions are distinctly different discussions and are addressed separately in an accompanying document that provides additional information on the LBAM program in a frequently asked questions (FAQ) format.

The text of the petitions, APHIS’ draft petition response, and FAQ may be viewed on the Internet at the Regulations.gov Web site (see ADDRESSES above for instructions on accessing Regulations.gov). The draft response and FAQ may also be viewed on the APHIS Web site at (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/loba_moth/index.shtml). You may request paper copies of the documents by calling or writing to the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. Please refer to the title of the documents when requesting copies. The documents are also available for review in our reading room (information on the location and hours of the reading room is listed under the heading ADDRESSES at the beginning of this notice).

After evaluating public comments we receive during the comment period (see DATES at the beginning of this notice), APHIS will determine whether or not to continue Federal enforcement of mandatory phytosanitary domestic quarantine regulations and the application of mandatory procedures for the official control of LBAM. We will then publish a document in the Federal Register announcing our determination.

Done in Washington, DC, this 9th day of March 2010.

Kevin Shea,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Industry and Security

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Defense Priorities and Allocations System

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 14, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Larry Hall, BIS ICB Liaison, (202) 482–4895, lhall@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This recordkeeping requirement is necessary for administration and enforcement of delegated authority under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061, et seq.) and the Selective Service Act of 1948 (50 U.S.C. App. 468). Any person who receives a priority-rated order under the implementing Defense Priorities and Allocations System regulation (15 CFR part 700) must retain the records for at least 3 years.

II. Method of Collection

Records retention.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0694–0053.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 707,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 to 32 minute(s).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 14,477.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $290,000.

IV. Request for Comments

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Industry and Security

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Request for Special Priorities Assistance

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 14, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Larry Hall, BIS ICB Liaison, (202) 482–4895, lhall@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collected from defense contractors and suppliers on Form BIS–999, Request for Special Priorities Assistance, is required for the enforcement and administration of special priorities assistance under the Defense Production Act, the Selective Service Act and the Defense Priorities and Allocation System regulation.

II. Method of Collection

Submitted electronically or in paper form.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0694–0057. Form Number(s): BIS–999.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 600.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0.

IV. Request for Comments

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 10, 2010.

Gwellnna Banks,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; AGE Search Service

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before May 14, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Angela Feldman Harkins, Assistant Division Chief (Processing), United States Census Bureau, National Processing Center, Jeffersonville, Indiana 46132, on (812) 218–3434 (or e-mail at angela.m.feldman.harkins@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Age Search is a service provided by the U.S. Census Bureau for persons who need official transcripts of personal data as proof of age for pensions, retirement plans, Medicare, and social security. The transcripts are also used as proof of citizenship to obtain passports or to provide evidence of family relationship for rights of inheritance. The Age Search forms are used by the public in order to provide the Census Bureau with the necessary information to conduct a search of historical population decennial census records in order to provide the requested transcript. The Age Search service is self-supporting and is funded by the fees collected from the individuals requesting the service.

II. Method of Collection

The Form BC–600, Application for Search of Census Records, is a public use form that is submitted by applicants requesting information from the decennial census records. Applicants are requested to enclose appropriate fee by check or money order with the completed and signed Form BC–600 and return by mail to the U.S. Census Bureau, Personal Census Search Unit, in Jeffersonville, Indiana. The BC–600 (SP) is a Spanish version of the BC–600. The Form BC–649(L), which is called a “Not Found”, advises the applicant that search for information from the census records was unsuccessful. The BC–658(L), is sent to the applicant when insufficient information has been received on which to base a search of the census records. These two forms request additional information from the applicant to aid in the search of census records.

III. Data


Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.