Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI H5N1) is an extremely infectious and fatal form of the disease for poultry.

HPAI H5N1 can strike poultry quickly without any warning signs of infection and, once established, can spread rapidly from flock to flock. HPAI viruses can also be spread by manure, equipment, vehicles, egg flats, crates, and people whose clothing or shoes have come in contact with the virus. HPAI viruses can remain viable at moderate temperatures for long periods in the environment and can survive indefinitely in frozen material. One gram of contaminated manure can contain enough virus to infect 1 million poultry.

APHIS’ regulations prohibit or restrict the importation of unprocessed bird and poultry products and byproducts from regions that have reported the presence of the H5N1 subtype of HPAI, and contain permit and quarantine requirements for U.S. origin pet birds and performing or theatrical birds and poultry returning to the United States after being in such regions. The provisions necessitate the use of several information collection activities, including an Application for Import Controlled Materials or Transport Organisms and Vectors (VS Form 16-3), an Application for Import or In-Transit Permit (VS Form 17-129), a notarized declaration or affirmation, a Pet Bird Owner Agreement (VS Form 17-8), and notification of signs of disease in a recently imported bird.

We are revising the currently approved information collection (0579-0245) to include an Import Permit (VS Form 16-6).

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for 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 0.2935 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. importers of unprocessed bird and poultry products from regions where HPAI subtype H5N1 has been reported, and owners of U.S.-origin pet birds and U.S. performing or theatrical birds or poultry returning to the United States.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 270.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 2.0852.

Estimated annual number of responses: 563.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 165.26 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 24th day of March 2010.

Gregory L. Parham
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2010-0014]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Export Health Certificate for Animal Products

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 export of animal products from the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before June 1, 2010.

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-
2010-0014) to submit or view comments and to view related and
related materials available electronically.
- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send two copies of your comment
to Docket No. APHIS-2010-0014, 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-
2010-0014.
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
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
For information on the export of animal
products from the United States, contact
Dr. Joyce Bowling-Heyward, Assistant
Director, Technical Trade Services
Team—Products, National Center for
Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700
River Road Unit 40, Riverdale, MD
20737; (301) 734-3278. 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: Export Health Certificate for
Animal Products.
OMB Number: 0579-0256.
Type of Request: Extension of
approval of an information collection.
Abstract: The export of agricultural
commodities, including animals and
animal products, is a major business in
the United States and contributes to
a favorable balance of trade. To facilitate
the export of U.S. animals and products,
the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
Service (APHIS), U.S. Department of
Agriculture (USDA), maintains
information regarding the import health
requirements of other countries for
animals and animal products exported
from the United States.
Many countries that import animal
products from the United States require
a certification from APHIS that the
United States is free of certain diseases.
These countries may also require that
our certification statement contain
additional declarations regarding the
U.S. animal products being exported.
This certification must carry the USDA
seal and be endorsed by an APHIS
representative (e.g., a Veterinary
Medical Officer). The certification
process involves the use of information
collection activities, including
Veterinary Services (VS) Forms 16-4
(Export Health Certificate for Animal
Products) and 16-4A (Continuation
Sheet) and, if a certificate is denied or
withdrawn by VS, an exporter can
request a hearing to appeal VS’ decision.
Regulations pertaining to export
certification of animals and animal
products are contained in 9 CFR parts
91 and 156.
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
clearly 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
0.4958 hours per response.
Respondents: Exporters of U.S.
animal products.
Estimated annual number of
respondents: 33,000.
Estimated annual number of
responses per respondent: 4.05.
Estimated annual number of
responses: 133,652.
Estimated total annual burden on
respondents: 66,266 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 24th
day of March 2010.
Gregory L. Parham
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant
Health Inspection Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Research Service
Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive
License
AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service,
USDA.
ACTION: Notice of intent.
SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that
the U.S. Department of Agriculture, AGRICultural
Research Service, intends
to grant to GENETICS & IVF INSTITUTE
of FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, an exclusive
license to U.S. Patent No. 5,985,216;
“FLOW CYTOMETRY NOZZLE FOR
HIGH EFFICIENCY CELL SORTING”,
issued on NOVEMBER 16, 1999.
DATES: Comments must be received on
or before April 29, 2010.
ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA,
ARS, Office of Technology Transfer,
5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4–1174,
Beltsville, Maryland 20705–5131.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
June Blalock of the Office of Technology
Transfer at the Beltsville address given
above; telephone: 301–504–5989.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Federal Government’s patent rights in
this invention are assigned to the United
States of America, as represented by the
Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the
public interest to so license this
invention as GENETICS & IVF
INSTITUTE of FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA has
submitted a complete and sufficient
application for a license. The
prospective exclusive license will be
royalty-bearing and will comply with the
terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C.
209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective
exclusive license may be granted unless,
within thirty (30) days from the date of
this published Notice, the Agricultural
Research Service receives written
evidence and argument which
establishes that the grant of the license
would not be consistent with the
requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37
CFR 404.7.
Richard J. Brenner,
Assistant Administrator.
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