

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

February 21, 2012.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: The Integrity Program (TIP) Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0401.

Summary of Collection: The Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Program regulations at 7 CFR 246.12(j) (5), requires State agencies to report annually on their vendor monitoring efforts. The data collected is used at the States level as a management tool and at the national level to provide Congress, the Office of the Inspector General, senior program managers, as

well as the general public, assurances that program funds are being spent appropriately and that every reasonable effort is being made to prevent, detect and eliminate fraud, waste and abuse.

Need and Use of the Information: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will collect information using form FNS 698, Profile of Integrity Practices and Procedures; FNS 699, the Integrity Profile Report Form; and FNS 700, TIP Data Entry Form. The collected information from the forms will be analyzed and a report is prepared by FNS annually that (1) Assesses State agency progress in eliminating abusive vendors, (2) assesses the level of activity that is being directed to ensure program integrity, and (3) analyzes trends over a 5-year period. The information is used at the national level in formulating program policy and regulations. At the FNS regional office level, the data is reviewed to identify possible vendor management deficiencies so that technical assistance can be provided to States, as needed. At the State level, the information is used to provide assurances to the Governor's office, and other interested parties, that WIC fraud issues are being addressed. Without the information it would take long to identify and correct State agency program deficiencies and to implement corrective actions.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 90.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 38.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

[Docket No. APHIS-2011-0127]

Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection; Importation of Fresh (Frozen or Chilled) Pork or Pork Products Into the United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: 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 approval of an information collection associated with regulations for the importation of fresh (frozen or chilled) pork or pork products into the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before April 27, 2012.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0127-0001>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:*

Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2011-0127, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0127> or in our reading room, which 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the importation of hams into the United States, contact Dr. Dawn Hunter, Staff Veterinarian, Technical Trade Services—Products, NCIE, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-6245. 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: Title: Importation of Fresh (Frozen or Chilled) Pork or Pork Products Into the United States.

OMB Number: 0579-xxxx.

Type of Request: Approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the authority of the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates the importation of certain animal and poultry products and byproducts to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases of livestock and poultry into the United States. These regulations are found at 9 CFR parts 94, 95, 96, and 122.

The regulations require a number of information collection activities to prevent the introduction of livestock and poultry diseases and pests via the

importation of animal and poultry products and byproducts, including fresh (frozen or chilled) pork and pork products, into the United States. For fresh pork and pork products, these include certification of the pork or pork products by foreign national governments; application of seals; if a seal is broken, information on where and why; requests for approval of defrost facilities and for hearings regarding denial or termination of approval; applications for importing small amounts of pork or pork products for analysis, testing, or examination; cooperative service (trust fund) agreements; notifications to Federal inspectors of the arrival in the United States of pork or pork products from foreign regions; and recordkeeping.

These activities are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB control number 0579–0015, which also covers information collection activities for a variety of other animal and poultry products imported into the United States. We are proposing to separate the commodities previously approved under OMB control number 0579–0015 into individual collections to better reflect the commodities' specific collection activities and account for the information APHIS collects. Once approved by OMB, only information collection activities associated with the importation of nonfood animal and poultry products and byproducts will be under OMB control number 0579–0015. Information collection activities for fresh pork or pork products and other commodities now covered under OMB control number 0579–0015 will receive new numbers when approved.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of the information collection activities related to importation of fresh (frozen or chilled) pork or pork products 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 84.96126418 hours per response.

Respondents: Foreign national governments; shippers' crews; inspectors; defrost facility operators; processing facility operators; laboratories, museums, and States; and meat processing facility operators.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 93.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 66.344086.

Estimated annual number of responses: 6,170.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 524,211 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 21st day of February 2012.

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–2011–0125]

Notice of Revision and Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Importation of Nonfood Animal and Poultry Products and Byproducts Into the United States

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 revise an information collection associated with regulations for restricted and controlled importation of nonfood animal and poultry products and byproducts into the United States and to request extension of approval of the information collection.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before April 27, 2012.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0125-0001>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2011–0125, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0125> or in our reading room, which 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on restricted and controlled importation of nonfood animal and poultry products and byproducts into the United States, contact Dr. Tracye Butler, Assistant Director, Technical Trade Services Team—Products, NCIE, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734–7376. 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: Restricted and Controlled Importation of Nonfood Animal and Poultry Products and Byproducts Into the United States.

OMB Number: 0579–0015.

Type of Request: Revision and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the authority of the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates the importation of certain animal and poultry products and byproducts to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases of livestock and poultry into the United States. These regulations are found at 9 CFR parts 94, 95, 96, and 122.

The regulations require a number of information collection activities to prevent the introduction of livestock and poultry diseases and pests via the importation of animal and poultry