

Respondents: Packers required to report information for the Swine Contract Library.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30 packers (total of 43 plants).

Estimated Number of Responses per Plant: Number of responses per plant varies. Some plants would have no contracts, while other could have up to 80 contracts. We receive an average of six example contracts per plant per year for offered contracts and for amended existing or available contracts.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: Initial filing: 5.5 total hours for the initial filing of examples of existing contracts by all plants newly subject to the regulations combined. Based on changes in the industry, we anticipate one new plant to become subject to the regulations each year. Calculated as follows: 4 hours per plant for initial review \times 1 new plant = 4 hours for initial review; 0.25 hours per contract \times 6 example contracts per plant \times 1 new plant = 1.5 hours; 4 hours + 1.5 hours = 5.5 total hours.

Thereafter, 64.5 total hours annually for all subsequent filing of examples for offered contracts and for amended existing or available contracts by all plants combined, based on an average of 6 offered or amended existing or available contracts annually. Calculated as follows: 0.25 hours per contract \times 6 example contracts per plant \times 43 plants = 64.5 hours.

Total Cost: Initial filing \$138 for all plants combined. Calculated as follows: 5.5 hours \times \$25 per hour = \$138.

Thereafter, \$1,613 annually for all plants combined for submission of subsequent filings. Calculated as follows: 64.5 hours \times \$25 per hour = \$1,613.

(2) Monthly Report: Estimate of Swine To Be Delivered Under Contract (Form P&SP-341)

Estimate of Burden: The reporting burden for compiling data, completing and submitting the form is estimated to average 2 hours per manually prepared and submitted (by mail or facsimile) report and 1 hour per electronically prepared and submitted report. There would be an estimated additional one-time set up burden of 1 hour at a cost of \$60 per plant for a packer that chose to create a spreadsheet or database for recordkeeping and preparation of monthly estimates. There would be an estimated additional 2 hour burden at a cost of \$60 per hour or \$120 per plant for a packer to develop procedures to extract and format the required information and to develop an interface between the packer's electronic recordkeeping system and GIPSA's

system. The hourly rate for the development of electronic tools is assumed to be high due to the need to use personnel with specialized computer skills.

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Estimated Number of Responses per Plant: 12 (1 per month for 12 months).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,032 hours for all plants combined provided all plants used manual compiling, preparation, and submission. Calculated as follows: 2 hours per response \times 43 plants \times 12 responses per plant = 1,032.

516 hours for all plants combined provided all plants use electronic compiling, preparation, and submission. Calculated as follows: 1 hour per response \times 43 plants \times 12 responses per plant = 516 hours.

Total Cost: \$25,800 annually for all plants combined provided all use manual submission. Calculated as follows: 1,032 \times \$25 per hour = \$25,800.

\$12,900 annually for all plants combined provided all were to completely utilize electronic preparation and submission. Calculated as follows: 516 hours \times \$25 per hour = \$12,900.

Additional \$180 one-time set-up cost provided all plants newly subject to the Regulations were to completely utilize electronic systems for preparation and submission.

Calculated as follows: 1 hour build spreadsheet/database + 2 hours develop electronic interface = 3 hours. 3 hours total development \times \$60 per hour \times 1 new plant = \$180.

The Paperwork Reduction Act also requires GIPSA to measure the recordkeeping burden. Under the Packers and Stockyards Act and its existing regulations, each packer is required to maintain and make available upon request any records necessary to verify information on all transactions between the packer and producers from whom the packer obtains swine for slaughter. Records that packers are required to maintain under existing regulations would meet the requirements for verifying the accuracy of information required to be reported for the Swine Contract Library. These records include original contracts, agreements, receipts, schedules, and other records associated with any transaction related to the purchase, pricing, and delivery of swine for slaughter under the terms of marketing contracts. Additional annual costs of maintaining records would be nominal

since packers are required to store and maintain such records as a matter of normal business practice and in conformity with existing regulations.

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) and its implementing regulations (5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)), we specifically request comment to:

(a) Evaluate the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Minimize the burden on 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.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506 and 5 CFR 1320.8.

Larry Mitchell,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Publication of Depreciation Rates

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) administers rural utilities programs, including the Telecommunications Program. RUS announces the depreciation rates for telecommunications plant for the period ending December 31, 2011.

DATES: These rates are effective immediately and will remain in effect until rates are available for the period ending December 31, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan P. Claffey, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, STOP

1590—Room 5151, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250—1590. Telephone: (202) 720-9556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 7 CFR part 1737, Pre-Loan Policies and Procedures Common to Insured and Guaranteed Telecommunications Loans, § 1737.70(e) explains the depreciation rates that are used by RUS in its feasibility studies. § 1737.70(e)(2) refers to median depreciation rates published by RUS for all borrowers. The following chart provides those rates, compiled by RUS, for the reporting period ending December 31, 2011:

MEDIAN DEPRECIATION RATES OF RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE BORROWERS BY EQUIPMENT CATEGORY FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011

Telecommunications plant category	Depreciation rate
1. Land and Support Assets:	
a. Motor vehicles	16.00
b. Aircraft	12.00
c. Special purpose vehicles	13.03
d. Garage and other work equipment	10.00
e. Buildings	3.20
f. Furniture and office equipment	10.00
g. General purpose computers	20.00
2. Central Office Switching:	
a. Digital	9.00
b. Analog & Electro-mechanical	10.00
c. Operator Systems	9.00
3. Central Office Transmission:	
a. Radio Systems	9.95
b. Circuit equipment	10.00
4. Information origination/termination:	
a. Station apparatus	11.90
b. Customer premises wiring	10.00
c. Large private branch exchanges	11.40
d. Public telephone terminal equipment	11.25
e. Other terminal equipment	10.20
5. Cable and wire facilities:	
a. Aerial cable—poles	6.00
b. Aerial cable—metal	5.80
c. Aerial cable—fiber	5.00
d. Underground cable—metal	5.00
e. Underground cable—fiber	5.00
f. Buried cable—metal	5.15
g. Buried cable—fiber	5.00
h. Conduit systems	3.50
i. Other	5.59

Dated: October 9, 2012.

John Padalino,

Acting Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: International Trade Administration.

Title: International Client Life-cycle Multi-Purpose Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0625-0237.

Form Number(s): ITA-4096P.

Type of Request: Regular submission (revision of a currently approved information collection).

Burden Hours: 14,234.

Number of Respondents: 47,318.

Average Hours per Response: 5-30 minutes.

Annual Cost to the Public: \$8,625,000 (\$345 per client for 25,000 Events and Activities services).

Needs and Uses: The Commercial Service (CS) offers their clients DOC programs, market research, and services to enable the client to begin importing or to expand existing importing efforts. Specific information is required in order to determine the client's business objectives and needs. This information collection is designed to elicit such data so that appropriate services can be proposed and conducted to most effectively meet the client's importing goals. The CS has made efforts to provide more customized services to clients thereby requesting approval to use a service order form for customized services as well as for standardized services such as the International Partner Search and Gold Key Service. The information collected is used internally and is not disseminated to the public.

These forms will also reduce client burden through forms' flexibility and technology. The CS also seeks increased forms flexibility to ensure that CS asks and captures only the specific information needed for a particular service/event, thereby continuing to reduce client burdens as CS utilizes pre-populated information for clients who have previously registered with CS. As a client request specific CS services, a

set of questions will be presented to determine how CS will proceed to give the client the best export outcome.

This revision to produce a customized form for each CS client, and will cover all aspects of an international client's life-cycle with CS, involves merging with other information collections: OMB Control Nos: 0625-0065, 0625-0130, 0625-0151, 0625-0215, 0625-0220, 0625-0228, 0625-0143, and 0625-0238. These collections include all client intake, events/activities and export success forms. The set of questions used to generate the customized forms have been approved under the aforementioned information collections. Upon OMB approval, these information collections will be discontinued.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Wendy Liberante, (202) 395-3647.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Wendy Liberante, OMB Desk Officer, Fax number (202) 395-5167 or via the Internet at Wendy_L_Liberante@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: October 24, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Usage of Elevators for Occupant Evacuation Questionnaire.

OMB Control Number: 0693-0061.

Form Number(s): None.