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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 29, 2013.

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) 720-8681.

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.

Risk Management Agency

Title: Federal Crop Insurance Program Delivery Cost Survey and Interviews.

OMB Control Number: 0563-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Risk Management Agency (RMA) provides insurance to American producers through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) that manages the Federal crop insurance program. The insurance is provided through cooperative financial assistance agreements with private insurance companies, known as Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs), who in turn work with insurance agencies/agents to sell Federal crop insurance. The insurance companies who sell and service FCIC policies are reimbursed for their administrative and operating (A&O) expenses directly by RMA on behalf of the policyholders. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) was directed by Congress to conduct a review of crop insurance delivery costs. GAO released Report GAO-09-445 and among its recommendations was that RMA conduct a "study of the costs associated with selling and servicing crop insurance policies to establish a standard method for assessing agencies' reasonable costs in selling and servicing policies."

Need and Use of the Information: RMA plans to conduct interviews with AIPs, insurance agents and insured farmers, and surveys to both insurance agents and insured farmers. RMA will use the information collected from the interviews and surveys in conjunction with the financials reported by AIPs to construct estimates of the cost of delivery for the Federal crop insurance program. The information will help identify opportunities for improvement (e.g., increased efficiency) in the delivery system. In addition, this information could also be used in RMA's program planning process before implementing any regulatory and programmatic changes in the future.

Description of Respondents: Business for-profit, farms.

Number of Respondents: 3,131.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (One time).

Total Burden Hours: 713.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2012-0102]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Certification Program for Imported Articles of *Pelargonium* spp. and *Solanum* spp. to Prevent the Introduction of Potato Brown Rot

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and 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 a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations for a certification program for imported articles of *Pelargonium* spp. and *Solanum* spp. to prevent the introduction of potato brown rot into the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before April 5, 2013.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0102-0001>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:*

Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2012-0102, 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-2012-0102> 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) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the regulations for the certification program for imported articles of *Pelargonium* spp. and *Solanum* spp. to prevent introduction of potato brown rot, contact Dr. Vedpal Malik, Senior Agriculturist, QPAS, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 60, Riverdale MD 20737; (301) 851-2278. 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: Certification Program for Imported Articles of *Pelargonium* spp. and *Solanum* spp. To Prevent the Introduction of Potato Brown Rot.

OMB Number: 0579-0221.

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

Abstract: The Plant Protection Act (PPA, 7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests and noxious weeds into the United States.

The regulations in 7 CFR part 319 prohibit or restrict the importation of certain plants and plant products into the United States to prevent the introduction of plant pests. The regulations contained in "Subpart—Plants for Planting," §§ 319.37 through 319.37-14 (referred to below as the regulations), restrict, among other things, the importation of living plants, plant parts, seeds, and plant cuttings for propagation. These restrictions on certain importations help to prevent the introduction of plant pests and diseases, such as *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2, into the United States. *R. solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2 is a bacterium that causes potato brown rot, which causes potatoes to rot through, making them unusable and seriously affecting potato yields.

The regulations provide a certification program for articles of *Pelargonium* spp. and *Solanum* spp. imported from countries where *R. solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2 is known to occur. The requirements of the certification program were designed to ensure that *R. solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2 will not be introduced into the United States through the importation of articles of *Pelargonium* spp. and *Solanum* spp.

The certification program requires information collection activities, including a phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration, trust fund, compliance agreement, and production site registration.

The information collection activities of a phytosanitary certificate, trust fund, and compliance agreement were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control number 0579-0221. However, when comparing the regulations with the information collection activities, we found that production site registration was omitted from previous information collections. This has resulted in a change of the estimated total annual burden from 1,022 hours to 1,027 hours.

We are asking OMB to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, 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 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Growers, importers, and foreign national plant protection organizations.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 37.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 27.89.

Estimated annual number of responses: 1,032.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 1,027 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 30th day of January 2013.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—State Administrative Expense Funds Regulations

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection related to State administrative expense funds expended in the operation of the Child Nutrition Programs (7 CFR parts 210, 215, 220, 226 and 250) administered under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966. This collection is a revision of a currently approved collection.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 5, 2013.

ADDRESSES: 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 of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (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 those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Jon Garcia, Acting Branch Chief, Program Analysis and Monitoring Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow