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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 1 and 2

[Docket No. APHIS–2017–0062]

RIN 0579–AE35

Animal Welfare; Procedures for Applying for Licenses and Renewals

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are extending the comment period for our advance notice of proposed rulemaking regarding potential revisions to the licensing requirements under our Animal Welfare Act regulations. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: The comment period for the advanced notice of proposed rulemaking published on August 24, 2017 (82 FR 40077), is extended. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before November 2, 2017.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/>
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2017–0062, 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-2017-0062](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2017-0062) 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: Dr. Kay Carter-Corker, Director, National Policy Staff, Animal Care, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–3748.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 24, 2017, we published in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 40077–40078, Docket No. APHIS–2017–0062) an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) on potential revisions to the licensing requirements under our Animal Welfare Act regulations. The revisions under consideration would promote compliance with the Act, reduce licensing fees, and strengthen existing safeguards that prevent any individual whose license has been suspended or revoked, or who has a history of noncompliance, from obtaining a license or working with regulated animals.

Comments on the ANPR were required to be received on or before October 23, 2017. We are extending the comment period on Docket No. APHIS–2017–0062 for an additional 10 days. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2131–2159; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.7.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of October 2017.

Michael C. Gregoire,
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

32 CFR Part 199

[Docket ID: DOD–2017–HA–0060]

Defense Health Agency (DHA); Subgroup to the DoD Regulatory Reform Task Force, Review of the Existing TRICARE Regulation

AGENCY: Office of the Assistance Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Executive Order 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda,” the DHA Subgroup to the DoD Regulatory Reform Task Force is seeking input on the sections of the existing TRICARE regulation that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section in this document for additional guidance.

DATES: Interested parties should submit written comments to the address shown in this document on or before January 22, 2018, to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by “DOD–2017–HA–0060” using any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by entering “DOD–2017–HA–0060” under the heading “Enter keyword or ID” and selecting “Search.” Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “DOD–2017–HA–0060.” Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen.

- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate of Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09B, Alexandria, VA 22350–1700.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check <http://www.regulations.gov>, approximately three days after submission to verify posting (allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Matthew Minnier, telephone 703–275–6304.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 24, 2017, the President signed Executive Order (E.O.) 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda,” which established a Federal policy “to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens” on the American people.

Section 3(a) of the E.O. directs Federal agencies to establish a Regulatory Reform Task Force (Task Force). One of the duties of the Task Force is to evaluate existing regulations and “make recommendations to the agency head regarding their repeal, replacement, or