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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 19, 2018.

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 are requested regarding (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by January 25, 2019 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725—17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8958.

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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.

Office of the Secretary, White House Liaison Office

Title: Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Board Membership Background Information.

OMB Control Number: 0505–0001.

Summary of Collection: The Department is required under Section 1804 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2281, *et seq.*) to provide information concerning advisory committee members' principal place of residence, persons or companies by whom employed, and other major sources of income. The Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (Pub. L. 97–98) reiterates this requirement. Similar information will be required of research and promotion boards/committees/councils in addition to the supplemental commodity specific questions. The Secretary appoints board members under each program. Some of the information contained on form AD–755 is used by the Department to conduct background clearances of prospective board members required by departmental regulations. The clearance is required for all committee members who are appointed by the Secretary. The White House Liaison Office (WHLO) will collect information using form AD–755, "Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Board Membership Background Information".

Need and Use of the Information: The WHLO will collect information on the background of the nominees to make sure there are no delinquent loans to the United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA), as well as making sure they have no negative record that could be a negative reflection to the USDA. The information obtained from the form is used in the compilation of an annual report to Congress. Failure of the Department to provide this information would require the Secretary to terminate the pertinent committee or board.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 5,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 5,958.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Title: Suspension and Debarment and Drug-Free Workplace Certifications.

OMB Control Number: 0505–0027.

Summary Of Collection: Suspension and debarment is a discretionary or statutory administrative action taken by Federal agencies to protect the government by excluding person and entities that are not presently responsible from participating in Federal programs or activities. The information will be collected by USDA Federal financial assistance agencies as certifying information concerning applicant suitability in compliance with Federal Suspension and Debarment and Drug-Free Work Place regulations, as defined by 2 CFR parts 180, 417 and Public Law, 100–690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 8101 *et seq.*, 2 CFR parts 182 and 421.

Need And Use of the Information: The information will be collected using the following Forms: AD–1047, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters Primary Covered Transaction; AD–1048, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions; AD–1049, Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Grants) Alternative I—For Grantees Other than Individuals; AD–1050, Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Grants) Alternative II—For Grantees Who Are Individuals; AD–1052, Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace State and State Agencies, Federal Fiscal Year.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or household; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One time.

Total Burden Hours: 1.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2018–0086]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Importation of Tomatoes From Certain Central American Countries

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 the importation of tomatoes from Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before February 25, 2019.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0086>.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2018–0086, 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-2018-0086> 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 related to the importation of tomatoes from certain Central American countries, contact Ms. Claudia Ferguson, Senior Regulatory Policy Coordinator, Plant Protection and Quarantine, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; (301) 851–2352. For more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2483.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Importation of Tomatoes From Certain Central American Countries.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0286.

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 into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. As authorized by the PPA, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service regulates the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world as provided in the regulations in “Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–12, referred to below as the regulations).

In accordance with the regulations, tomatoes from Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama may be imported into the United States under certain conditions to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States. These conditions require the use of certain information collection activities including development and monitoring of an insect trapping and quality control plan; registration and recertification of production sites; production site and insect trap inspections and recordkeeping; export certifications; box labelling; notices of arrival to ports; responses to emergency action notifications; and permit applications. Also, each consignment of tomatoes must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the country's national plant protection organization (NPPO). Depending on the Mediterranean fly (Medfly) status of the region of origin, the certificate must contain an additional declaration stating that the tomatoes were either grown in an approved production site and the consignment has been inspected and found free of the pests listed in the requirements or grown in an area recognized to be free of Medfly and the consignment has been inspected and found free of the pests listed in the requirements. These information collection activities allow the importation of tomatoes from these countries while continuing to protect the United States against the introduction of plant pests.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years.