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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Interpretations of Statutory and Regulatory Provisions and Written Interpretations of FCIC Procedures.

OMB Number: 0563–0055.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2019.

Type of Request: Extension with a revision.

Abstract: FCIC is proposing to renew the currently approved information collection, OMB Number 0563–0055. It is currently up for renewal and extension for three years. The information collection requirements for this renewal package are necessary for FCIC to provide an interpretation of request for a Final Agency Determination and an FCIC interpretation. This data is used to administer the provisions of 7 CFR part 400, subpart X in accordance with the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend its approval of our use of this information collection activity for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning this information collection activity. These comments will help us:

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

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(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 8 hours per response.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Parties affected by the information collection requirements included in this Notice are any producer (including their legal counsel) with a valid crop insurance policy and approved insurance provider

(agents, loss adjusters, employees, contractors or legal counsel) with agreement with FCIC.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 30.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 30.

Estimated total annual burden hours on respondents: 240.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection information; (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, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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.

Martin R. Barbre,

Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2018–0034]

Availability of FSIS Guideline for Industry Response to Customer Complaints

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing the availability of and requesting comments on a guideline to assist the meat and poultry industry develop written programs for responding to consumer complaints about adulterated or misbranded meat and poultry products. FSIS developed this guideline in response to an increase in the number of recalls of meat and poultry products contaminated with foreign materials.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 10, 2019.

ADDRESSES: A downloadable version of the guideline is available to view and

print at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulatory-compliance/compliance-guides-index> once copies of the guideline have been published.

FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this guideline. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Room 6065, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

- *Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS–2018–0034. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202)720–5627 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roberta Wagner, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development; Telephone: (202) 205–0495.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) administers a regulatory program under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031 *et seq.*) to protect the health and welfare of consumers. The Agency is responsible for ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is announcing the availability of a guideline to assist all FSIS-regulated establishments that slaughter, or further process inspected meat and poultry products to develop and implement

procedures for responding to customer complaints of adulterated and misbranded meat and poultry products. FSIS developed this document in response to an increase in the number of recalls of meat and poultry products contaminated with foreign materials. In many cases, the recalling establishments had received multiple customer complaints before these recalls.

While FSIS specifically developed this document to address foreign material customer complaints, establishments can apply the information to other customer complaints of adulterated or misbranded products in commerce. FSIS encourages establishments that may receive customer complaints for adulterated or misbranded meat and poultry products to follow this guideline. This document does not present or describe any new regulatory requirements. This guideline represents current FSIS thinking, and FSIS will update it as necessary to reflect comments received and any additional information that becomes available.

Additional Public Notification

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Done in Washington, DC.

Carmen M. Rottenberg,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Review of USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service National Conservation Practice Standards

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) amended the Food Security Act of 1985, to require an expedited review of conservation practice standards, including engineering design specifications, that were in effect on December 19, 2018. NRCS will evaluate opportunities to increase flexibility in the conservation practice standards in a manner that ensures equivalent natural resource benefits. This notice announces that NRCS will be reviewing the national conservation practice standards in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices and is requesting comments from the public about how to

improve the conservation practice standards.

DATES: We will consider comments that we received by April 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include the volume, date, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit your comments by the following method:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal website:** go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for docket ID NRCS-2019-0003. Follow the online instruction for submitting comments electronically.

All written comments received will be publicly available on www.regulations.gov.

Electronic copies of the national conservation practice standards are available at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/technical/cp/nrcps/?cid=nrcs143_026849.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to this notice contact Bill Reck; phone: (202) 720-4485; or email: bill.reck@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NRCS provides technical assistance to clients through the conservation planning process. The planning process involves:

- (1) Determining client goals and resource concerns (conservation needs);
- (2) Developing treatment options;
- (3) Recording client decisions;
- (4) Implementing selected conservation treatment(s) through the application of conservation practices; and

- (5) Evaluating and adaptive management of the conservation treatment.

The conservation practice standards contain information on why and where the practice is to be applied and specifies the minimum technical criteria that must be met during the application of that practice in order for it to achieve its intended purposes. Conservation practices are designed to address the treatment of natural resource concerns. NRCS conservation practice standards are based on sound science and include scientifically accepted and demonstrated technologies. Conservation practices that have not been adequately demonstrated may be eligible for conservation innovation grants or may be implemented as interim conservation practices to gain needed field scale demonstration and establish and document natural resource benefits.

Section 2502 of the 2018 Farm Bill (Pub. L. 115-334) amends section