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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Submission for Review

**AGENCY:** U.S. Agency for International Development.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following new information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are requested concerning (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the sustaining USAID-funded programming beyond USAID funding; (2) the accuracy of USAID's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of 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 respondents.

**DATES:** All comments should be submitted within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the proposed information collection to Elena Walls, USAID, Bureau of Economic Growth, Education and Environment (E3)/Office of Education at [ewalls@usaid.gov](mailto:ewalls@usaid.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elena Walls, USAID, Bureau of Economic Growth, Education and Environment (E3)/Office of Education at [ewalls@usaid.gov](mailto:ewalls@usaid.gov) or 202-468-3810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Forms for reporting on contributions to USAID-funded education activities by host country governments, non-governmental entities and implementing partners.

**Analysis:** Data from these forms are required for measuring costs of USAID-funded education interventions. The results of the cost analysis will be used to inform scale and sustainability of USAID-funded interventions, for improving planning, budgeting and management of activities, and for reporting to Congress and other stakeholders.

**OMB Number:** N/A, new data collection.

**Agency Form No.:** 1420-17.

**Agency:** U.S. Agency for International Development.

**Federal Register:** This information was previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 18, 2019 allowing for a 60-day public comment period, under Document #2019-15228.

**Affected Public:** Organizations that are awarded USAID awards (contracts and cooperative agreements) to implement education activities.

**Number of Respondents:** 120.

**Frequency:** Once per year.

**Estimated number of hours:** 960 hours.

Dated: November 26, 2019.

**Benjamin Sylla,**

*Evidence Team Lead, Engagement, Policy and Planning Division, Office of Education, U.S. Agency for International Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2019-0074]

### Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Scrapie in Sheep and Goats; Interstate Movement Restrictions and Indemnity Program

**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 current regulations for the interstate movement of sheep and goats and an indemnity program to control the spread of scrapie. This notice is separate from any new rulemaking.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before February 3, 2020.

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

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2019-0074>.

- **Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:**

Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2019-0074, 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-2019-0074> 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 current domestic regulations to control the spread of scrapie, contact Dr. Diane Sutton, Assistant Director Ruminant Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-3509. For more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2483.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Scrapie in Sheep and Goats; Interstate Movement Restrictions and Indemnity Program.

**OMB Control Number:** 0579-0101.

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

**Abstract:** Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection

Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the dissemination within the United States of animal diseases and pests of livestock and to conduct programs to detect, control, and eradicate pests and diseases of livestock.

Scrapie is a progressive, degenerative, and eventually fatal disease affecting the nervous system of sheep and goats. Its control is complicated because the disease has an extremely long incubation period without clinical signs of disease and no known treatment.

APHIS regulations in 9 CFR part 79 restrict the interstate movement of certain sheep and goats to control the spread of scrapie, and 9 CFR part 54 contains regulations for an indemnity program, flock cleanup, testing, and a Scrapie Free Flock Certification Program (SFCP).

The scrapie disease control program information collection activities include cooperative agreements; grants; memoranda of understanding; APHIS forms for inspection and epidemiology data; applications to participate in the SFCP; flock plans; post-exposure management and monitoring plans; record suspect/dead animals; scrapie test records; applications for indemnity payments; certificates, permits, and owner statements for the interstate movement of certain sheep and goats; applications for premises identification numbers; applications for official APHIS identification; designated scrapie epidemiologist training; and other program-related activities.

In addition, APHIS is adding new information collection activities to the current domestic scrapie program that include State burden from interstate certificates of veterinary inspection, private laboratory approval requests, contributions of breed registry associations, epidemiology and identification compliance reporting, declination to respond, epidemiology training, and disposal cost information. As a consequence, we have adjusted the estimates of burden accordingly. In addition, the adjusted estimates also reflect increases in identification tag orders and the number of specimen submissions per laboratory to better represent our current activities.

The information collection activities above are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB control numbers 0579-0101 (Scrapie in Sheep and Goats; Interstate Movement Restrictions and Indemnity Program), and 0579-0469 (Scrapie in Sheep and Goats; Flock

Certification, Interstate Movement and Indemnity Revisions). After OMB approves this combined information collection package (0579-0101), APHIS will retire OMB control number 0579-0469.

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.

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 burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.66 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Flock owners; market owners, operators, or managers; dealers; slaughter plant owners, operators, or managers; feedlot owners, operators, or managers; tag manufacturers; managers of producer organizations; accredited veterinarians; and State animal health authorities.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 100,050.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 13.55.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 1,355,937.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 898,574 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 26th day of November 2019.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2018-0064]

#### Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact; Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Conservation Program

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that the United States Department of Agriculture and its sub-agency, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, have prepared an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact for a conservation program pursuant to the Endangered Species Act to benefit the southwestern willow flycatcher, a small, neotropical migrant bird found in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah. Based on our finding of no significant impact, we have determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kai Caraher, Biological Scientist, PHP, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 150, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 851-2345; [Kai.Caraher@usda.gov](mailto:Kai.Caraher@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Saltcedar, also known as tamarisk (*Tamarix* species), is an invasive plant widely established in riparian areas in the western United States. This non-native weed, which can take the form of a shrub or small tree, was introduced into the United States in the latter part of the 19th century. Although saltcedar is an invasive plant, native animals have adapted to its presence.

In 1986, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Agricultural Research Service (ARS) began research into the potential for biological control of saltcedar. From 1998 to 2000, ARS conducted open field release trials of tamarisk leaf beetles (*Diorhabda* species) to determine the conditions under which releases could succeed. These field trials took place after ARS consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to ensure