JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Hearings of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure


ACTION: Notice of cancellation of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The following public hearing on proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure has been canceled: Bankruptcy Rules Hearing on January 7, 2020, in Kansas City, MO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca A. Womeldorf, Rules Committee Secretary, Rules Committee Staff, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC 20544, telephone (202) 502–1820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Announcements for this hearing were previously published in 84 FR 42951.

Dated: December 9, 2019.

Rebecca A. Womeldorf, Rules Committee Secretary.

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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 (USAID).

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 information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested concerning (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for sustaining USAID-funded programming; (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 Ethel Brooks, USAID, Bureau of Economic Growth, Education and Environment (E3)/Office of Education at ebrooks@usaid.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ethel Brooks, USAID, Bureau of Economic Growth, Education and Environment (E3)/Office of Education at ebrooks@usaid.gov or 202–712–4226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Forms used to collect USAID Exchange Visitor Program management data, including Conditions of Sponsorship for U.S. Activities; Exchange Visitors Biographical Data; Dependent Certification; and Cost Repayment.

Analysis: Data from these forms are required to manage USAID’s Exchange Visitor Program.

In support of its development objectives, USAID sponsors U.S.-based education and capacity strengthening programs for host country nationals, referred to as the Exchange Visitor (EV) Program. Exchange Visitors travel to the United States under a J–1 visa.

The USAID Bureau of Economic Growth, Education, and Environment, Office of Education (E3/ED) manages the Agency’s J–1 visa designation and ensures the Agency’s compliance with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of State (DoS) regulations contained in 22 CFR 62.1–90. The Office of Education collects Exchange Visitor data from USAID’s overseas Missions and Contractors, and manages the Agency’s EV approval process. USAID relies on the data to fulfill a mandatory Agency function of providing the DHS, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the DoS with information about host country nationals who study in the U.S. under USAID sponsorship. The referenced bio data forms are used to collect such data. The forms include a section for collecting data about the individuals: (a) Suitability for USAID sponsorship; (b) agreed upon commitment to return to the home country and use their newly acquired skills to help solve local development problems; (c) agreement to reimburse program costs if they fail to comply with USAID’s and other U.S. Government Agencies Policy requirements; and (d) certification of dependents who accompany or visit EVs during their study in the U.S. USAID/Washington and Missions also use the data collected through these forms to monitor program performance and program completion, along with other management interventions. The main purpose is to enable the transfer of effective education and capacity interventions to host country governments while supporting U.S. national interests. The secondary purpose is to improve future planning and use of USAID resources. These objectives are aligned with Congressional requirements under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. They are also closely aligned with objectives of the Journey to Self-Reliance for countries where USAID operates.


Federal Register: This information was previously published in the Federal Register on September 4, 2019 allowing for a 60-day public comment period under Document #2019–19233.

Type of Request: Forms Renewal. Affected Public: Host country nationals whose study in the U.S. is funded by USAID.

Number of Respondents: 1.

One Responder submitted a comment for the public record. The comment was unrelated to collecting data, instead it was a concern that foreign students who are sponsored to study in the U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Food Safety and Inspection Service

Notice of Request for a New Information Collection: Small Meat Processor Study

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to create a new information collection to survey small and very small meat processing plants about a draft report concerning FSIS resources available to help them achieve and maintain regulatory compliance. This is a new information collection with an estimated burden of 375 hours.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 11, 2020.

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

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to 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.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS–2019–0025. 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.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Small Meat Processor Study.

OMB Control Number: 0583–XXXX.

Type of Request: Request for a new information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53), as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, et seq.). This statute mandates that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

Section 12107 of the 2018 Farm Bill states that the Secretary shall offer to enter into a contract with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (as those terms are defined in section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3101)) to review the effectiveness of existing FSIS guidance materials and other tools used by small and very small establishments, including: (1) The effectiveness of the outreach conducted by the Food Safety and Inspection Service to small and very small establishments; (2) the effectiveness of the guidance materials and other tools used by the Food Safety and Inspection Service to assist small and very small establishments; and (3) the responsiveness of Food Safety and Inspection Service personnel to inquiries and issues from small and very small establishments.

FSIS has entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the College of Agriculture at Oregon State University, to conduct this review for small and very small establishments. FSIS is requesting approval for a new information collection to survey small and very small meat processing plants about a draft report concerning FSIS resources available to help them achieve and maintain regulatory compliance. This is a new information collection with an estimated burden of 375 hours.

Oregon State will develop a draft report based on multiple data sources. This draft report will then be distributed to a wider audience of key stakeholders that are small plant operators. Oregon will ask those stakeholders to read the draft report and fill out a short survey to gather their feedback. The survey will be administered online and also in-person at three regional small plant stakeholder meetings being held in different locations in 2020.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

Estimate of burden: FSIS estimates that it will take respondents an average of 75 minutes per response.

Respondents: Official establishments.

Estimated total number of respondents: 300.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual burden on respondents: 375 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–3700; (202) 720–5627.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method and assumptions 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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20253.

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.