

of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et. seq.*) (amended Act) to require USDA to establish a national, mandatory standard for disclosing any food that is or may be bioengineered. In accordance with the amended Act, USDA published final regulations to implement the Standard on December 21, 2018 (83 FR 65814). The regulations became effective on February 19, 2019, with a mandatory compliance date of January 1, 2022.

Foods that do not contain detectable modified genetic material are not bioengineered foods and do not require disclosure under the Standard. Under the definition of *bioengineered food* at 7 CFR 66.1, food does not contain modified genetic material if the genetic material is not detectable pursuant to § 66.9. The recordkeeping requirements for detectability at 7 CFR 66.9 specify the standards of performance for detectability testing. Paragraph (c) of 7 CFR 66.9 requires that analytical testing meet the following standard: (1) Laboratory quality assurance must ensure the validity and reliability of test results; (2) analytical method selection, validation, and verification must ensure that the testing method used is appropriate (fit for purpose) and that the laboratory can successfully perform the testing; (3) the demonstration of testing validity must ensure consistent accurate analytical performance; and (4) method performance specifications must ensure analytical tests are sufficiently sensitive for the purposes of the detectability requirements of this part.

In the preamble to the final regulations, USDA indicated that it would provide instructions regarding acceptable testing methodology used to satisfy that a food does not contain detectable modified genetic material. A draft of those instructions is now available on the AMS bioengineered food disclosure website at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/be>. With this notice, AMS is seeking comments on these draft instructions.

USDA previously provided an opportunity to comment on draft instructions to validate a refining process. At this time, we are only seeking feedback on the instructions on testing methods referenced in this notice. Any comments not directly related to these draft instructions will not be considered.

After reviewing the comments on these draft instructions, AMS will publish final instructions on its website. The final instructions will be maintained and available on the AMS website. These final instructions pertain to the requirements of the existing regulations, which can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/>

documents/2018/12/21/2018-27283/national-bioengineered-food-disclosure-standard.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1639.

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Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 28, 2020.

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 required regarding: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 March 4, 2020 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.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs 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.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Application for Payment of Amounts Due Persons Who Have Died, Disappeared or Declared Incompetent.
OMB Control Number: 0560–0026.

Summary of Collection:
Representatives or survivors of persons who die, disappear, or are declared incompetent must be afforded a method of obtaining any payment intended for the person. 7 CFR 707 provides that form, FSA–325, be used as the form of application for person desiring to claim such payments. It is necessary to collect information recorded on FSA–325 in order to determine whether representatives or survivors of a person are entitled to receive payments earned by a person who dies, disappears, or is declared incompetent before receiving the payments due.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information using the FSA–325 form to determine if the survivors have rights to the existing payments or to the unpaid portions of the person's payments. Survivors must show proof of death, disappearance, or incompetency.

Description of Respondents:
Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (when necessary).

Total Burden Hours: 1,000.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2017–0069]

International Trade Data System: Timeline for Enforcing APHIS Core Message Set Flags in the Automated Commercial Environment

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is announcing full implementation of the APHIS Core Message Set in the Automated Commercial Environment/International Trade Data System (ACE/ITDS) for the electronic submission of data required by APHIS Animal Care, Biotechnology Regulatory Services,