In the food and agricultural sectors, especially in low-income and underdeveloped and agrarian-based countries, accelerating productivity growth is understood to be a central factor underpinning inclusive development, poverty reduction, and the structural transformation of economies—how underdeveloped and agrarian-based countries shift from subsistence agriculture to a commercially oriented economy with diverse agricultural, manufacturing, and service sectors. Recent evidence shows that growth in the agriculture sector is more effective at reducing poverty than growth in other sectors, especially in low-income countries where USAID works.

The Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD), an advisory committee to USAID, will convene a public meeting seeking to better understand the concept of structural transformation, how raising the total productivity of resources in agriculture stimulates this transformation, and how this in turn contributes to countries’ progression toward self-reliance. The meeting will hear from experts on some emerging success stories in agricultural and structural transformation, distill lessons and identify knowledge gaps from these experiences, and identify implications of this evidence for USAID’s priorities for development and social safety net programming investments for agriculture and food security.

On the basis of testimony, including public comments, shared at the meeting, BIFAD will provide formal findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Agency on best-bet operational and programmatic investments for catalyzing agricultural productivity and structural transformation.

BIFAD is a seven-member, presidentially appointed advisory board to USAID established in 1975 under Title XII of the Foreign Assistance Act, as amended. The provisions of Title XII concern bringing assets of U.S. universities to bear on development challenges in agriculture and food security, and the BIFAD’s role is to help carry out this function.

For questions about registration, please contact Susan Johnson at (202) 478–6023. For questions about BIFAD, please contact Clara Cohen, Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD in the Bureau for Food Security at USAID. Interested persons may write to her at ccohen@usaid.gov, or telephone her at (202) 712–0119.

Clara Cohen,
Designated Federal Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: 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 an extension of approval of an information collection associated with Federal recognition of a State’s plant pest containment, eradication, or exclusion program as a Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before April 7, 2020.

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


• Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2020–0003, 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-2020-0003 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...