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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
[Docket No. APHIS–2020–0064]

Addition of Papua New Guinea to the List of Regions Affected With African Swine Fever

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have added Papua New Guinea to the list of regions that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service considers to be affected with African swine fever (ASF). We have taken this action because of confirmation of ASF in Papua New Guinea.

DATES: Papua New Guinea was added to the APHIS list of regions considered affected with ASF on April 1, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Grabau, Regionalization Evaluation Services, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27606. Phone: (919) 855–7738; email: John.H.Grabau@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 9 CFR part 94 (referred to below as the regulations) govern the importation of specified animals and animal products to prevent introduction into the United States of various animal diseases, including African swine fever (ASF). ASF is a highly contagious animal disease of wild and domestic swine. It can spread rapidly in swine populations with extremely high rates of morbidity and mortality. A list of regions where ASF exists or is reasonably believed to exist is maintained on the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) website at https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/animal-health-status-of-regions/. This list is referenced in § 94.8(a)(2) of the regulations.

Section 94.8(a)(3) of the regulations states that APHIS will add a region to the list referenced in § 94.8(a)(2) upon determining ASF exists in the region, based on reports APHIS receives of outbreaks of the disease from veterinary officials of the exporting country, from the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), or from other sources the Administrator determines to be reliable, or upon determining that there is reason to believe the disease exists in the region. Section 94.8(a)(1) of the regulations specifies the criteria on which the Administrator bases the reason to believe ASF exists in a region. Section 94.8(b) prohibits importation of pork and pork products from regions listed in accordance with § 94.8 except if processed and treated in accordance with the provisions specified in that section or consigned to an APHIS-approved establishment for further processing. In 9 CFR 96.2, there are requirements for the importation of swine casings that originated in or were processed in a region where ASF exists, as listed under § 94.8(a).

On March 30, 2020, the veterinary authorities of Papua New Guinea reported to the OIE the occurrence of ASF in that country. This confirmation of the ASF outbreak supported APHIS’s action on April 1, 2020, adding Papua New Guinea to the list of regions where ASF exists or is reasonably believed to exist. This notice serves as an official record and public notification of that action.

As a result, pork and pork products from Papua New Guinea, including casings, are subject to APHIS import restrictions designed to mitigate the risk of ASF introduction into the United States.

Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C.801 et seq.), the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs designated this action as not a major rule, as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).


Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of September 2020.

Mark Davidson, Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Snohomish-South Mount Baker Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Snohomish-South Mount Baker Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a virtual meeting. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the Act. RAC information can be found at the following website: https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/mbs/workingtogether/advisorycommittees.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 5, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., Pacific Time.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held with virtual attendance only. For virtual meeting information, please contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Written comments may be submitted as described under Supplementary Information. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Supervisor’s Office. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Kipervaser, Designated Federal Officer,
by telephone at 425–783–6061 or via email at daniel.kipervaser@usda.gov.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Provide updates regarding status of Secure Rural Schools Title II program and funding;
2. Review project proposals submitted by the October 16, 2020 deadline; and
3. Recommend eligible projects and funding level.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by October 24, 2020, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time to make oral comments must be sent to Dan Kipervaser, Designated Federal Officer, 2930 Wetmore Ave., Suite 3A, Everett, Washington 98201; by email to daniel.kipervaser@usda.gov, or via facsimile to 425–783–0141.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation. For access to the facility or proceedings, please contact the person listed in the section titled FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Cikena Reid,
Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Revision to the Agricultural Labor Survey and Farm Labor Reports by Suspending Data Collection for October 2020

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of change to data collection and publication.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) not to collect data for the currently approved information collection, the Agricultural Labor Survey, and its associated publication originally planned for November 2020.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: Agricultural Labor Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0109.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2022.

Type of Request: To suspend a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition, and prices. The Agricultural Labor Survey provides quarterly statistics on the number of agricultural workers, hours worked, and wage rates. Number of workers and hours worked have been used to estimate agricultural productivity; wage rates have been used in the administration of the H–2A Program and for setting Adverse Effect Wage Rates. Survey data have also been used to carry out provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

USDA has determined the public can access other data sources for the data collected in the Agricultural Labor Survey. These sources include, but are not limited to, the Agricultural Resources Management Survey (ARMS), Census of Agriculture (COA), American Community Survey (ACS), Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), National Economic Accounts, and the National Agricultural Workers Survey (NAWS). Therefore, NASS will not be collecting data in October 2020, as originally planned. NASS will not publish the biannual Farm Labor report this November.

Authority: These data were collected under authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Estimate of Burden: There will be no further public reporting burden for this quarterly collection of information.


William Northey,
Under Secretary, Farm Production and Conservation USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[8–59–2020]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 26—Atlanta, Georgia Notification of Proposed Production Activity, OFS Fitel, LLC (Optical Fiber Products) Carrollton, Georgia

OFS Fitel, LLC (OFS Fitel) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Carrollton, Georgia. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on September 21, 2020.

The OFS Fitel facility is located within FTZ 26. The facility is used for the production of optical fiber products. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt OFS Fitel from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below, OFS Fitel would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to optical fibers and optical fiber cables, bundles and ribbon (duty rates are duty-free or 6.7%). OFS Fitel would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include: Color chips (high concentration of pigments and additives encapsulated by a polymer); UV curable ink (liquid prepolymer); epoxy; plastic jacketing compound; flame retardant plastic jacketing compound; acrylic plastic central members or rods; standard non-waterblock and waterblock aramid yarn; water block tape (nonwoven polyester); stainless steel wire; optical fibers; optical bundles; steel tape; and, jacketed plastic strength...