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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 8, 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 requested 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 January 11, 2021 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function

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.

### Rural Housing Service

*Title:* Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0575-0179.

*Summary of Collection:* The Housing and Community Facilities Program (HCFP), hereinafter referred to as the "Agency," is a credit agency for the Rural Housing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Agency offers supervised credit programs to build modest housing and essential community facilities in rural areas. This regulation prescribes the policy necessary to process Rural Housing loan guarantees to low- and moderate-income applicants. Section 517 (d) of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, provides the authority for the Secretary of Agriculture to issue loan guarantees for the acquisition of new or existing dwellings and related facilities to provide decent, safe, and sanitary living conditions and other structures in rural areas.

The purpose of the Single-Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program (SFHGLP) is to assist low and moderate-income individuals and families in acquiring or constructing a single-family residence in designated rural areas with loans originated and serviced by private lenders. Eligibility for this program includes very low, low, and moderate-income families or persons whose income does not exceed 115 percent of the median income for the area, as determined by the Secretary.

*Need and Use of the Information:* Information is collected from both a potential homebuyer and lender. To participate in the program, lenders must submit to standards which ensure the loan objectives of the SFHGLP are met. The lender submits qualifications to the Agency and enters into an agreement that outlines both the lender and Agency's commitments and responsibilities under the guaranteed program. Information from a homebuyer includes financial documents such as confirmation of household income, assets and liabilities, a credit record, evidence the homebuyer has adequate repayment ability for the loan amount requested and if the condition and location of the property meet program guidelines. All information collected is vital for the Agency to determine if

borrowers qualify for all assistance for which they are eligible.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,520.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Monthly; Quarterly; Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,327,476.

**Levi S. Harrell,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

[Docket No. FCIC-20-0009]

### Notice of Request for Renewal and Revision of the Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Renewal and Revision of the Currently Approved Information Collection.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces a public comment period on the information collection requests (ICRs) associated with the Standard Reinsurance Agreement and Appendices I, II and IV administered by Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC). Appendix III is excluded because it contains the Data Acceptance System requirements.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business February 9, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit comments on this information collection request. In your comments, include the date, volume, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**, and the title of rule. You may submit comments by any of the following methods, although FCIC prefers that you submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID FCIC-20-0009. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail:* David L. Miller, Director, Reinsurance Services Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 0801, Washington, DC 20250.

All comments received, including those received by mail, will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, and can be accessed by the public. All comments must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this rule. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information, see <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you are submitting comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal and want to attach a document, we ask that it be in a text-based format. If you want to attach a document that is a scanned Adobe PDF file, it must be scanned as text and not as an image, thus allowing FCIC to search and copy certain portions of your submissions. For questions regarding attaching a document that is a scanned Adobe PDF file, please contact the RMA Web Content Team at (816)823-4694 or by email at [rmaweb.content@rma.usda.gov](mailto:rmaweb.content@rma.usda.gov).

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received for any dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the complete User Notice and Privacy Notice for *Regulations.gov* at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David L. Miller, Director, Risk Management Agency, at the address listed above, telephone (202) 720-9830.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Standard Reinsurance Agreement; Appendices I, II and IV.

*OMB Number:* 0563-0069.

*Type of Request:* Renewal and Revision of current Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act), Title 7 U.S.C. Chapter 36, Section 1508(k), authorizes the FCIC to provide reinsurance to insurers approved by FCIC that insure producers of any agricultural commodity under one or more plans acceptable to FCIC. The Act also states that the reinsurance shall be provided on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine to be consistent with subsections (b) and (c) of this section and sound reinsurance principles.

FCIC executes the same form of reinsurance agreement, called the

Standard Reinsurance Agreement (SRA), with fourteen participating insurers approved for the 2021 reinsurance year. Appendix I of the SRA, Regulatory Duties and Responsibilities, sets forth the company's responsibilities as required by statute. Appendix I includes; a) Conflict of Interest data collection, which in addition to the insurance companies reinsured by FCIC, encompasses the insurance companies' employees and their contracted agents and loss adjusters; and b) Controlled Business data collection from all employed or contracted agents. Appendix II of the SRA, the Plan of Operations (Plan), sets forth the information the insurer is required to file with RMA for each reinsurance year they wish to participate. The Plan's information enables RMA to evaluate the insurer's financial and operational capability to deliver the crop insurance program in accordance with the Act. Estimated premiums by fund by state, and retained percentages along with current policyholders surplus are used in calculations to determine whether to approve the insurer's requested maximum reinsurable premium volume for the reinsurance year per 7 CFR 400 Subpart L. This information has a direct effect upon the insurer's amount of retained premium and associated liability and is required to calculate the insurer's underwriting gain or loss.

Appendix IV of the SRA, Quality Control and Program Integrity, establishes the minimum annual agent and loss adjuster training requirements, and quality control review procedures and performance standards required of the insurance companies. FCIC requires each insurer to submit, for each reinsurance year, a Quality Control Report to FCIC containing details of the results of their completed reviews. The insurance companies must also provide an annual Training and Performance Evaluation Report which details the evaluation of each agent and loss adjuster and reports of any remedial actions taken by the Company to correct any error or omission or ensure compliance with the SRA. The submission of these reports is included in Appendix II.

FCIC is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend the approval of this information collection for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning the continuation of the current information collection activity as associated with the SRA in effect for the 2021 and subsequent reinsurance years. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the current collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the current collection of information;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being 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.

The estimate below shows the burden that will be placed upon the following affected entities.

### Appendix I—Regulatory Duties and Responsibilities

#### *Conflict of Interest*

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden of employees, agents and loss adjusters for the Appendix I collection of Conflict of Interest information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Insurance company employees and their contracted agents and loss adjusters.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 22,000.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 22,000.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours):* 22,000.

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden of the insurance companies of the Appendix I collection of Conflict of Interest information is estimated to average 24 hours per response.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Insurance companies reinsured by FCIC.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 14.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 14.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours):* 336.

#### *Controlled Business*

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden of agents for the Appendix I collection of Controlled Business information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Insurance company agents.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 14,000.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 14,000.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours):* 14,000.

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden of the insurance companies for the Appendix I collection of Controlled Business information is estimated to average 24 hours per response.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Insurance companies reinsured by FCIC.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 14.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 14.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours):* 336.

#### **Appendix II—Plan of Operations**

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden of the insurance companies for the collection of Appendix II information is estimated to average 128 hours per response.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Insurance companies reinsured by FCIC.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 14.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 14.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours):* 1,792.

#### **Appendix IV—Quality Control and Program Integrity**

##### *Quality Control and Training Plan and Report*

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden of the insurance companies for the collection of Appendix IV information is estimated to average 74 hours per response.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Insurance companies reinsured by FCIC.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 14.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 14.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours):* 1,036.

##### *Agent Training Requirements*

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden of agents the Appendix IV training requirements is estimated to average 4 hours per response.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:*

Insurance company agents.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 14,000.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 14,000.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours):* 56,000.

##### *Loss Adjuster Training Requirements*

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden of loss adjusters for the Appendix IV training requirements is estimated to average 17 hours per response.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Insurance company loss adjusters.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 5,500.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 5,500.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours):* 93,500.

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.

**Martin R. Barbre,**

*Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Food Safety and Inspection Service**

**[Docket Number FSIS–2020–0033]**

#### **2021 Rate Changes for the Basetime, Overtime, Holiday, Laboratory Services, and Export Application Fees**

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing the 2021 rates it will charge meat and poultry establishments, egg products plants, and importers and exporters for providing voluntary, overtime, and holiday inspection and identification, certification, and laboratory services. Additionally, FSIS is announcing that there will be no changes to the fee FSIS assesses to exporters that choose to apply for export certificates electronically through the export component of the Agency's Public Health Information System.

The 2021 basetime, overtime, holiday, and laboratory services rates will be applied on January 3, 2021.

**DATES:** FSIS will charge the rates announced in this notice beginning January 3, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Michael Toner, Director, Budget Division, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2159, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–3700; Telephone: (202) 690–8398, Fax: (202) 690–4155.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On April 12, 2011, FSIS published a final rule amending its regulations to establish rule formulas for calculating the rates it charges meat and poultry establishments, egg products plants, and importers and exporters for providing voluntary, overtime, and holiday inspection and identification, certification, and laboratory services (76 FR 20220).

In the final rule, FSIS stated that it would use the formulas to calculate the annual rates, publish the rates in **Federal Register** notices prior to the start of each calendar year, and apply the rates on the first FSIS pay period at the beginning of the calendar year. This notice provides the 2021 rates, which will be applied starting on January 3, 2021.

##### **Public Health Information System Export Application Fee**

On June 29, 2016, FSIS published the final rule, “Electronic Export Application and Certification Charge; Flexibility in the Requirements for Export Inspection Marks, Devices, and Certificates; Egg Products Export Certification” (81 FR 42225). The preamble to the final rule explained that FSIS would implement an electronic export application and certification system available through the Agency's Public Health Information System (PHIS) export component.

The electronic export application and certification process provides service options to U.S. exporters, enabling them to electronically submit, track, and manage their export applications. To cover the costs of providing this service, the final rule established a formula-based fee for electronic export applications. The final rule stated that, on an annual basis, the Agency would update the fee and publish the new fee in the **Federal Register**.

On September 6, 2017, FSIS published a **Federal Register** notice, “Public Health Information System (PHIS) Export Component Country Implementation” (FR 82 42056). The