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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 3, 2021.

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 September 8, 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. 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.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Public Health Inspection System.

OMB Control Number: 0583–0153.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 et. seq.), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, et. seq.), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031). These statues mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS uses a Web-based system that supports FSIS inspection operations and facilitates industry members’ application for inspection, export, and import of meat, poultry, and egg products. Industry members use FSIS forms in the Public Health Information System (PHIS). Industry can submit some of these forms through a series of screens in PHIS; other forms are available in PHIS only as electronic forms. Paper forms will also be available to firms that do not wish to use PHIS. To submit information through PHIS, firms’ employees will need to register for a USDA eAuthentication account with Level 2 access. To not collect the information would inhibit ability of FSIS to ensure that meat, poultry, and egg products are wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 6,294.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 115,550.

Ruth Brown, Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2021–0011]

Addition of the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Senegal, and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria to the List of Regions Affected With Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we added the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Senegal, and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria to the list of regions that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service considers to be affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). These actions follow our imposition of HPAI-related restrictions on avian commodities originating from or transiting the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Senegal, and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, as a result of the confirmation of HPAI in the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Senegal, and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria.

DATES: The Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Senegal, and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria were added to the list of regions APHIS considers to be affected with HPAI, effective respectively on November 25, 2020; January 12, 2021; and February 10, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding HPAI in the Republic of Croatia, contact Dr. Michael T. Ray, Regionalization Evaluation Services, Strategy and Policy, APHIS Veterinary Services, 920 Main Campus Drive, Venture II, Raleigh, NC 27606; phone: (919) 855–7225; email: ASKRegionalization@usda.gov. For further information regarding HPAI in the Republic of Senegal or the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, contact Dr. John Grabau, Regionalization Evaluation Services, APHIS Veterinary Services, 920 Main Campus Drive, Venture II, Raleigh, NC 27606; phone: (919) 855–7738; email: ASKRegionalization@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 9 CFR part 94 (referred to
below as the regulations) govern the importation of certain animals and animal products into the United States to prevent the introduction of various animal diseases, including Newcastle disease and highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The regulations prohibit or restrict the importation of live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products from regions where these diseases are considered to exist.

Section 94.6 of the regulations contains requirements governing the importation into the United States of carcasses, meat, parts or products of carcasses, and eggs (other than hatching eggs) of poultry, game birds, or other birds from regions of the world where HPAI exists or is reasonably believed to exist. HPAI is an extremely infectious and potentially fatal form of avian influenza in birds and poultry that, once established, can spread rapidly from flock to flock. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) maintains a restrictions list of regions it considers affected with HPAI of any subtype on the APHIS website at https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/animal-health-status-of-regions.

APHIS receives notice of HPAI outbreaks from veterinary officials of the exporting country, from the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE),1 or from other sources the Administrator determines to be reliable.

On November 18, 2020, the veterinary authorities of the Republic of Croatia reported to the OIE an HPAI occurrence in that country. On November 25, 2020, after confirming that HPAI occurred in commercial birds or poultry, APHIS added the Republic of Croatia to the list of regions where HPAI exists. On that same date, APHIS issued an import alert notifying stakeholders that effective December 30, 2020, APHIS imposed restrictions on the importation of poultry, commercial birds, other types of birds (research, performing), ratites, any avian hatching eggs, unprocessed avian products and byproducts, and certain fresh poultry products from the Republic of Senegal to mitigate risk of HPAI introduction into the United States.

On February 8, 2021, the veterinary authorities of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria reported to the OIE an HPAI occurrence in that country. On February 10, 2021, after confirming that the HPAI occurred in commercial birds or poultry, APHIS added the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria to the list of regions where HPAI exists. On that same date, APHIS issued an import alert notifying stakeholders that effective January 26, 2021, APHIS imposed restrictions on the importation of poultry, commercial birds, other types of birds (research, performing), ratites, any avian hatching eggs, unprocessed avian products and byproducts, and certain fresh poultry products from the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria to mitigate risk of HPAI introduction into the United States.

With the publication of this notice, we are informing the public that we added: The Republic of Croatia to the list of regions APHIS considers affected with HPAI of any subtype, effective November 25, 2020; the Republic of Senegal to the list of regions APHIS considers affected with HPAI of any subtype, effective January 12, 2021; and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria to the list of regions APHIS considers affected with HPAI of any subtype, effective February 10, 2021. This notice serves as an official record and public notification of these actions.

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).


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