

regulatory action to foster more resilient supply chains, greater competition in the agricultural market, and/or more small or underserved business participation in the procurement process;

ix. Any additional comments concerning small or underserved businesses and halal, kosher, organic, or others relevant to the assessment of supply chain resilience.

AMS plans to hold a listening session open to the public so that interested parties can provide verbal as well as written input. A date and time will be provided.

AMS encourages respondents to structure their comments using the same text above as identifiers for the areas of inquiry to which they are responding. This will assist the AMS in more easily reviewing and summarizing the comments received in response to these specific areas. For example, a commenter submitting comments responsive to (i), "Government business practices that might inhibit or deter small or underserved businesses, as well as halal, kosher, and organic providers, from participating in the USDA commodity procurement program, *i.e.*, by producing and/or providing goods, services, and materials for CPP contracts" would use that same text as a heading in the public comment followed by the commenter's specific comments in this area. AMS encourages the use of an executive summary at the beginning of all comments and information to assist AMS in a more efficient review of the submitted documents.

Erin Morris,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2022-0054]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Case-Control Study on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Poultry

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 the case-control study on highly pathogenic avian influenza in U.S. commercial poultry flocks.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 27, 2022.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS-2022-0054 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2022-0054, 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 regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on this HPAI in poultry study, contact Dr. Alice Green, Veterinary Medical Officer, Center for Epidemiology and Animal Health, VS, APHIS, 2150 Centre Avenue, Building B, Fort Collins, CO 80526; (970) 494-7528. For more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851-2483.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Case-Control Study on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Poultry.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0483.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to protect the health of livestock, poultry, and aquaculture populations in the United States by preventing the introduction and interstate spread of serious diseases and pests of livestock, poultry, and aquaculture, and for eradicating such diseases within the United States when feasible. This authority has been delegated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is an infectious and fatal disease of poultry. Between February and June 2022, APHIS mobilized over 1,125 employees to respond to outbreaks of HPAI within the United States. As of the end of May 2022, nearly \$800 million in Federal expenditures has been authorized to support emergency response work in relation to HPAI, which affected over 40 million birds.

Avian influenza viruses vary in transmissibility and ability to cause disease symptoms. Evidence suggests that the predominance of infections in 2022 have been due to independent wild bird introductions. As the risk of a resurgence of new infections increases, it is critical to identify current risk factors to mitigate future outbreaks.

APHIS initiated an HPAI study in 2022 and will continue the study as needed to generate up-to-date information for determining current risk factors for infection with this environmentally hardy foreign animal disease pathogen. Current information on risk factors is critical for science-based updates to prevention and control recommendations.

The information collection activity associated with this study consists of a multi-question survey administered to commercial poultry producers.

APHIS requested and was granted emergency approval to use this information collection activity for 6 months. We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity for an additional 3 years in the event the study needs to be extended because of unanticipated outbreaks.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

Estimate of burden: The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.45 hours per response.

Respondents: State agricultural officials and poultry producers.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 270.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.289.

Estimated annual number of responses: 348.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 155 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of October 2022.

Anthony Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for a Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) intends to request a revision of a currently approved information collection for the Refined Sugar Re-Export Program, the Sugar-Containing Products Re-Export Program, and the Polyhydric Alcohol Program.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before December 27, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: FAS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at the site for submitting comments.

Email: William.Janis@usda.gov. Include OMB Number 0551-0015 in the subject line of the message.

Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: William Janis, International Economist, Multilateral Affairs Division, Trade Policy and Geographic Affairs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5550, Stop 1070, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-1070.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency names and OMB Control Number for this notice. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Janis at the address stated above, by telephone at (202) 720-2194 or by email at: FAS.Sugars@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Sugar Imported for Export as Refined Sugar or as Sugar-Containing Products or used in the Production of Certain Polyhydric Alcohols.

OMB Number: 0551-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2025.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: As provided in 7 CFR part 1530, the Refined Sugar Re-Export Program, the Sugar-Containing Products Re-Export Program, and the Polyhydric Alcohol Program Sugar Re-Export Program, collectively referred to as the “Sugar Re-Export Program,” permit entry of raw cane sugar, unrestricted by the quantitative limit established by the sugar tariff-rate quota, for re-export in refined form or in sugar containing products or for production of certain polyhydric alcohols. As many as 200 licensees are currently eligible to participate in these programs. In early 2023, the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) intends to launch a new data reporting system called Sugar Unified Certification Review, Oversight, Statistics, and Evaluation (SUCROSE) for the Sugar Re-Export Program, which will lead to a slight increase in reporting burden for licensees compared to the current Sugars Users Group Accounting and Reporting System (SUGARS).

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for each respondent resulting from information collection under the Sugar Re-Export Program varies in direct relation to the number and type of agreements entered into by such respondent. The estimated average reporting burden for the Sugar Re-Export Program is 0.50 hours per response. Under 7 CFR part 1530, the

information collected is used by the licensing authority to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for program activities. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper operations of these programs.

Respondents: Sugar refiners, manufacturers of sugar containing products, and producers of polyhydric alcohol.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 325.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 8.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 720 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Dacia Rogers, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at Dacia.Rogers@usda.gov.

Request for Comments: Send comments regarding (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information including validity of the methodology and assumption used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be available without change, including any personal information provided, for inspection online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and at the mail address listed above between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact FAS-ReasonableAccommodation@usda.gov or Felice Robinson (Senior Reasonable Accommodations Specialist), Felice.Robinson@usda.gov.

Brooke Jamison,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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