

effective management. Recent hurricanes affecting Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, including Irma and Maria (2017), Fiona (2022), and Ernesto (2024), underscore the frequency with which these types of disturbances can occur and their singular and compounding effects across multiple sectors and scales. For instance, in 2022, over 90 percent of Puerto Rico's commercial crops were lost to the effects and associated impacts of hurricane Fiona, just five years after damages from hurricanes Irma and Maria were reported to have destroyed 80 percent of the island's commercial crops (Rodríguez Serrano et al., 2024). Farms, forests, and the surrounding rural communities, which together comprise a large portion of the landscape in the U.S. Caribbean, have been particularly hard hit by hurricanes and other extreme weather events in recent years, resulting in widespread losses and damages that compromise commodity production, food security, and the provision and protection of ecosystem services (Álvarez et al., 2021, McGinley et al., 2022, Rodríguez Serrano et al., 2024). However, there remains limited information and understanding of hurricane preparedness, response, and recovery in these sectors and systems and the internal and external factors that help to explain related risks and response capacity. Therefore, this Information Collection Request seeks approval to continue to collect information on and extend knowledge of hurricane readiness, response, and recovery in agriculture, forestry, and rural communities in the U.S. Caribbean.

**Need and Use of the Information:** Information will be collected from a purposively selected, non-probability sample of individuals who own, lease, or otherwise actively manage agricultural and forest land in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands through a researcher-administered questionnaire. A non-probability, purposive sample is necessary for this research because a complete and accessible sampling frame of the populations of interest is not available. Available data on the agriculture and forest sectors in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands will be used by researchers to identify major production sectors (such as coffee, bananas/plantains, row crops, poultry, livestock, etc.), range in and average total landholding area held by farm and forest owners (for example, from Agriculture Census, Forest Inventory and Analysis), and other key criteria for selecting respondents. Researchers will

use farm and forest owner and operator databases maintained by USDA agencies, Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture and Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, and U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture, seeking representation across subregional geographies, production sectors, landholding size, and other key factors. Although data from a non-probability sample cannot be used to make statistical inferences or generalizations about the populations of interest, planned variation among participants is designed to capture a broad range of characteristics and perspectives approximating these populations.

**Description of Respondents:** Non-profit Organizations and Non-Federal Government entities.

**Number of Respondents:** 250.

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

**Total Burden Hours:** 146.

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*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2025–0538]

#### Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Communicable Diseases in Horses

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Revision to and 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 a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations for the interstate movement of horses that have tested positive for equine infectious anemia and for approving laboratories to test for equine infectious anemia.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before March 16, 2026.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Enter APHIS–2025–0538 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–2025–0538, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.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 the regulations for the interstate movement of horses that have tested positive for equine infectious anemia, contact Dr. Lisa Rochette, Director, Aquaculture, Swine, Equine, and Poultry, Strategy and Policy, VS, APHIS, 920 Campus Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606, Office No. 336; phone (919) 855–7276; email: [lisa.t.rochette@usda.gov](mailto:lisa.t.rochette@usda.gov). For more information on the information collection reporting process, contact Ms. Sheniqua Harris, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851–2528 or email at [APHIS.PRA@usda.gov](mailto:APHIS.PRA@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Communicable Diseases in Horses.

**OMB Control Number:** 0579–0127.

**Type of Request:** Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

**Abstract:** Under the authority of the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture regulates the importation and interstate movement of animals and animal products, and conducts various other activities to protect the health of U.S. livestock and poultry.

Equine infectious anemia (EIA) is an infectious and potentially fatal viral disease of equines. There is no vaccine or treatment for the disease. It is often difficult to differentiate from other fever-producing diseases, including anthrax, influenza, and equine encephalitis.

The regulations in 9 CFR part 75 govern the interstate movement of equines that have tested positive to an official test for EIA (EIA reactors). Regulations at 9 CFR part 71 provide for

the approval of laboratories, diagnostic facilities, and research facilities to test for EIA. Ensuring the testing of equines and the safe movement of equines testing positive for EIA requires the use of several information collection activities, including an EIA laboratory test form, supplemental investigation if a horse tests positive for EIA, agreements, requests for hearing, and written notification of withdrawal of approval.

APHIS regulations also require laboratories conducting an official EIA test to be approved by the APHIS Administrator in consultation with the appropriate State animal health officials. Approval of a laboratory requires the collection of information, such as the name of the director, location, facilities, appropriate resources, and training and proficiency of employees. This information helps APHIS determine a laboratory's capacity to conduct accurate and reliable testing and to meet the requirements in the regulations. In addition, a laboratory must enter an agreement with APHIS, provide monthly reports, and undergo regular inspections to receive and maintain approval.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years. APHIS has amended this information collection due to a decrease in the number of Respondents reporting; however, the number of Responses and Total Burden Hours reported for the collection have increased.

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 reporting burden for this collection of

information is estimated to average .080 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Producers, veterinarians, State veterinarians, and laboratory directors.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 235,015.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 5.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 1,156,816.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 92,770 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 8th day of January 2026.

**Michael Watson,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2025-0246]

#### Notice of Request To Renew an Approved Information Collection: Specified Risk Materials

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, FSIS is announcing its intention to renew an approved information collection regarding specified risk materials (SRMs) in cattle. The approval for this information collection will expire on April 30, 2026. FSIS is making no changes to the information collection.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 16, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this **Federal Register** notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to attach a file for lengthier comments. Go

to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- *Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 350-E, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

*Instructions:* All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2025-0246. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

*Docket:* For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 286-2255 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; 202-720-5046.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Specified Risk Materials.

*OMB Number:* 0583-0129.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of an approved information collection.

*Abstract:* FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53) as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*). This statute mandates that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled.

FSIS is requesting a renewal for the approved information collection regarding SRMs in cattle. The approval for this information collection will expire on April 30, 2026. FSIS is making no changes to the information collection.

FSIS requires official establishments that slaughter cattle or process carcasses or parts of cattle to develop written procedures for the removal, segregation, and disposition of SRMs. The Agency requires that these establishments maintain daily records to document the implementation and monitoring of their procedures for the removal, segregation, and disposition of SRMs, as well as any corrective actions that they take to ensure that the procedures are effective (9 CFR 310.22(e)).