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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2026–0728]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Importation of Live Swine (From Certain Regions), Pork, and Pork Products

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 importation of live swine (from certain regions), pork, and pork products free of classical swine fever, particularly from Brazil, Chile, and Mexico.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before September 14, 2026.

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

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2026–0728 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–2026–0728, 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 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 importation of live swine (from certain regions), pork, and pork products, contact Dr. Lindsay Chase, Staff Veterinary Medical Officer, VS, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705 or at (301) 851–3300; APIE@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 APHIS.PRA@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Importation of Live Swine (from Certain Regions), Pork, and Pork Products.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0230.

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

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the importation and interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the introduction into and dissemination within the United States of livestock diseases and pests. To carry out this mission, APHIS regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States. The regulations for the importation of animals and animal products are contained in 9 CFR parts 92 through 98.

Part 94 allows the importation, under certain conditions, of live swine, pork, and pork products from regions that are free of classical swine fever (CSF) to prevent the introduction of CSF into the United States. Three regions, in Brazil, Chile, and Mexico, are subject to additional restrictions in accordance with § 94.32. APHIS recognizes these regions as free of CSF but restricts importation of live swine, pork, and pork products from these regions because they either supplement their pork supplies by importing fresh (chilled or frozen) pork from CSF-affected regions, supplement their pork

supplies with pork from CSF-affected regions that is not processed in accordance with the requirements in part 94, share a common land border with CSF-affected regions, or import live swine from such regions under conditions less restrictive than would be acceptable for importation into the United States.

To ensure that the importation of live swine, pork, and pork products, particularly from Brazil, Chile, and Mexico, do not introduce CSF into the United States, the regulations include information collection activities such as certification for importation of pork or pork products; application of seal; location and reason for breaking seal and application of new seal; termination of agreement; request for approval of defrost facility; request hearing for denial or approval of defrost facility; application for import of small amounts of pork or pork products; cooperative service agreement; notification of Customs and Border Protection inspectors for pork from specific regions; recordkeeping requirements for certificates; certificates for meat processed in tubes; certification for importation of hams; agreement for processing procedures; identification procedures; recordkeeping for processing origin of hams; and program statements.

We are asking OMB to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years. APHIS has amended this information collection by decreasing the number of Respondents, Responses, and Total Burden Hours being reported.

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 1.0 hour per response.

Respondents: Full-time, salaried veterinary officers employed by the governments of Chile, Brazil, and Mexico, industry representatives, and U.S. importers.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 772.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 208.

Estimated annual number of responses: 160,388.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 160,391 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 9th day of July 2026.

Kelly Moore,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2026-0727]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; National Animal Health Reporting System and Handling Swine With Potential Vesicular Disease

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 (APHIS') intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with APHIS' National List of Reportable Animal Diseases National Animal Health Reporting System.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before September 14, 2026.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS-2026-0727 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-2026-0727, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information on the National Animal Health Reporting System, contact Dr. James Lee, Veterinary Medical Officer, Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health, VS, APHIS, 2150 Centre Ave, Building B MS 2E6, Fort Collins, CO 80526-8117; (774) 276-7787; james.o.lee@usda.gov. For more information about swine vesicular disease surveillance, contact Dr. Lydia Carpenter, Veterinary Medical Officer, Swine Health Commodity Team, Strategy and Policy, VS, APHIS, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250; (630) 204-7186; email at VS.SP.ASEP.Swine@usda.gov. For information about the information collection process, contact Ms. Sheniqua Harris, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851-2528 or email APHIS.PRA@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Animal Health Reporting System and Handling Swine with Potential Vesicular Disease.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0299.

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

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is authorized, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the importation and interstate movement of animals and other articles to prevent the introduction and interstate spread of

livestock diseases and to eradicate such diseases from the United States when feasible. In connection with this mission, APHIS operates the National Animal Health Reporting System (NAHRS), which collects, on a national basis, monthly data from State veterinarians on the presence or absence of diseases of interest to the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH).

As a member country of WOAH, the United States must submit reports to the WOAH on the status of certain diseases in specific livestock, poultry, and aquaculture species. Reportable diseases are diseases that have the potential for rapid spread, irrespective of national borders, that are of serious socioeconomic or public health consequence, and that are of major importance in the international trade of animals and animal products. The potential benefits to trade of accurate reporting on the health status of the U.S. commercial livestock, poultry, and aquaculture industries include expansion of those industries into new export markets and preservation of existing markets through increased confidence in quality and disease freedom. This data collection is unique in terms of the type, quantity, and frequency because no other entity is collecting and reporting data to the WOAH on the health status of U.S. livestock, poultry, and aquaculture.

Information collected from the States covers the monthly NAHRS 1 reports. The NAHRS 2 and NVSL 201 burden, which were added to the previous renewal of this collection and were used to report on emerging diseases and SARS-CoV-2 testing in animals, are no longer being used and have been removed from this collection (0579-0299).

VS' mission also includes preventing foreign animal disease outbreaks in the United States, and monitoring, controlling, and eliminating a disease outbreak should one occur. Any swine having vesicular lesions are suspects for foreign animal diseases (FADs), such as foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), until determined otherwise by VS through authorized testing at approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratories with oversight and confirmatory testing, if required, by the Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (FADDL). Several viral pathogens may cause vesicular lesions in swine, including FMD virus, swine vesicular disease virus, vesicular stomatitis virus, and Senecavalle A virus. Veterinarians are unable to differentiate the etiology of these gross lesions without diagnostic testing.