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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 23, 2016.

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 (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 April 28, 2016 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725—17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8958.

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.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Tomatoes from Certain Central American Countries.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0286.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (PPA) (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. Regulations authorized by the PPA concerning the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world contained in ''Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables'' (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–73). Under these regulations, pink or red tomatoes from Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama are subject to certain condition before entering the United States to prevent the introduction of plant pests in the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) requires that each shipment of tomatoes must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the National Plant Protection Organization and bearing the declaration, ''These tomatoes were grown in an area recognized to be free of Medfly and the shipment has been inspected and found free of the pest listed in the requirements.'' In addition to the phytosanitary certificate, production site and packinghouse records, production site registration, monitoring/auditing trapping program, trapping records, export certification, labeling of boxes, and recertification of production sites, APHIS uses these activities to prevent the introduction and dissemination of plant pests into the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 54.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,180.

Title: Location of Irradiation Treatment Facilities in the United States.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0383.

Summary of Collection: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for preventing plant diseases or insect pests from entering into the United States, preventing the spread of pests and noxious weeds not widely distributed into the United States, and eradicating those imported pests when eradication is feasible. The Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701—*et seq.*) authorizes USDA to carry out this mission. Under the Plant Protection Act, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is authorized, among other things, to regulate the importation of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests in the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will use the following information collection activities to provide generic criteria for irradiation treatment facilities in an effort to prevent the spread of plant pests and plant diseases in the United States: (1) Request for Initial Certification and Inspection of Facility; (2) Certification and Recertification of Facility; (3) Denial and Withdrawal of Certification; (4) Compliance Agreement (PPQ 519); (5) Irradiation Facilities Treating Imported Articles; Irradiation Treatment Framework Equivalency Work plan; (6) Irradiation Facilities Notification; (7) Records; (8) Facility to Maintain and Provide Updated Map Identifying Places Horticultural/Crops are Grown; (9) Facility Contingency Plan; (10) Letter of Concurrence or Non-Agreement; (11) Treatment Arrangements; (12) Pest Management Plan; and (13) Facility Map—Detailed Layout of Facility. If the information is not collected, APHIS would have no practical way of determining that any given commodity had actually been irradiated.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profits; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 28.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2016–0024]

Modernizing the Regulatory System for Biotechnology Products; Notice of Third Public Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the auspices of the National Science and Technology Council, USDA, along with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are holding the third public meeting related to the memorandum entitled, ''Modernizing the Regulatory System for Biotechnology Products,'' issued by the Executive Office of the President in July 2015. The purpose of the third public meeting is to illustrate current Federal roles and responsibilities regarding biotechnology products. The docket, FDA–2015–N–3403, established by FDA prior to the first public meeting, will continue to be used for this interagency effort.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 30, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. PDT.

To request accommodation of a disability, please immediately contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** to give USDA as much time as possible to process your request.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the University of California, Davis Conference Center, Davis, CA 95616.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about the meeting, contact Mr. Sidney W. Abel, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; (301) 851–3896. For questions about the memorandum entitled, ''Modernizing the Regulatory System for Biotechnology Products,'' or related activities described in that memorandum, contact the National Science and Technology Council: Emerging Technologies Interagency Policy Coordination Committee, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Eisenhower Executive Office Building, 1650 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20504; (202) 456–4444; online: *https://www.whitehouse.gov/webform/contact-emerging-technologies-interagency-policy-coordinating-committee-national-science-and.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under the auspices of the National Science and Technology Council, the Environmental Protection Agency, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (collectively referred to as ''we'' in this **Federal Register** document), held a public meeting on October 30, 2015, to discuss the Executive Office of the President (EOP) memorandum entitled, ''Modernizing the Regulatory System for Biotechnology Products,'' that was issued in July 2015. The purpose of the October 2015 meeting was to inform the public about the activities described in the July 2015 memorandum, invite oral comments from interested parties, and provide information about how to submit written comments, data, or other information to the docket. The October meeting was the first of three public engagement sessions on this topic.

A second public meeting was held on March 9, 2016, in Dallas, TX. Transcripts and materials from this meeting can be found in the docket [FDA–2015–N–3403] on *www.regulations.gov.*

On February 1, 2016, we announced the date and location for the third public engagement session: *https://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/modernizing-framework.*

The third public meeting will be held on March 30, 2016, at the University of California's Davis Conference Center in Davis, CA.

There are two draft documents available that will be the basis for discussion at the March 30 meeting: A document with eight case studies of hypothetical biotechnology products, and a table of oversight authorities related to biotechnology products. These documents can be found in the docket [FDA–2015–N–3403] on *www.regulations.gov* and on the USDA Web site at *https://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/modernizing-framework,* along with the final meeting agenda as soon as it is available.

II. How can I participate in the March 30th meeting?

There will be several opportunities for questions and answers to clarify the information presented during the case studies. The agenda for this meeting provides time for general public comments from those attending the meeting in person. Those planning to provide comment are asked to indicate their desire to comment when they register on USDA's Web site prior to the public meeting. Public comments made at this meeting will be submitted to the docket as part of the official meeting transcript.

To participate in person or view the webinar, please register in advance online at *https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=1824027*. Those registered will receive detailed instructions with their confirmations that explain how to access the meeting via webinar or in person.

III. Meeting Materials, Transcripts and Recorded Video

Any additional information and data submitted voluntarily to us will become part of the administrative record for this activity and will be accessible to the public in the docket [FDA–2015–N–3403] on *www.regulations.gov.* The transcript of the proceedings from the public meeting will become part of the administrative record for this activity and will also be included and accessible in the docket as soon they are available. Additionally, we will live webcast and record the public meeting. Once the recorded video is available, it will be accessible on USDA's YouTube channel.

Transcripts and meeting materials may also be viewed in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 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.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of March 2016.

Michael C. Gregoire,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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