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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-091-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Approved information collection extension; 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 a currently approved information collection in support of the exportation of animals and animal products.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 10, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 96-091-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 96-091-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information regarding the import health requirements of other countries for

animals and animal products exported from the United States, contact Dr. Andrea Morgan, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-8068; or e-mail: amorgan@aphis.usda.gov. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Groves, APHIS' Support Services Specialist, at (301) 734-5086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: United States Origin Health Certificate.

OMB Number: 0579-0020.

Expiration Date of Approval: 6/30/97.

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

Abstract: The export of agricultural commodities, including animals and animal products, is a major business in the United States and contributes to a favorable balance of trade. As part of its mission to facilitate the export of U.S. animals and products, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS), maintains information regarding the import health requirements of other countries for animals and animal products exported from the United States.

Most countries require a certification that our animals are disease free. This certification generally must carry the USDA seal and be endorsed by an authorized veterinarian. VS Form 17-140, United States Origin Health Certificate, is generally used to meet these requirements. The requirements concerning origin health certificates for animals intended for export from the United States are contained in 9 CFR part 91. These regulations are authorized by 21 U.S.C. 112.

We are seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to continue the use of this form.

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

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed 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: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .5002 hours per response.

Respondents: State and Federal veterinarians, accredited veterinarians.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,800.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 15.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 21,009 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection.

Done in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of January 1997.

A. Strating,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Food and Consumer Service

Summer Food Service Program for Children; Program Reimbursement for 1997

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in the Summer Food Service Program for Children (SFSP). These adjustments reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index and are required by the statute governing the Program. In addition, this year's operating rates are lower as a result of amendments made by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert M. Eadie, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305-2620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This action is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.559 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials, (7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, and final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983).

Definitions

The terms used in this Notice shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the regulations governing the Summer Food Service Program for Children (7 CFR Part 225).

Background

Pursuant to section 13 of the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 U.S.C. 1761) and the regulations governing the SFSP (7 CFR Part 225), notice is hereby given of adjustments in Program payments for meals served to children participating in the SFSP during the 1997 Program. Adjustments are based on changes in the food away from home series of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers for the period November 1995 through November 1996.

The operating rates being adjusted in this notice are lower than those which were in effect during the 1996 Program. This is due to the enactment of Public Law 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, on August 22, 1996. Section 706(b) of this statute amended section 13(b) of the NSLA to set new maximum SFSP operating rates and to require the rates to be adjusted down to the nearest whole cent. This resulted in the lowering of the rates from \$2.1675 to \$1.97 for lunches and suppers, from \$1.2075 to \$1.13 for breakfasts, and from \$.5700 to \$.4600 for supplements. Finally, after adjusting

these rates by 3 percent (to reflect an increase in the CPI for food away from home, from 150.2 in November 1995 to 154.7 in November 1996), the resulting operating rates were rounded down to the nearest whole cent, as opposed to the nearest quarter cent, as was previously the case.

The new 1997 reimbursement rates in dollars are as follows:

MAXIMUM PER MEAL REIMBURSEMENT RATES

Operating Costs	
Breakfast	\$1.16
Lunch or Supper	2.02
Supplement47
Administrative Costs	
a. For meals served at rural or self-preparation sites:	
Breakfast115
Lunch or Supper2125
Supplement0575
b. For meals served at other types of sites:	
Breakfast09
Lunch or Supper175
Supplement045

The total amount of payments to State agencies for disbursement to Program sponsors will be based upon these Program reimbursement rates and the number of meals of each type served.

The Department points out that Public Law 104-193 established new maximum operating rates for all SFSP sponsors but did not change the base administrative rates or the rounding method for those rates. The administrative rates being adjusted in this notice are the rates which were in effect during 1996. In addition, the SFSP administrative reimbursement rates continue to be adjusted to the nearest quarter-cent as has previously been the case.

Authority: Secs. 9, 13 and 14, National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1758, 1761 and 1762a).

Dated: December 30, 1996.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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Forest Service

Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting; Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on January 22 and 23, 1997, in Woodland, Washington, at the Oak Tree Restaurant, near Exit No. 21 on Interstate 5. The purpose of the meeting is to update and finalize subcommittee tasks from previous meetings, provide information on previous meeting topics, and review and prioritize the 1997 Watershed Restoration Program. On January 22, the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. On January 23, the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: January 22: (1) Subcommittee recommendations on Advisory Committee work priorities and field trips, (2) Response and discussion of November's topic on "What the Forest Looks Like," (3) Presentations on Partnerships and Special Forest Products, (4) Executive Committee response to Advisory Committee vision and role statements, (5) Subcommittee update on socioeconomic health measures, and (6) Public Open Forum. January 23: (1) Review and prioritize watershed restoration projects for 1997 and (2) Public open forum. All Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled as part of agenda item (6) for this meeting. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Sue Lampe, Public Affairs, at (360) 750-5091, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 6926 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., P.O. Box 8944, Vancouver, WA 98668-8944.

Dated: January 2, 1997.

Tom Knappenberger,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service; Notice of Intent To Extend and Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.