

ADDRESSES OF THE QUALIFIED STATE BEEF COUNCILS—Continued

Inquiries and general business	Remit assessments and accompanying reports to—
North Dakota Beef Commission, 4023 North State Street, Bismarck, ND 58501.	Remit Reports To: NC Cattlemen's Beef Council, 2228 North Main Street, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526.
Ohio Beef Council, 10600 U.S. Route 42, Marysville, OH 43040	North Dakota Beef Commission, 4023 North State Street, Bismarck, ND 58501.
Oklahoma Beef Industry Council, 5101 North Classen, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.	Ohio Beef Council, 10600 U.S. Route 42, Marysville, OH 43040.
Oregon Beef Council, 1200 Naito Parkway, Suite 290, Portland, OR 97209-2829.	Oklahoma Beef Industry Council, P.O. Box 850027, Oklahoma City, OK 73185-0027.
Pennsylvania Beef Council, 1500 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown, PA 17057.	Oregon Beef Council, 1200 Naito Parkway, Suite 290, Portland, OR 97209-2829.
South Carolina Beef Board, P.O. Box 11280, Columbia, SC 29201	Pennsylvania Beef Council, 1500 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown, PA 17057.
South Dakota Beef Industry Council 106 West Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501.	South Carolina Beef Board, P.O. Box 11280, Columbia, SC 29211.
Tennessee Beef Industry Council, 128 Holiday Court, Suite 113, Franklin, TN 37064.	South Dakota Beef Industry Council, c/o American State Bank, P.O. Box 912, Pierre, SD 57501.
Texas Beef Council, 8708 Rural Route 620, Austin, TX 78726	Tennessee Beef Industry Council, c/o First Tennessee Bank, P.O. Box 305172, Department 25, Nashville, TN 37230-9869.
Utah Beef Council, 150 S. 6th E., Suite 10B, Salt Lake City, UT 84102	Texas Beef Council, P.O. Box 140766, Austin, TX 78714-0766.
Vermont Beef Industry Council, P.O. Box 2029 (05449), 52 Middle Road, Colchester, VT 05446.	Utah Beef Council, 150 S. 6th E., Suite 10B, Salt Lake City, UT 84102.
Virginia Cattle Industry Board, P.O. Box 176, U.S. Route 220, Daleville, VA 24083-0176.	Vermont Beef Industry Council, Vermont National Bank, P.O. Box 180, Woodstock, VT 05091.
Washington State Beef Commission, Denny Building, Suite 105, 2200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121.	Virginia Cattle Industry Board, P.O. Box 176, U.S. Route 220, Daleville, VA 24083-0176.
West Virginia Beef Industry Council, P.O. Box 668, 40 Chancery Street, Buckhannon, WV 26201.	Washington State Beef Commission, Denny Building, Suite 105, 2200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121.
Wisconsin Beef Council, 630 Grand Canyon Drive, Madison, WI 53719	West Virginia Beef Industry Council, P.O. Box 668, 40 Chancery Street, Buckhannon, WV 26201.
Wyoming Beef Council, P.O. Box 1243, 113 East 20th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82003.	Wisconsin Beef Council, P.O. Box 86, Columbus, WI 53925-0086.
	Wyoming Beef Council, P.O. Box 1243, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2901 *et seq.*

Dated: September 19, 1997.

Barry L. Carpenter,

Director, Livestock and Seed Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-046-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

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 in support of regulations that prevent plant diseases and pests from spreading from infested areas of the United States to noninfested areas.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 24, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 97-046-1, 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 97-046-1. 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 CONTACT: For information regarding domestic regulations, contact Ms. Coanne E. O'Hern, Operations Officer, Domestic and Emergency Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 131, Riverdale, MD 20737-1237, (301) 734-8247. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Groves, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Domestic Quarantine Notices.

OMB Number: 0579-0088.

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

Abstract: The United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for preventing the spread of plant diseases and pests within the United States. Implementing this mission often requires the use of domestic quarantines and regulations, which in turn require us to collect information from a variety of individuals who are involved in growing, packing, handling, and transporting plants, fruits, vegetables, roots, bulbs, seeds, and other plant products.

The information we collect is vital to helping us ensure that plant diseases and pests are not spread from infested areas to noninfested areas of the United States.

For example, we issue permits to authorize the interstate movement of regulated articles to specified destinations for processing, treatment, or utilization. The person wishing to move these articles, however, must first complete a permit application.

We consider the permit application extremely important, since this process helps us ensure that regulated articles are moved to a specified destination for appropriate handling. In this way, the

movement of items that harbor potentially harmful plant diseases and pests can be controlled and monitored.

Another means we employ to control and monitor the movement of these potentially harmful items is to require shippers to mark each container, waybill, manifest, or bill of lading with certain information, such as the nature and quantity of the contents, name and address of the shipper/owner/forwarder, name of consignee, shipper's identifying mark and number, and the serial number of the certificate or limited permit authorizing the movement.

These and other information gathering tools are critical to our mission of protecting the United States from plant diseases and pests which, if allowed to spread, could cause millions of dollars in damage to U.S. agriculture.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the continued use of these information collection activities.

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: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .09838 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. growers, shippers, and exporters; State and county plant health protection authorities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 174,072.

Estimated Numbers of Responses per Respondent: 5.775.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 1,005,331.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 98,910 hours. (Due to rounding, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual

number of responses multiplied by the average 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 22nd day of September 1997.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-098-1]

In Vitro Testing of Veterinary Biologics; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is hosting a public meeting to discuss the implementation of guidelines for the in vitro testing of veterinary biologics.

PLACE, DATE, AND TIME OF MEETING: The meeting will be held in the main auditorium of the National Animal Disease Center, 2300 Dayton Road, Ames, IA. The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Thursday, October 16, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jeanette Greenberg, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Licensing and Policy Development, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 148, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; telephone (301) 734-8400; fax (301) 734-8910; or E-mail: jgreenberg@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a final rule published on April 18, 1997 (62 FR 19033-19039, Docket No. 94-051-3), we amended our regulations in 9 CFR part 113 to provide for the use of in vitro potency tests when conducting immunoassays to determine the relative antigen content (potency) of a serial of inactivated veterinary biological product once immunogenicity is established using host animal tests. The amended regulations provide that such tests are to be conducted using unexpired immunogenic reference preparations and parallel line assay or another method that is at least equivalent to the parallel line assay in terms of its linearity, specificity, and reproducibility.

The purpose of the public meeting announced in this notice is to present and discuss draft guidelines pertaining to the qualification and requalification of reference preparations used in in vitro immunoassays affected by the change in the regulations.

The meeting on October 16, 1997, will begin at 8 a.m. and end at noon; however, the meeting may end earlier if all persons desiring to speak have been heard. No advance registration is necessary to attend this meeting.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of September 1997.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-090-1]

User Fees; Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection Services

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice pertains to user fees charged for agricultural quarantine and inspection services we provide in connection with commercial vessels, commercial trucks, commercial railroad cars, commercial aircraft, and international airline passengers arriving at ports in the Customs territory of the United States. The purpose of this notice is to remind the public of the user fees for fiscal year 1998 (October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning program Operations, contact Mr. Jim Smith, Operations Officer, Program Support, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 60, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-8295.

For information concerning rate development, contact Ms. Donna Ford, User Fees Section Head, FSSB, BAD, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 54, Riverdale, MD 20737-1232, (301) 734-8351.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in 7 CFR 354.3 (referred to below as the "regulations") contain provisions for the collection of user fees for agricultural quarantine and inspection (AQI) services provided by