

Purpose: The purpose of this information collection is to assure that American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) grant recipients are permitted to obtain advances or reimbursements for expenditures that are authorized by the grant agreement. The information is used by (a) ASHA to monitor grant implementation relative to financial matters, (b) the office of Financial Management (FM) to track disbursements and expenditures, and (c) the Department of the Treasury to effect payments.

Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 70.
Total annual response: 400.
Total annual hours requested: 17,866 hours.

Dated: July 13, 2001.

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*Chief, Information and Records Division,
 Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for
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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to OMB for Review

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has submitted the following information collection to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for USAID, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection and supporting documents may be obtained by calling (202) 712-1365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412-0543.
Form Number: AID 1558-1 and AID 1558-1A.

Title: Financial Status Report (Form 268 and 269 Worksheet).

Type of Submission: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: The purpose of this information collection is to assure that ASHA grant recipients are accountable for expenditures incurred under the grant agreement for only those items authorized by the agreement. The information is used by ASHA to monitor the expenditures under each authorized

line item and calculate the monetary gain or loss realized during the life of the grant.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 70.

Total annual response: 400.

Total annual hours requested: 50,296 hours.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412-0554.

Form Number: None.

Title: Training Results and Information Network (TraiNet).

Type of Submission: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: The purpose of this information collection is to enable the planning and reporting of information on all USAID training activities, including in-country training. Data collected by USAID and/or its partners via TraiNet includes measures of results and performance monitoring, training participant and program identification, and costs and cost-sharing.

Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 374.

Total annual responses: 15,720.

Total annual hours requested: 2,620 hours.

Dated: July 19, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-085-6]

Aquaculture; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: We are issuing this notice to inform the aquaculture industries, interested parties, and the general public that three public meetings will be held to discuss how and to what extent the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service should regulate aquatic species and to discuss any other issues concerning possible regulation of aquaculture by the Agency.

DATES: The public meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2001, from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; on Tuesday, October 9, 2001, from 9 a.m. to noon; and on Wednesday, October 10, 2001, from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting on September 19, 2001, will be held in the Harbor Room of the Silverdale Hotel on the Bay, 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Road, Silverdale, WA, in conjunction with the joint meeting of the Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association and the National Shellfish Association/Pacific Coast Section Conference.

The public meeting on October 9, 2001, will be held in the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex Building, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA, in conjunction with the fall meeting of the Pennsylvania Aquaculture Advisory Committee and the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Aquaculture Association.

The public meeting on October 10, 2001, will be held in the Main Building Meeting Room of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum, 1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS, in conjunction with the annual Board meeting of the Catfish Farmers of America.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about APHIS public meetings, contact Dr. Otis Miller, Jr., National Aquaculture Coordinator, Center for Planning, Certification, and

Monitoring, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 46, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231, (301) 734–6188.

For information regarding the joint meeting of the Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association and the National Shellfish Association/Pacific Coast Section Conference, call Mr. Bill Dewey, Public Affairs and Project Manager for Taylor Shellfish Company, Inc., (360) 887–2699.

For information regarding the joint meeting of the Pennsylvania Aquaculture Advisory Committee and the Pennsylvania Aquaculture Association, call Mr. Leo Dunn, Pennsylvania Aquaculture Coordinator, (717) 783–8462.

For information regarding the annual meeting of the Catfish Farmers of America, call Mr. Hugh Warren, Executive Vice-President, Catfish Farmers of America, (662) 887–2699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 4, 1999, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) titled “Aquaculture: Farm-Raised Fin Fish” in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 23795–23796, Docket No. 98–085–1). We published this ANPR after receiving petitions¹ asking us to regulate aquaculture in various ways. Many petitioners asked us to define farmed aquatic animals as livestock. In general, the petitioners seemed to be interested in receiving the same services that domestic producers of livestock receive for animals moving in interstate and foreign commerce. However, based on the petitions alone, it was difficult for us to determine what segments of the industry want services and exactly what services they want. It was also difficult to determine the objectives sought by the petitioners who were requesting Federal regulation. We published the ANPR in an attempt to clarify the industry’s needs, the nature of the services sought, and the concerns the petitioners had with regard to such regulations.

We received 55 comments² in response to the ANPR. A majority of the

commenters supported the idea of APHIS regulation of cultured fin fish. Unfortunately, the commenters generally did not clearly distinguish between fin fish raised for food and ornamental fin fish. Commenters who wanted regulation were, however, very clear that they want programs to prevent and control disease and to support increased commerce, both domestic and export.

The commenters also suggested that any rulemaking initiated by APHIS be a negotiated rulemaking. In negotiated rulemaking, industry representatives and other interested persons meet with APHIS officials and draft proposed regulations together. The proposed regulations are then published for public comment. Negotiated rulemaking is designed to ensure that all interested persons are involved together from the start in the development of regulations.

Unfortunately, negotiated rulemaking is not suitable for all situations. It works well when there is a small number of interested parties and the parties are easy to identify. This is not the case with aquaculture. Because the aquaculture industry is large and diverse, we would have difficulty identifying everyone who should be represented in a negotiated rulemaking. In addition, many parties outside aquaculture would have a substantial interest in such a rulemaking. In our view, the number of people who would need to participate in a negotiated rulemaking would be too large and would suggest that negotiated rulemaking is not appropriate. Furthermore, a negotiated rulemaking would be expensive, and APHIS does not have adequate funds. Therefore, we have concluded that it would not be appropriate to pursue an aquaculture negotiated rulemaking.

However, we have not decided whether to pursue aquaculture rulemaking by other means. Before we make that decision, we want to have as much information as possible from all interested persons, and we want to provide you with as much opportunity as possible to discuss with us and inform us regarding the relevant issues.

Therefore, we are holding a series of public meetings. Public meetings allow all interested parties—industry representatives, producers, consumers, and others—to present their views and to exchange information among themselves and with APHIS.

There are no set agendas for the meetings. Any issues and concerns

related to aquaculture and possible APHIS regulatory action can be discussed. However, we would like more information on three specific issues. These are issues that the people and organizations who commented on our ANPR either did not address or were unclear about. Specifically, if APHIS does propose regulations: (1) Should our program be mandatory or voluntary; (2) should we cover shell fish; and (3) should we cover ornamental fin fish?

Information elicited at the meetings could result in a new APHIS regulatory program or in changes to aquaculture-related services currently provided by APHIS.

We have scheduled public meetings on Wednesday, September 19, 2001, in Silverdale, WA; on Tuesday, October 9, 2001, in Harrisburg, PA; and on Wednesday, October 10, 2001, in Jackson, MS.

If you wish to speak at any of the meetings, please register in advance by calling the Regulatory Analysis and Development voice mail at (301) 734–4339. Leave a message with your name, telephone number, organization, if any, the date(s) and location(s) of the meeting(s) you will be attending, and an estimate of the time you need to speak. On the day of each meeting, you may also register to speak during the specified registration time scheduled before each meeting begins.

On-site registration for each meeting will take place outside the meeting rooms one half hour before the meetings begin. The scheduled dates and times for each meeting are listed under **DATES**. We may end a meeting early if all the registered speakers have had a chance to speak and if no one else wants to speak. We may also extend a meeting or limit the time allowed for each speaker, if necessary, so all interested persons have an opportunity to participate.

An APHIS representative will preside at all of the meetings. The meetings will be recorded. We encourage speakers to present written statements, though it is not required. If you choose to present a written statement, please provide the chairperson with a copy. The complete record of each meeting, including the transcript and all written comments, will be available to the public.

These meetings are part of a series of public meetings. The first public meeting was held on January 25, 2001, in Lake Buena Vista, FL. The second public meeting was held on February 16, 2001, in Hebron, KY. The third public meeting was held on April 5, 2001, in Machias, ME, and the fourth public meeting was held on June 8, 2001, in Twin Falls, ID. Shortly, we

¹ All the petitions and comments we received are a part of the rulemaking record for Docket No. 98–085–1. You may read the petitions and comments in our reading room. The reading room 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) 690–2817 before coming.

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plan to announce an additional public meeting in Arkansas, which is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2001. We will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the date, time, and location of this meeting.

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of July 2001.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-061-1]

International Plant Protection Convention Standard on the Plant Pest Risks Associated With Living Modified Organisms; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice of a public meeting to solicit comments on the development of an international standard concerning the plant pest risks associated with living modified organisms.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on August 23, 2001, from 10 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD, in Training Rooms 1 and 2.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Cathleen Enright, Director, Biotechnology Issues, PIM, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 140, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-5342. For further information on APHIS' participation in international standard-setting activities, contact Mr. Nancy Klag, Manager, International Standards Management, PIM, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 Riverdale Road Unit 140, River, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-8469.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is recognized as the standard-setting body for international plant pest issues by the World Trade Organization. In April 2001, the IPPC's Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM) recommended that an international standard be completed by April 2004 to address the plant pest risks associated with living modified

organisms (LMOs). At that time, the ICPM established an expert working group to develop detailed specifications for an LMO standard. The expert working group is expected to meet September 10-14, 2001.

The decision to develop an international standard was the result of requests from IPPC member countries for guidance from the IPPC on evaluating LMOs as plant pests, and the subsequent recommendations made in June 2000 by a meeting of an IPPC working group charged with considering this issue. The need for a standard was further discussed at a public meeting held by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) on March 8, 2001 (see 66 FR 10874, Docket No. 01-012-1, published February 20, 2001). The transcript of the March 8 meeting is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/pim/standards/lmos.pdf>.

The April 2001 meeting of the ICPM also produced terms of reference for the expert working group to use in developing detailed specifications for a standard on the plant pest risks associated with LMOs. The expert working group will develop a detailed standard specification for consideration at the ICPM4 meeting, to be held March 2002, that:

1. Identifies the plant pest risks associated with LMOs/products of modern biotechnology;
2. Identifies elements relevant to the assessment of these plant pest risks;
3. Considers existing international regulatory frameworks and guidelines;
4. Identifies areas within pest risk analysis standards and other international standards for phytosanitary measures (ISPMs) that are relevant to the phytosanitary aspects of LMOs/products of modern biotechnology; and
5. Identifies the plant pest risks associated with LMOs/products of modern biotechnology that are not adequately addressed by existing ISPMs.

The entire report from the April meeting is available on the Internet at <http://www.fao.org/waicent/faoinfo/agricult/agp/agpp/pq/>.

We are holding this public meeting to solicit comments on the development of specifications for the LMO standard.

This public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2001. The public meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and is scheduled to end at noon. Those wishing to speak at the meeting must register in advance on or before Monday, August 20, 2001. To register to speak, please e-mail Dr. Cathleen Enright at cathleen.a.enright@aphis.usda.gov or

send a fax to Dr. Cathleen Enright at (301) 734-7639. Registrants should include their name, affiliation, address, and telephone number. Speakers are welcome, but not required, to submit written copies of their comments by e-mail to the address listed above. Depending on the number of registered speakers, limits may be imposed on the length of each speaker's presentation. The meeting will be recorded, and information about obtaining a transcript will be provided at the meeting.

Participation by teleconference will be available. Those wishing to participate by phone should contact Dr. Cathleen Enright for phone-in information at the e-mail address listed above by Friday, August 17, 2001. Finally, in lieu of attending the public meeting, interested persons may submit comments by mail or e-mail directly to Dr. Cathleen Enright at the addresses listed above.

If you require special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, please contact either of the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Parking and Security Procedures

Please note that a fee of \$2 is required to enter the parking lot at the USDA Center at Riverside. The machine accepts \$1 bills or quarters.

Upon entering the building, visitors should inform security personnel that they are attending the Living Modified Organisms public meeting. Identification is required. Security personnel will direct visitors to the registration tables located outside of Training Rooms 1 and 2. Registration upon arrival is necessary for all participants, including those who have registered in advance to speak. Visitor badges must be worn throughout the day.

Further information regarding the meeting and registration instructions may be obtained from either of the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of July 2001.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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