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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Request an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of USDA's Biological Control Documentation Program dealing with documenting the importation and release of foreign biological control agents.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 1, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Glenn Hanes, ARS Biological Control Documentation Center, National Program Staff, National Agricultural Library, ARS, USDA, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glenn Hanes, ARS Biological Control Documentation Center, (301) 504-8137.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: USDA Biological Shipment Record—Beneficial Organisms: Foreign/Overseas Source (AD-941); Quarantine Facility (AD-942); and Non-Quarantine (AD-943).

OMB Number: 0518-0013.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 11, 2005.

Type of Request: To extend a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the Biological Control Documentation Program is to record the importation (AD-941), release from quarantine (AD-942), and shipment and/or field release/recolonization (AD-942 and AD-943) of foreign/introduced beneficial organisms (pollinators and biological control agents for invasive species). The information collected is entered into the USDA "Releases of Beneficial Organisms in the United States and Territories" (ROBO) database, established in 1984. It is a cooperative program among USDA and other federal agencies, state governmental agencies, and U.S. universities. The use of the forms and the information provided is voluntary. The program is for the benefit of biological control research and action agency personnel, taxonomists, federal and state regulatory agencies, agricultural administrators, and the general public. The AD-941 has been computerized and efforts are underway to replace the other paper forms with computerized information collection, and when completed, only those units for which computerized input is not possible would use the forms.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1/12 hour per response.

Non-Federal Respondents: Universities, and state and local governments.

Estimated Number of Non-Federal Respondents: 40.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: An average of 3 (range 1-30).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 10 hours.

Copies of the three forms used in this information collection, and information on the computerized form can be obtained from Glenn Hanes, ARS Biological Control Documentation Center, at (301) 504-8137.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Glenn Hanes, ARS Biological Control Documentation Center, National Program Staff, ARS, USDA, National Agricultural Library, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351.

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.

Dated: April 11, 2005.

Antoinette A. Betschart,
Associate Administrator for Agricultural Research Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-026-1]

Public Meeting; Veterinary Biologics

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: We are holding a public meeting to solicit comments on the development of a national strategy concerning the use of vaccines in State/Federal/industry programs for the control of brucellosis, pseudorabies, and other program diseases.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Friday, June 10, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Des Moines Airport, 1810 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Gera Ashton, Center for Veterinary Biologics, VS, APHIS, 1800 Dayton Road, Ames, IA 50010; phone (515) 663-7838, fax (515) 232-7120, or e-mail gera.a.ashton@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and its State and industry partners are approaching their goal of eradicating brucellosis and

pseudorabies from the national herd in the United States. As that goal becomes nearer, it is necessary to discuss issues such as the need for continued production of vaccine after eradication has been declared, changes in the availability of diagnostic reagents and test kits, and possible changes to the biosecurity level assigned to the causative agents for both diseases.

In October 2002, at a forum hosted by APHIS in St Louis, MO, representatives of State and Federal government, academia, veterinary biologics industry, producer groups, and animal disease researchers compiled a list of issues that they believed should be considered when developing regulations or policies concerning the use of vaccines beyond the end of eradication programs for diseases such as brucellosis and pseudorabies. It was suggested that APHIS seek additional input from State animal health officials, producer groups, and other interested persons prior to deciding the final policy. The report of the October 2002 meeting is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/cvb/newlypublishedinfo.htm>.

We are holding this meeting to solicit additional input on the continued use of and need for vaccines and diagnostic reagents at the end of eradication for these and other program diseases.

This meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2005. The public meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and is scheduled to end at 3 p.m. but may end earlier if all persons wishing to speak have been heard. Those wishing to speak at the meeting must register in advance on or before June 1, 2005. To register to speak, please e-mail Ms. Gera Ashton at gera.a.ashton@aphis.usda.gov. Please provide the subject of your remarks and the approximate length of time that will be necessary. Depending on the number of speakers, limits may be imposed on the length of each presentation. Speakers may register on the day of the meeting between 7:30 and 8 a.m. The time allotted to each speaker will depend on the number of pre-registered speakers. If time permits, persons attending the meeting who have not registered to speak will be given an opportunity to make remarks after the registered speakers have concluded their comments. The meeting will be recorded, and information about obtaining a transcript will be provided at the meeting.

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

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of April 2005.

Elizabeth E. Gaston,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-009N]

Notice of Request for a New Information Collection (Consumer Complaint Monitoring System and the Food Safety Mobile Questionnaire)

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, this notice announces the Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) intention to request a new information collection regarding its Consumer Complaint Monitoring System web portal and its electronic Food Safety Mobile questionnaire.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before June 27, 2005.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this information collection request. Comments may be submitted by Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand-or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102 Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20250.

All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number 05-009N.

All comments submitted in response to this notice, as well as research and background information used by FSIS in developing this document, will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The comments also will be posted on the Agency's Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/2005_Notices_Index/index.asp.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 300 12th Street, SW.,

Room 112, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 720-0345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Consumer Complaint Monitoring System; the Food Safety Mobile Questionnaire.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is requesting a new information collection addressing paperwork and recordkeeping requirements regarding the Agency's Consumer Complaint Monitoring System Web portal and regarding its electronic Food Safety Mobile questionnaire.

FSIS tracks consumer complaints about meat, poultry, and egg products. Consumer complaints are usually filed because the food made the consumer sick, caused an allergic reaction, was not properly labeled (misbranded), or contained a foreign object. FSIS is developing a Web portal to allow consumers to electronically file a complaint with the Agency about a meat, poultry, or egg product. FSIS will use this information to look for trends that will enhance the Agency's food safety efforts.

FSIS uses a Food Safety Mobile, vehicle that travels throughout the continental United States, to educate consumers about the risks associated with the mishandling of food and the steps they can take to reduce their risk of foodborne illness. Organizations can request a visit from the FSIS Food Safety Mobile. To facilitate the scheduling of the Food Safety Mobile's visits, the Agency is planning to put an electronic questionnaire on its Web site. The questionnaire will solicit information about the person/organization requesting the visit, the timing of the visit, and the type of event at which the Food Safety Mobile is to appear.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .084 hours per response.

Respondents: Consumers and organizations.