

Section 319.56–4 of the regulations contains a performance-based process for approving the importation of commodities that, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, can be safely imported subject to one or more of the designated phytosanitary measures listed in paragraph (b) of that section. One of the designated phytosanitary measures is that the fruits or vegetables are imported from a pest-free area in the country of origin that meets the requirements of § 319.56–5 for freedom from that pest and are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the fruits or vegetables originated in a pest-free area in the country of origin.

Under the regulations in § 319.56–5, APHIS requires that determinations of pest-free areas be made in accordance with the criteria for establishing freedom from pests found in International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 4, “Requirements for the establishment of pest-free areas.” The international standard was established by the International Plant Protection Convention of the United Nations’ Food and Agriculture Organization and is incorporated by reference in our regulations in 7 CFR 300.5. In addition, APHIS must also approve the survey protocol used to determine and maintain pest-free status, as well as protocols for actions to be performed upon detection of a pest. Pest-free areas are subject to audit by APHIS to verify their status.

APHIS has received a request from the Government of Brazil to recognize additional areas of that country as being free of *Anastrepha grandis*, the South American cucurbit fly. (APHIS currently recognizes two municipalities in the State of Rio Grande do Norte as free of *Anastrepha grandis*.) Specifically, the Government of Brazil asked that we recognize the municipalities of Aracati, Icapuí, Itaíçaba, Jaguaruana, Limoeiro do Norte, Quixerê, and Russas in the State of Ceará and the municipalities of Açu, Afonso Bezerra, Alto do Rodrigues, Areia Branca, Baraúna, Camaubais, Grossos, Ipanguaçu, Mossoró, Porto do Mangue, Serra do Mel, Tibau, and Upanema in the State of Rio Grande do Norte as areas that are free of *Anastrepha grandis*.

In accordance with our regulations and the criteria set out in ISPM No. 4, we have reviewed and approved the survey protocols and other information provided by Brazil relative to its system to establish freedom, phytosanitary measures to maintain freedom, and system for the verification of the maintenance of freedom. Because this action concerns the expansion of a currently recognized pest-free area in

Brazil from which melons are authorized for importation into the United States, our review of the information presented by Brazil in support of its request is examined in a commodity import evaluation document (CIED) titled “Expansion of Pest-free Areas for the Importation of Melon from Brazil.”

The CEID may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the CIED by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Therefore, in accordance with § 319.56–5(c), we are announcing the Administrator’s determination that the municipalities of Aracati, Icapuí, Itaíçaba, Jaguaruana, Limoeiro do Norte, Quixerê, and Russas in the State of Ceará and the municipalities of Açu, Afonso Bezerra, Alto do Rodrigues, Areia Branca, Baraúna, Camaubais, Grossos, Ipanguaçu, Mossoró, Porto do Mangue, Serra do Mel, Tibau, Upanema in the State of Rio Grande do Norte meet the criteria of § 319.56–5(a) and (b) with respect to freedom from *Anastrepha grandis*. After reviewing the comments we receive on this notice, we will announce our decision regarding the status of those municipalities with respect to their freedom from *Anastrepha grandis*. If the Administrator’s determination remains unchanged, we will add those municipalities to the list of pest-free areas.

Done in Washington, DC, this 26th day of February 2008.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection: Report of Acreage, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)

and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) are seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension with revision of a currently approved information collection associated with the report of acreage for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). This information collection is needed to administer the program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 2, 2008 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this Notice. In your comments, include volume, date and page of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

Mail: USDA Farm Service Agency, ATTN: Jantrice Chappell, Agriculture Program Specialist, CPS, Farm Programs, Production Emergencies and Compliance Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0517, Washington, DC 20250–0523.

E-mail: Send comment to: jantrice.chappell@wdc.usda.gov.

Fax: (202) 720–4941.

Comments also should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jantrice Chappell, Agriculture Program Specialist, (202) 720–3637 and jantrice.chappell@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: Report of Acreage for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

OMB Control Number: 0560–0004.

Expiration Date: 09/30/2008.

Type of Request: Extension with revision.

Abstract: NAP provides financial assistance to producers who have suffered a production loss of an eligible crop or were prevented from planting an eligible crop as a result of natural disasters. Eligible crops are commercial crops or other agricultural commodities for which catastrophic risk protection under 7 U.S.C. 1508(b) is not available and that are produced for food or fiber and includes floricultural, ornamental nursery, and Christmas tree crops, turfgrass sod, seed crops, aquaculture (including species, type, variety, etc.), practices, intended uses, planting patterns, and predominant species of forage vegetation (including intended method of harvest, i.e. mechanically

harvested or grazed); dates crops were planted or planting was completed (including age of perennial crops); number of acres of each planting of the eligible crop in which the producer has a share in the administrative county; number of acres intended but prevented from being planted; zero acres planted when the crop for which a NAP application for coverage was filed, is not planted; and shares and identities of all producers sharing in the crop at the time a NAP application for coverage was filed. Finally, the information collected includes the FSA farm serial number or location of commodities not necessarily associated with an FSA farm serial number such as colonies of bees for honey production (including the number of colonies belonging to the unit); ponds and waterbeds for production of aquaculture; ornamental nursery (including the size and origin, i.e. container or field grown, of plants belonging to the unit); mushroom facilities; turfgrass sod (including the average number of square yards per acre and all unharvested acres); and trees for maple sap production (including number of eligible trees, average size and age of producing trees, and total number of taps placed or anticipated for the tapping season). NAP operates under the regulations at 7 CFR part 1437.

The revision is to correct the average time to complete the form that increases the total number of burden hours in this information collection.

Respondents: Producers.

Estimated of Respondent Burden:

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes (.75 hour) per response. The average travel time, which is included in the total burden, is estimated to be 1 hour per respondent.

Estimated Annual Number of

Respondents: 291,500.

Estimated Annual Number of Forms per person: 1.5.

Estimate of Total Annual Burden: 619,438.

Comments Are Invited on:

(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.

All responses received in response to this notice, including names and addresses, when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 26, 2008.

Teresa C. Lasseter,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2008-0005]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), are sponsoring a public meeting on March 5, 2008. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the 2nd Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in The Hague, The Netherlands, from March 31-April 4, 2008.

The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 2nd Session of the CCCF and to address items that will be on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Harvey Wiley Federal Building Auditorium, FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. Codex

documents related to the 2nd Session of the CCCF are accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Delegate to the CCCF, Dr. Nega Beru, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: Register electronically to the same e-mail address above. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building and its parking area. If you require parking, please include the vehicle make and tag number, if known, when you register. Because the meeting will be held in a Federal building, you should also bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2ND SESSION OF THE CCCF CONTACT: Dr. Henry Kim, Office of Food Safety, CFSAN, FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway (HFS-317), College Park, MD 20740, Phone: (301) 436-2023, Fax: (301) 436-2651, e-mail: henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Edith Kennard, Staff Officer, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 720-5261, Fax: (202) 720-3157, e-mail: edith.kennard@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The CCCF was established by the Commission in 2006 as a separate Committee to establish or endorse maximum levels for contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed; to prepare priority lists of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA); to consider methods of analysis and sampling for determination of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed; to consider and elaborate