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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 13, 2012.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) 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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Live Poultry, Poultry Meat, and Other Poultry Products from Specified Regions.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0228.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. Veterinary Services of the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for administering regulations intended to prevent the introduction of animal diseases into the United States. The regulations in 9 CFR Part 94 allow the importation of poultry meat and products and live poultry from Argentina and the Mexican States of Campeche, Quintana Roo, and Yucatan under certain conditions. APHIS will collect information through the use of a health certification statement that must be completed by Mexican veterinary authorities prior to export and three APHIS forms VS 17-129, VS 17-29, and VS 17-30.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected from the health certificate and forms will provide APHIS with critical information concerning the origin and history of the items destined for importation in the United States. Without the information APHIS would be unable to establish an effective defense against the incursion of HPAI and END from poultry and poultry products imported from Argentina and certain Mexican States.

Description of Respondents: Federal Government; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 21.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 212.

Title: Importation of Shelled Peas from Kenya.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0302.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests new to the United States or not known to be widely distributed throughout the United States. The

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) fruits and vegetables regulations allows the importation of shelled garden peas from Kenya into the continental United States while continuing to protect against the introduction of quarantined peas.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS requires that some plants or plant products be accompanied by a phytosanitary inspection certificate that is completed by plant health officials in the originating or transiting country. APHIS uses the information on the certificate to determine the pest condition of the shipment at the time of inspection in the foreign country. This information is used as a guide to the intensity of the inspection APHIS conducts when the shipment arrives. Without the information, all shipments would need to be inspected very thoroughly, thereby requiring considerably more time. This would slow the clearance of international shipments.

Description of Respondents: Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1.

Title: Importation of Wooden Handicrafts from China.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0357.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests new to the United States or not known to be widely distributed throughout the United States. APHIS' regulations provide for the importation of wooden handicrafts from China under certain conditions. Trade in these handicrafts has resumed while continuing to protect the United States against the introduction of plant pests.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS requires that all wooden handicrafts must be labeled with a merchandise tag containing the identity of the product manufacturer. The identification tag serves as means for APHIS to track shipments should a recall be required. Failure to collect this information would cause foreign countries to refuse any shipments from the United States that contained wooden handicrafts.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 140.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 630.

Title: Importation of Papaya from Colombia and Ecuador.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0358.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests new to the United States or not known to be widely distributed throughout the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) amended the regulations to allow, under certain condition, the importation of commercial shipments of fresh papaya from Colombia and Ecuador in the continental United States.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS requires that all consignments of papaya from Colombia and Ecuador would have to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate by the National Plant Protection Organization of the exporting country stating that the papayas were grown, packed, and shipped in accordance with the proposed requirements.

Description of Respondents: Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 3.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 151.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Community Eligibility Option Evaluation.

OMB Control Number: 0584–NEW.

Summary of Collection: Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 provides the Community Eligibility Option (the CE Option) for Local Educational Authorities (LEAs) and schools, as an alternative to household applications for Free or Reduced Price meals. Under the CE Option, families are not required to submit application for free or reduced-price meals, and schools are required to provide free meals to all students. The potential benefits are that more students participate, meals are more nutritious, and LEAs may experience reductions in administrative burden and errors. In order to understand how the CE Option is implemented, incentives and barriers for LEAs and schools, as well as the impacts on LEAs, schools and children, Congress has mandated that the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) conduct an evaluation of the CE Option.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collection information from the study: To estimate the number of eligible LEAs and schools that do not choose the CE Options; To assess the barriers to participation in the CE

Option in non-participating but eligible LEAs and schools; To describe the LEAs and schools participating in the CE Option; To examine the impacts of the CE Option on (1) Program integrity, (2) availability of School Breakfast program, (3) nutritional quality of meals, (4) program participation by students, (5) program administration, (6) foodservice revenues and costs; and To provide input to FNS deliberations about the key parameters for the CE Option: The multiplier for determining the percentage of meals reimbursed at the free rate and the threshold value of the ISP for determining eligibility to implement the option.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 3,574.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2,383.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2012–0024]

Availability of FSIS Salmonella Compliance Guidelines for Small and Very Small Meat and Poultry Establishments That Produce Ready-to-Eat Products

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing the availability of a revised compliance guide for small and very small meat and poultry establishments on the safe production of ready-to-eat (RTE) meat and poultry products with respect to *Salmonella* and other pathogens. FSIS has posted this compliance guide on its Significant Guidance Documents Web page (http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Significant_Guidance/index.asp). FSIS encourages small and very small meat and poultry establishments that manufacture these products to avail themselves of this guidance document.

DATES: *Effective date:* September 19, 2012.

ADDRESSES: A downloadable version of the revised compliance guide is available to view and print at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/>