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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0007]

Draft Exotic Fruit Fly Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2006-2010

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared a draft Exotic Fruit Fly Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2006 through 2010. We are making this draft strategic plan available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before March 20, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search for Open Regulations" box, select "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click on "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select APHIS-2006-0007 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. After the close of the comment period, the docket can be viewed using the "Advanced Search" function in Regulations.gov.

- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. APHIS-2006-0007, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2006-0007.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on the draft

strategic plan 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.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Stefan, Director, Fruit Fly Exclusion and Detection Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 137, Riverdale, MD 20737-1229; (301) 734-4387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Exotic fruit flies of the family Tephritidae are among the most destructive pests of fruits and vegetables around the world and pose a significant risk to agriculture in the United States. Introduction of these pests species into the United States causes economic losses from destruction and spoiling of host commodities by larvae, costs associated with implementing control measures, and loss of markets due to restrictions on the movement of host commodities.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) responds to exotic fruit fly risks with an integrated system that incorporates surveillance activities, fruit fly control programs, and regulatory actions. To outline how APHIS, along with its domestic and global partners, will harmonize these exotic fruit fly safeguarding programs and activities over the next 5 years, we have prepared a draft document entitled "Exotic Fruit Fly Strategic Plan FY 2006-2010." This draft strategic plan focuses on the activities funded through APHIS' Fruit Fly Exclusion and Detection programs, whose primary mission is to protect the health and value of American agriculture resources threatened by the establishment of exotic fruit fly pests.

We are making the draft document available to the public for review and comment. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before the date listed under the heading **DATES** at the beginning of this notice.

You may view the draft document on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep/ff/>. The document may also be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing Regulations.gov), or you may request copies from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the title of the draft document when requesting copies. Finally, the draft document is available for review in our reading room (information on the location and hours of the reading room is provided under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this notice).

Done in Washington, DC, this 14th day of February 2006.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Amendment to Certification of Louisiana's Central Filing System

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from Louisiana's Secretary of State we are approving the amendments to the signature and property description requirements of the certified central filing system for Louisiana.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 13, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) administers the Clear Title program for the Secretary of Agriculture. The Clear Title program is authorized by Section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985 and requires that States implementing central filing system for notification of liens on farm products must have such systems certified by the Secretary of Agriculture.

A listing of the states with certified central filing systems is available through the Internet on the GIPSA Web site (<http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/>). Farm products covered by a State's central

filing system are also identified through the GIPSA web site. The Louisiana central filing system covers all farm products.

We originally certified the central filing system for Louisiana on December 30, 1986. On July 22, 2004, Janice Newton, Commercial Division Manager, Office of Secretary of State, Louisiana, requested the certification be amended to make changes related to electronic filing, effective filing statement content, and central filing system procedure necessitated or made possible by amendments to Section 1324 of the Food Security Act, which, among other things, permit effective financing statements to be signed, authorized, or otherwise authenticated. Specifically, the following changes were requested:

(1) The creditor, or his agent, file effective financing statements without signature by the debtor and secured party;

(2) Format and provide the names of individual debtor as required on the UCC-1F filing form, and in the case of an organization, use full legal names, and enter names exactly as provided by the filer;

(3) Use the farm number established by the Farm Service Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a reasonable description of the property as an alternative to requiring the description include the farm name or general location;

(4) Amend effective financing statements in writing, signed, authorized, or otherwise authenticated by the debtor and filed within 3 months of the amendment to reflect material changes;

(5) Effective financing statements expire on either the expiration of the effective period of the statement or the filing of a notice authorized or otherwise authenticated by the creditor that the statement has expired, whichever occurs first; and

(6) No longer require the signature of the debtor or of the secured party for filing any effective financing statement, including continuations, assignments, partial releases, terminations, or other similar statement filed.

This notice announces our approval of the amended certification for Louisiana's central filing system in accordance with the request to amend signature and property description requirements.

Effective Date

This notice is effective upon signature for good cause because it increases the flexibility in which effective filing statements may be authorized and authenticated, in addition, it allows a

simplified manner in which farm property may be described. Approving changes to the certification of approved central filing systems does not require public notice. Therefore, this notice may be made effective in less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** without prior notice or other public procedure.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1631, 7 CFR 2.22(a)(3)(v) and 2.81(a)(5), and 9 CFR 205.101(e).

James E. Link,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business—Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business—Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business—Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (7 CFR 1703, subpart B).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 18, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Todd Hubbell, Specialty Lenders Division, Rural Business—Cooperative Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6866, STOP 3221, Washington, DC, 20250, Telephone (202) 690-2516.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Brigitte Sumter, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0742, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0012.
Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: RBS is part of the Rural Development mission area of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. RBS administers the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG), which provides zero-interest loans and grants to Rural Utilities Service (RUS) borrowers for the purpose of promoting rural economic development and job creation projects. The loans and grants under the REDLG program may be provided to approximately 1,700 electric and telecommunication utilities across the country that have borrowed funds from RUS. Under this program, the RUS borrowers may receive the loan funds and pass them on to businesses or other organizations. The RUS borrower is responsible for the loan even if it does not receive payments from the ultimate recipient. Grants may be provided to RUS borrowers to establish revolving loan funds.

RBS needs to receive the information contained in this collection of information to select the projects it believes will provide the most long-term, economic benefit to rural areas. The selection process is competitive, and RBS has generally received more applications that it could fund. RBS also needs to make sure the funds are used for the intended purpose and, in the case of the loan, that the funds will be repaid. RBS must determine that loans made from revolving loan funds established with grants are used for eligible purposes.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.25 hours per response.

Respondents: RUS borrowers.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 1,996.

Estimated Number of Hours per Response: 2.25.

Estimated Total Hours: 4,481.90 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Brigitte Sumter, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0042.

Comments

Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RBS 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