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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 24, 2007.

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.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Pathogen Reduction/Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems.

OMB Control Number: 0583-0103.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring the meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. FSIS has established requirements applicable to meat and poultry establishments designed to reduce the occurrence and numbers of pathogenic microorganisms on meat and poultry products, reduce the incidence of foodborne illness associated with the consumption of those products, and provide a new framework for modernization of the current system of meat and poultry inspection.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will collect information to ensure that (1) establishments have developed and maintained a standard operating plan for sanitation that is used by inspection personnel in performing monitoring regulations; (2) establishments have developed written procedures outlining specimen collection and handling for *E. coli* process control verification testing; (3) establishments developed written HACCP plans; (4) establishments will keep records for measurements during slaughter and processing, corrective action, verification check results, and related activities that contain the identity of the product, the product code or slaughter production lot, and the date the record was made; and (5) establishments may have prerequisite programs that are designed to provide the basic environmental and operating conditions necessary for the production of safe, wholesome food.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 7,721.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Other (daily).

Total Burden Hours: 6,505,398.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2006-0038]

Availability of Electronic Web-Based FSIS Form 10,240-1, Production Information on Post-Lethality Exposed Ready-To-Eat Products, With Revisions and Detailed Instructions

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and opportunity for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing the availability of an electronic Web-based version of FSIS Form 10,240-1, Production Information on Post-Lethality Exposed Ready-to-Eat Products. This form is available for the first time for online submission.

FSIS Form 10,240-1 will be used to collect information about the ready-to-eat (RTE) products produced by establishments.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to send comments on this notice. Comments may be sent by any of the following methods:

- 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.

- Electronic mail: fsis.regulationscomments@fsis.usda.gov.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulation.gov> and in the "Search for Open Regulations" box, select "Food Safety and Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click on "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select FDMS Docket Number 2006-0038 to send or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

All submissions received by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number 2006-0038. All comments sent in response to this document, 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. Comments will also be posted on the Agency's Web site

at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/regulations_directives_&_notices/index.asp.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Doyle, U.S. Department of Agriculture, FSIS, Technical Service Center, Program Analysis Staff, FSIS, 1-800-233-3935.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FSIS is committed to developing strategies that address food safety hazards throughout the entire food production chain. Under the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act, FSIS has the authority and responsibility to provide for the safety of meat and poultry products during in-plant production and through transportation, storage, and other handling.

On June 6, 2003, FSIS published an interim final rule (68 FR 34207) to require that official establishments that produce RTE meat and poultry products that are exposed to the environment after a lethality treatment has been administered act to prevent product adulteration by the pathogen *Listeria monocytogenes* (*L. monocytogenes*). In this interim final rule, FSIS identified three alternative methods for addressing post-lethality contamination of RTE products by *L. monocytogenes* and required that establishments adopt and implement one of these alternatives.

The use of FSIS Form 10,240-1, Production Information on Post-Lethality Exposed Ready-to-Eat Products, facilitates collection of information about the RTE products produced by establishments. This information is used in developing FSIS' annual sampling frequencies for establishments and RTE products. The annual collection of this information was addressed in the interim final rule in 9 CFR 430.4(d). The Agency will use this information, along with the FSIS verification testing history of the establishment, to design a risk-based verification testing program, as stated in the preamble to the interim final rule.

The regulations at 9 CFR 430.4(d) state that “* * * an establishment that produces post-lethality exposed RTE product shall provide FSIS * * * with estimates of annual production volume and related information for the types of meat and poultry products processed * * *.” FSIS Form 10,240-1 was developed for this purpose and is now available in the new, Web-based submittable format. It can be found on the FSIS Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Forms/PDF/Form_10240-1.pdf. Any establishment

required to complete this form will be able to complete and submit the form entirely online, which will ensure more timely submission and more accurate information. In addition to reformatting the form to facilitate its being fillable and submittable online, FSIS has revised the content of the form in certain minor respects:

- Item 1g, Plant Size Category was added.
- Item 2, Annual Production Volume, Other Than Deli Products, has two new product designations. These new columns are Frozen Products and Pate' Products.
- Item 3, Alternative 3, Question B was deleted.

Establishments are required to file Form 10,240-1 whenever a significant change in the alternative category or volume of production occurs.

The address for any written communication concerning FSIS Form 10,240-1 has changed. Send all written correspondence to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, FSIS, Technical Service Center, Program Analysis Staff, Suite 300 Landmark Center, 1299 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE 68102. Fax number (402) 344-5006. Phone: 1-800-233-3935.

Awareness Meeting With Establishment Management

FSIS Inspectors-In-Charge (IICs) at establishments that produce products that are regulated under 9 CFR part 430 have been instructed to provide information on the electronic FSIS Form 10,240-1 to establishment management. The IICs are to provide the following information:

1. The form is located on the FSIS Web site at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Forms/PDF/Form_10240-1.pdf.
2. Adobe Reader 7.0 or greater should be installed in order to submit the form electronically. Download the software free of charge from the Adobe Web site at: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>. (If this free download is accessed, any supplemental items that are not wanted should be unchecked.)
3. If establishment management chooses to submit a paper form by mail, it may obtain a copy of the blank form by printing a blank form from the online version or by contacting the Technical Service Center (TSC) at: USDA/FSIS/OPPED/TSC/PAS, Suite 300 Landmark Center, 1299 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE 68102. Fax: 402-344-5006. Phone: 1-800-233-3935.
4. Establishment management should submit the completed paper form to the address in 3. above.

5. If the establishment is no longer required to file FSIS Form 10,240-1 (e.g., the establishment no longer produces the RTE product for which it had filed the form previously), establishment management should either:

a. Send an e-mail with the message “No Longer Required to File” to the e-mail address RTEform@fsis.usda.gov, or

b. Write across the front of a blank form “No Longer Required to File” and mail to the TSC at the address provided under 3. above.

6. Pursuant to the regulation, the Administrator is requiring each establishment to file, either electronically, by fax, or via mail the new FSIS Form 10,240-1 within 30 days of the date of the meeting.

7. Under the regulation, each establishment is required to continue to submit updates to the form when changes to its production volume or selected alternative occur.

Instructions for completing form 10,240-1 are attached to the form. The additional instructions to assist in completing the form are in Attachment 1 to FSIS Notice 21-07, dated March 8, 2007. The IIC is to provide establishment management with a copy of Attachment 1 to FSIS Notice 21-07.

In a memorandum of meeting, the IIC is to document who was present at the meeting, the date and time of the meeting, what was discussed at the meeting, and any documents that were shared with management. The IIC is to maintain a copy of the memorandum in the official government file and provide a copy to establishment management.

Inspection program personnel are to hold a meeting with establishment management approximately 30 days after the meeting at which the IIC notifies the establishment about completing and submitting the form. At this second meeting, inspection program personnel are to ask the establishment management whether it has completed the revised FSIS Form 10,240-1 and submitted it to FSIS and are to remind establishment management of the need to do so if it has not.

The District Analyst in each District Office will be reviewing the database containing the submitted 10,240-1 forms to verify receipt of forms from establishments that are required to submit them. The TSC will assist districts without a District Analyst.

Any persons with comments on FSIS' decision to make FSIS Form 10,240-1 available and fillable electronically should submit them to the Docket Clerk, whose address is set out at the beginning of this document.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection and recordkeeping requirements under approval number 0583-0132. This notice contains no other paperwork requirements.

E-Government Act Compliance

FSIS is committed to complying with the E-Government Act, to promote the use of the Internet and other information technologies to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2007_Notices_Index/. FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The update is available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and

customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their account.

Done at Washington, DC, on May 23, 2007.

David P. Goldman,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****Opportunity for Designation in the Columbus (OH), Farwell (TX), and Northeast Indiana (IN) Areas and Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Serving These Areas**

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will end on December 31, 2007. We are asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. We are also asking for comments on the quality of services provided by these currently designated agencies: Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Columbus); Farwell Commodity and Grain Services, Inc. (Farwell); and Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. (Northeast Indiana).

DATES: Applications and comments must be received on or before July 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit applications and comments on this notice. You may submit applications and comments by any of the following methods:

- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver to Karen Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.
- Fax: Send by facsimile transmission to (202) 690-2755, attention: Karen Guagliardo.

- E-mail: Send via electronic mail to Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

- Mail: Send hardcopy to Karen Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Read Applications and Comments: All applications and comments will be available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Guagliardo at 202-720-7312, e-mail Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA), authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services (7 U.S.C. 79(f)(1)).

Section 7(g)(1) of USGSA provides that designations of official agencies will terminate not later than three years and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of USGSA.

CURRENT DESIGNATIONS BEING ANNOUNCED FOR RENEWAL

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
Columbus	Circleville, OH	1/01/2005	12/31/2007
Farwell	Casa Grande, AZ	1/01/2005	12/31/2007
Northeast Indiana	Decatur, IN	1/01/2005	12/31/2007

Columbus

In accordance with Section 7(f)(2) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)(2)) the following geographic area, in the States of Michigan and Ohio, is assigned to Columbus:

In Michigan:

- Bounded on the West by State Route 127 at the Michigan-Ohio State line north to State Route 50;
- Bounded on the north by State Route 50 at State Route 127 east to the Michigan State line; the Michigan state line south to the Michigan-Ohio State line.

In Ohio:

- The northern Ohio State line east to the the Ohio Pennsylvania State line;
- Bounded on the East by the Ohio-Pennsylvania State line south to the Ohio River;