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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

## ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

### Notice of Public Meetings of the Committee on Rulemaking of the Administrative Conference of the United States

**AGENCY:** Administrative Conference of the United States.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of two public meetings of the Committee on Rulemaking of the Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States. At these meetings, the committee will consider a draft report and a draft recommendation on the issue of midnight rules. Complete details regarding the committee meeting, the contours of the Midnight Rules Project, how to attend (including information about remote access and obtaining special accommodations for persons with disabilities), and how to submit comments to the committee can be found in the "About" section of the Conference's Web site, at <http://www.acus.gov>. Click on "About," then on "The Committees," and then on "Committee on Rulemaking."

Comments may be submitted by email to [Comments@acus.gov](mailto:Comments@acus.gov), with "Committee on Rulemaking" in the subject line, or by postal mail to "Committee on Rulemaking Comments" at the address given below.

**DATES:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 21, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at 1120 20th Street NW., Suite 706 South, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emily Schleicher Bremer, Designated Federal Officer, Administrative Conference of the United States, 1120 20th Street NW., Suite 706 South, Washington, DC 20036; Telephone (202) 480-2080.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee on Rulemaking will meet to discuss a draft report on the Midnight Rules Project. The report, prepared by Professor Jack Beermann (Boston University School of Law), presents the findings of a study on the issue of midnight rules and proposed procedures that could improve presidential and agency practices with regard to midnight rules. At its meetings, the Committee on Rulemaking will also consider a draft recommendation based on the consultant's report.

Dated: January 18, 2012.

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General Counsel.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 18, 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](mailto: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.

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

*Title:* Phytosanitary Export Certification.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0052.

*Summary of Collection:* The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) among other things provides export certification services to assure other countries that the plants and plant products they are receiving from the United States are free of plant pests specified by the receiving country. The Federal Plant Pest Act authorizes the Department to carry out this mission. APHIS will collect information using several forms.

*Need and Use of the Information:* APHIS will use the information collected to locate shipments, guide inspection, and issue a certificate to meet the requirements of the importing country. Failure to provide this information would have an impact on many U.S. exporters who would no longer be able to engage in the business of exporting plants and plant products overseas.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 10,991.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 352,631.

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

*Title:* Poultry and Pork Products from Mexico Transiting the United States.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0145.

*Summary of Collection:* The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate

pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is the Agency charged with carrying out the disease prevention mission. This Agency regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States to guard against the introduction of exotic animal diseases. Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing the United States' ability to compete in exporting animals and animal products. The regulations under which APHIS conducts disease prevention activities are contained in Title 9, Chapter D, parts 91 through 99 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

**Need and Use of the Information:** APHIS will collect information to ensure that fresh pork and pork products, as well as poultry carcasses, parts, and products transiting the United States from Mexico pose a negligible risk of introducing classical swine fever and END into the United States. APHIS will also collect the name and address of the exporter, the origin and destination points of the commodities, how much and what type of commodity will be transiting; the intended port of entry, the date of transportation, the method and route of shipment, and other information concerning the transiting project that will enable APHIS to determine whether any disease introduction risk is associated with the transit and if so, what risk mitigation measures will be necessary to minimize that risk.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.  
**Number of Respondents:** 29.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: On occasion.

**Total Burden Hours:** 33.

#### **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

**Title:** Infectious Salmon Anemia (ISA)—Payment of Indemnity.

**OMB Control Number:** 0579-0192.

**Summary of Collection:** The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pest or diseases of livestock or poultry. Infectious Salmon Anemia (ISA) poses a substantial threat to the economic viability and sustainability of salmon aquaculture in the United States and abroad. ISA is the clinical disease resulting from infection with the ISA virus; signs include hemorrhaging, anemia, and lethargy. The Animal and

Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will collect information using VS Form 1-22 ISA Program Enrollment Form and VS Form 1-23 All Species Appraisal & Indemnity Claim Form.

**Need and Use of the Information:** Each program participant must sign an ISA Program Enrollment Form in which they agree to participate fully in USDA's and the State of Maine's ISA Program. APHIS will collect the owner's name and address, the number of fish for which the owner is seeking payment, and the appraised value of each fish. The owner must also certify as to whether the fish are subject to a mortgage. Without the information it would be impossible for APHIS to launch its program to contain and prevent ISA outbreaks in the United States.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Number of Respondents:** 16.

**Frequency of Responses:**

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.  
**Total Burden Hours:** 1,421.

#### **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

**Title:** Nomination Request Form; Animal Disease Training.

**OMB Control Number:** 0579-0353.

**Summary of Collection:** The Animal Health Protection Act of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The 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 Professional Development Staff (PDS) of Veterinary Services within APHIS provides vital training to private veterinarians and State, Tribal, Industry, and university personnel which prepare them for animal disease response. To determine the need and demand for such courses, PDS must collect information from individuals who wish to attend training events facilitated by PDS.

**Need and Use of the Information:** Information will be collected from private veterinarians, State, Tribal, industry, and university personnel who desire to attend a PDS-sponsored training event. Prior to every PDS-facilitated event, respondents will submit a completed Nomination/Registration Request Form (VS Form 1-5) to the Regional Training Coordinators. Names, work addresses, work phone numbers, work email addresses, agency/organization

affiliation, and job title as well as supervisor and region approval is needed to produce participant rosters once course selections are made. Without the collection of this information, PDS cannot conduct training events to educate Federal, State and private veterinarians on eradication of diseases and sample collection.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

**Number of Respondents:** 100.

**Frequency of Responses:** Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.  
**Total Burden Hours:** 30.

**Ruth Brown,**

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