

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

[Docket No. APHIS-2012-0055]

**Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Importation of Products of Poultry and Birds****AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with regulations restricting the importation of products of poultry and birds into the United States in order to prevent the introduction of poultry disease.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 31, 2012.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0055-0001>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2012-0055, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0055> or in our reading room, which 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) 799-7039 before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding regulations for the importation of products of poultry and birds, contact Dr. Magde S. Elshafie, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-3300. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2908.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Importation of Products of Poultry and Birds.

*OMB Number:* 0579-0141.

*Type of Request:* Extension of approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the importation and interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the introduction into and dissemination within the United States of livestock diseases and pests. To carry out this mission, APHIS regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States. The regulations are contained in title 9, parts 91 through 99, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Part 94, § 94.6, governs the importation of carcasses, parts or products of carcasses, and eggs (other than hatching eggs) of poultry, game birds, and other birds to prevent the introduction of exotic Newcastle disease (END) into the United States. Various conditions for importation apply.

The regulations in § 94.6 include provisions that allow poultry meat that originates in the United States to be shipped, for processing purposes, to a region where END exists and then returned to the United States. These provisions require the use of four information collection activities: (1) A certificate of origin that must be issued, (2) serial numbers that must be recorded, (3) records that must be maintained, and (4) cooperative services agreements that must be signed.

We are asking OMB to approve our use of these information collection activities for 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection

technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of burden:* The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.0155 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Foreign animal health authorities.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 6.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 21.5.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 129.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 131 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of October 2012.

**Peter Fernandez,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

[Docket No. APHIS-2012-0070]

**Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Irradiation Phytosanitary Treatment of Imported Fruits and Vegetables****AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with regulations for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary treatment of imported fruits and vegetables.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 31, 2012.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0070-0001>.

• *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2012–0070, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0070> or in our reading room, which 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) 799–7039 before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding the regulations for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary treatment of imported fruits and vegetables, contact Dr. Paul Gadh, Senior Risk Manager—Treatments, Regulations, Permits, and Manuals, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; (301) 851–2141. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2908.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Irradiation Phytosanitary Treatment of Imported Fruits and Vegetables.

*OMB Number:* 0579–0155.

*Type of Request:* Extension of approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to regulate the importation of plants, plant products, including fruits and vegetables, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests and noxious weeds into the United States.

Regulations governing the importation of fruits and vegetables are set out in 7 CFR part 319. In accordance with the regulations, some fruits and vegetables from certain regions of the world must be treated for insect pests in order to be eligible for entry into the United States.

The regulations in 7 CFR part 305 provide for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary treatment for fruits and vegetables imported into the United States. The irradiation treatment provides protection against all insect pests including fruit flies, the mango seed weevil, and others. It may be used as an alternative to other approved

treatments for these pests in fruits and vegetables, such as fumigation, cold treatment, heat treatment, and other techniques.

The regulations concerning irradiation treatment involve the collection of information, including a compliance agreement, 24-hour notification, labeling, dosimetry recordings, requests for dosimetry device approval, requests for facility approval, trust fund agreement, and annual work plan, as well as recordkeeping.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of burden:* The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.008 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Foreign plant protection services, irradiation facility personnel, importers.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 105.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 384.8.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 40,404.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 332 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of October 2012.

**Peter Fernandez,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Cancellation of Indianapolis Grain Inspection & Weighing Service, Inc. Designation; Selection of Interim Provider; Opportunity for Designation in the Indianapolis, IN Area

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Indianapolis Grain Inspection & Weighing Service, Inc. (Indianapolis) is designated to provide official inspection service through December 31, 2012, under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended. Indianapolis informed the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) that it was willing to provide official inspection services through December 31, 2012, but requested that GIPSA find an interim provider as soon as possible. GIPSA notified all official agencies of the interim availability for Indianapolis and selected East Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. as the interim provider effective October 15, 2012 until a permanent designee is selected. Accordingly, GIPSA is announcing that Indianapolis's designation terminates effective December 31, 2012 and is asking persons or governmental agencies interested in providing official services in the area presently assigned to Indianapolis to submit an application for designation.

**DATES:** Applications must be received by November 30, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit applications and comments concerning this notice using any of the following methods:

- *Applying for Designation on the Internet:* Use FGISONline ([https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default\\_home\\_FGIS.aspx](https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default_home_FGIS.aspx)) and then click on the Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR) link. You will need to obtain an FGISONline customer number and USDA eAuthentication username and password prior to applying.

- *Submit Comments Using the Internet:* Go to Regulations.gov (<http://www.regulations.gov>). Instructions for