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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the importation of live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products from specified regions into the United States, contact Dr. Magde Elshafie, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Import Export Services, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-3332. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

OMB Control Number: 0579-0228.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the authority of 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 the mission, APHIS regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States. The regulations are contained in 9 CFR parts 92 through 98.

In part 94, § 94.33 allows the importation, subject to certain conditions, of live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products from certain regions, including Argentina and the Mexican States of Campeche, Quintana Roo, and Yucatan, that are free of Newcastle disease. The conditions for importation require, among other things, certification from a full-time salaried veterinary officer of the national government of the exporting region that poultry and poultry products exported from one of these regions originated in that region (or in another region recognized by APHIS as free of Newcastle disease) and that before the export to the United States, the poultry and poultry products were not commingled with poultry and poultry products from regions where Newcastle disease exists.

In addition, 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 Newcastle disease 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, including serial numbers that must be recorded; (2) maintenance of records; (3) cooperative service agreements that must be signed; and (4) certificates for shipment back to the United States.

The information collection requirements above are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the importation of live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products from specified regions under number 0579-0228, and U.S. origin poultry meat shipped, for processing purposes, to a region where Newcastle disease exists and returned to the United States under number 0579-0141. After OMB approves and combines the burden for both collections under one collection (number 0579-0228), the Department will retire number 0579-0141.

We are asking OMB to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, 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 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Federal animal health authorities of certain regions that export live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products; importers; pet bird owners; and zoological facilities.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 48.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.229.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 203.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 205 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 17th day of March 2016.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2013-0044]

Environmental Impact Statement; Animal Carcass Management: Record of Decision

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared a record of decision for the programmatic environmental impact statement titled "Carcass Management During a Mass Animal Health Emergency."

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 24, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may read the documents referenced in this notice and any comments we received 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) 799-7039 before coming. Those documents are also posted with the comments we received on the Regulations.gov Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=APHIS-2013-0044>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions related to the carcass management program, contact Ms. Lori P. Miller, PE, Senior Staff Officer, Science, Technology and Analysis Services, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 41, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-3512. For questions related to the

programmatic environmental impact statement and record of decision, contact Ms. Samantha Floyd, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental and Risk Analysis Services, PPD, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 149, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-3053.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 25, 2013, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 63959, Docket No. APHIS-2013-0044) a notice of intent to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) for the purpose of analyzing the use of various carcass management options during a mass animal health emergency. On August 24, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 51256) a notice of the availability of the draft PEIS. The public comment period for the draft PEIS was 60 days. APHIS accepted comments on the draft PEIS during and after the comment period until November 3, 2015.

On December 11, 2015, APHIS published and distributed the final PEIS, which included responses to all comments received by November 3, 2015. On December 18, 2015, EPA published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 79041) a notice of availability of the final PEIS.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations in 40 CFR 1506.10 require a minimum 30-day waiting period between the time a final EIS is published and the time an agency makes a decision on an action covered by the EIS. APHIS has reviewed the final PEIS and comments received during the 30-day waiting period and has concluded that the final PEIS fully analyzes the issues covered by the draft PEIS and addresses the comments and suggestions submitted by commenters. This notice advises the public that the waiting period has elapsed, and APHIS has issued a record of decision (ROD) to implement the preferred alternative described in the final PEIS.

The ROD has been prepared in accordance with: (1) NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b); and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 17th day of March 2016.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2015-0099]

Availability of an Environmental Assessment for the Biological Control of Cape Ivy

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 environmental assessment relative to the control of Cape ivy, *Delairea odorata*. The environmental assessment considers the effects of, and alternatives to, the field release of a gall-forming fly, *Parafreutreta regalis*, into the continental United States for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of Cape Ivy infestations. We are making the environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before April 25, 2016.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0099>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2015-0099, 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-2015-0099> 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: Mr. Robert Tichenor, Senior Entomologist,

Plant Health Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 851-2198.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Cape ivy (*Delairea odorata*), a native of South Africa, has become one of the most pervasive non-native plants to invade the coastal west region of the United States, particularly in California and Oregon. Cape ivy is a weedy vine that prefers moist, partly-shaded environments along the Pacific coast; however, there are reports of infestations at inland riparian locations. Fragments of the plant easily root, which facilitates the spread of this invasive plant. Overgrowth of cape ivy, a climbing vine, causes native plants to die. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to issue permits for the field release of a gall-forming fly, *Parafreutreta regalis*, into the continental United States to reduce the severity of cape ivy infestations.

APHIS' review and analysis of the proposed action are documented in detail in a draft environmental assessment (EA) entitled "Field Release of the Gall-forming Fly, *Parafreutreta regalis* Munro (Diptera: Tephritidae), for Biological Control of Cape-ivy, *Delairea odorata* (Asterales: Asteraceae), in the Contiguous United States" (February 2015). We are making the EA 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.

The EA may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for a link to Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the draft EA by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the title of the EA when requesting copies.

The EA has been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b); and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).