

intent is to provide for independent hearing and review determinations that resulted from Agency adverse decisions. Hearing Officers conduct evidentiary hearings on adverse decisions or, when the appellant requests they review the Agency's record of the adverse decision without a hearing. Although NAD maintains a database to track appeal requests, the database contains only information necessary to process the appeal request, such as the name, address, filing data, and final results of the appeal. NAD will collect information using a survey.

Need and Use of the Information: NAD wants to gather current data to measure the appellant's perception of the quality of how easy the determination was to read; how intently the Hearing Officer listened to the appellant; and if the appellant would be willing to have the same Hearing Officer hear a future appeal. NAD will also use the information gathered from its surveys to tailor and prioritize training.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1,600.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 272.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 16, 2017.

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 are requested regarding (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by September 20, 2017 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. 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 Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Hass Avocado from Michoacán Mexico.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0129.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701—*et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or movement of plants and plant pests, to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulations allow fresh Hass Avocados grown in approved orchards in Michoacan, Mexico to be imported into the United States under certain conditions.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information using form PPQ 587 "Application for Permit to Import Plants or Plant Products," to ensure that fresh Hass Avocados from Mexico do not harbor insect pests (including Avocado stem weevils, seed weevils, and seed moths). The information collected will ensure that fresh Hass Avocados from Mexico do not harbor exotic insect pests that, if introduced into the United States, could inflict severe damage upon U.S. agriculture.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Federal Government; and State Officials.

Number of Respondents: 1,786.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 447,216.

Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Export Certification, Accreditation of Non-Government Facilities.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0130.

Summary of Collection: The Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for preventing plant diseases or insect pests from entering the United States, as well as, the spread of pests not widely distributed in the United States, and eradicating those imported when eradication is feasible. The Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), authorizes the Department to carry out this mission. In addition to its mission, APHIS provides export certification services to ensure other countries that the plants and plant products they are receiving from the United States are free of plant diseases and insect pests.

Need and Use of the Information: The accreditation process requires the use of several information activities to ensure that nongovernment facilities applying for accreditation processes the necessary qualifications. APHIS will collect information for applications submitted by operator/owner of a non-government facility seeking accreditation to conduct laboratory testing or phytosanitary inspection. The application should contain the legal name and full address of the facility, the name, address, telephone and fax numbers of the facility's operator, a description of the facility, and a description of the specific laboratory testing or phytosanitary inspection services for which the facility is seeking accreditation. If these activities are not conducted properly, APHIS export certification program would be compromised, causing a disruption in plant and plant product exports that could prove financially damaging to U.S. exporters.

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

Number of Respondents: 9.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 199.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: South American Cactus Moth; Quarantine and Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0337.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701—*et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture is

authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or movement of plants and plant pests to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulations, “Subpart-South American Cactus Moth” (7 CFR part 301.55 through 301.55–9), restrict the interstate movement of regulated articles from quarantined areas into or through non-quarantined areas within the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information using limited permits, Federal certificates, and compliance agreements. The limited permits are used to authorize movement of regulated articles that are not certifiable to specified destination for processing, treatment, or utilization. Federal certificates are used for domestic movement of treated articles relating to quarantines, and are issued for regulated articles when an inspector or other person authorized to issue certificates finds that the articles have met the conditions of the regulations and may be safely moved interstate without further restrictions. Compliance agreements are provided for the convenience of persons who are involved in the growing, handling, or moving of regulated articles from quarantined areas. Without this information, APHIS could not provide an effective domestic quarantine program to prevent the artificial spread of the South American cactus moth within the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; and Foreign Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 6.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 16.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Johne’s Disease.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0338.

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, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The regulations in Title 9, Chapter 1, Subchapter C of the Code of Federal Regulations, govern the interstate movement of animals to prevent the dissemination of livestock and poultry diseases in the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will collect information

using form VS 1–27, Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals and Official Ear Tags. APHIS will collect the following information from form VS–127: (1) the number of animals to be moved; (2) the species of the animals; (3) the points of origin and destination, and (4) the names and addresses of the consignor and the consignee. Failing to collect this information would greatly hinder the control of Johne’s disease and possible lead to increased prevalence.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Accredited Veterinarians.

Number of Respondents: 6.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 9.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of French Beans and Runner Beans from the Republic of Kenya into the United States.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0373.

Summary of Collection: The Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The regulations in “Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–76), prohibit or restrict the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent the introduction and dissemination of plant pests that are new to or not widely distributed within the United States. The regulations allow the importation of French beans and runner beans from the Republic of Kenya into the United States. As a condition of entry, both commodities would have to be produced in accordance with a systems approach that would include requirements for packing, washing, and processing.

Need and Use of the Information: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will use the following activities to collect information: Inspections, packinghouse registration, box labeling, and phytosanitary certificates. Use of these information collection activities would allow for the importation of French beans and runner beans from the Republic of Kenya into the United States while continuing the protection against the introduction of quarantine pests.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; and Foreign Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 3.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 55.

Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Female Squash Flowers from Israel into the Continental United States.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0406.

Summary of Collection: The Plant Protection Act (PPA, 7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. As authorized by the PPA, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates the importation of certain fruits and vegetables in accordance with the regulations in “Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–76. Section 319.56–68 provides the requirements for the importation of female squash flowers from Israel into the continental United States.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information using the following activities: Production site registration, trapping records, box markings, production site inspections, and phytosanitary certificates.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; and Foreign Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 6.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 556.

Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Cape Gooseberry from Colombia into the United States.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0411.

Summary of Collection: The Plant Protection Act (PPA, 7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. As authorized by the PPA, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates the importation of certain fruits and vegetables in accordance with the regulations in “Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–76). In accordance with Section 319.56–67, cape gooseberry from Colombia may be imported into the United States under

certain conditions to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information using the following activities: Bilateral workplan, production site registration, trapping, recordkeeping, phytosanitary inspection and a phytosanitary certificate.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; and Foreign Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 424.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion, Recordkeeping.

Total Burden Hours: 2,880.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Direct Investment Surveys: BE-605, Quarterly Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—Transactions of U.S. Affiliate With Foreign Parent

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 20, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via email at PRAComments@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patricia Abaroa, Chief, Direct Investment Division (BE-49), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, 4600 Silver Hill Rd., Washington, DC 20233; phone: (301)

278-9591; or via email at Patricia.Abaroa@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Quarterly Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—Transactions of U.S. Affiliate with Foreign Parent (Form BE-605) obtains quarterly data on transactions and positions between foreign-owned U.S. business enterprises and their “affiliated foreign groups” (*i.e.*, their foreign parents and foreign affiliates of their foreign parents). The survey is a sample survey that covers all U.S. affiliates above a size-exemption level. The sample data are used to derive universe estimates of direct investment transactions, positions, and income in nonbenchmark years from similar data reported in the BE-12, Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, which is conducted every five years and will next be conducted for the fiscal year ending in 2017. The data collected through the BE-605 survey are essential for the preparation of the U.S. international transactions, national income and product, and input-output accounts and the net international investment position of the United States. The data are needed to measure the size and economic significance of foreign direct investment in the United States, measure changes in such investment, and assess its impact on the U.S. economy.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) does not propose any changes to the survey.

II. Method of Collection

Notice of specific reporting requirements, including who is to report, the information to be reported, the manner of reporting, and the time and place of filing reports, will be mailed to potential respondents each quarter. Reports are due 30 days after the close of each calendar or fiscal quarter, or 45 days if the report is for the final quarter of the respondent’s financial reporting year. Reports are required from every U.S. business enterprise in which a foreign entity owns, directly and/or indirectly, 10 percent or more of the voting securities of the U.S. business enterprise if it is incorporated, or an equivalent interest if it is unincorporated, at any time during the quarter, and that meets the additional conditions detailed in Form BE-605. Certain private funds are exempt from reporting. Entities required to report will be contacted individually by BEA. Entities not contacted by BEA have no reporting responsibilities.

Potential respondents include those U.S. business enterprises that were required to report on the BE-12, Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—2012, along with those U.S. business enterprises that subsequently have become at least partly foreign owned.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0608-0009.

Form Number: BE-605.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses: 17,200 annually.

Estimated Time per Response: One hour is the average, but may vary considerably among respondents because of differences in company size and complexity.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 17,200.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (Pub. L. 94-472, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Lead, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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