

APHIS received a request from the national plant protection organization (NPPO) of China to allow the importation of fresh jujube fruit (*Ziziphus jujuba* Miller (Rhamnaceae)) from China into the continental United States. As part of our evaluation of China's request, we have prepared a pest risk assessment (PRA) to identify the pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of the importation of fresh jujube fruit into the continental United States from China. Based on the PRA, a risk management document (RMD) was prepared to identify phytosanitary measures that could be applied to the fresh jujube fruit to mitigate the pest risk.

We have concluded that fresh jujube fruit can be safely imported from China into the continental United States using one or more of the five designated phytosanitary measures listed in § 319.56–4(b). The NPPO of China would have to enter into an operational workplan with APHIS that spells out the daily procedures the NPPO of China will take to implement the measures identified in the RMD. These measures are summarized below:

- Importation in commercial consignments only.
- Registration of places of production and packinghouses with the NPPO of China.
- Limiting registered places of production to locations north of the 33rd parallel (APHIS considers China to be free of *Bactrocera* spp. fruit flies above this parallel), or alternatively, requiring phytosanitary treatment for *Bactrocera correcta*, *B. cucurbitae*, and *B. dorsalis* in accordance with 7 CFR part 305, which contains APHIS' phytosanitary treatment regulations.¹
- The NPPO maintaining a national fruit fly monitoring program.
- Grove sanitation and trapping for fruit flies in places of production that are located in a province in which *Carpomyia vesuviana* (Ber fruit fly) is known to be present.
- Recordkeeping of fruit fly detections in registered places of production.
- Pre-export inspection by the NPPO of China and issuance of a phytosanitary certificate.
- Port of entry inspections.

¹ Irradiation at 400 Gy is currently the only approved phytosanitary treatment for these three species of fruit flies. Cold treatment is currently being evaluated as an alternate treatment.

• Importation under a permit issued by APHIS.

Each of the pest risk mitigation measures that would be required, along with evidence of their efficacy in removing pests of concern from the pathway, are described in detail in the RMD.

Therefore, in accordance with § 319.56–4(c)(3), we are announcing the availability of our PRA and RMD for public review and comment. Those documents, as well as a description of the economic considerations associated with the importation of fresh jujube fruit from China, may be viewed on the *Regulations.gov* website 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 these documents by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the subject of the analysis you wish to review when requesting copies.

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the import status of fresh jujube fruit from China in a subsequent notice. If the overall conclusions of our analysis and the Administrator's determination of risk remain unchanged following our consideration of the comments, then we will authorize the importation of fresh jujube fruit from China into the continental United States subject to the requirements specified in the RMD.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1633, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, March 19, 2019.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA), invites comments on this information collection for which the Agency intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 24, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas P. Dickson, Regulatory Division Team 2, Rural Development Innovation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Stop 1522, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: 202–690–4492. *Thomas.Dickson@usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that the Agency is submitting to OMB for an extension.

Comments are invited on (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 assumption used; (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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques on other forms and information technology. Comments may be sent to Thomas P. Dickson, Regulatory Division Team 2, Rural Development Innovation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Stop 1522, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: 202–690–4492. *Thomas.Dickson@usda.gov*.

Title: Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Household Program (SEARCH).

OMB Control Number: 0572–0146.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved package.

Abstract: The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, Public Law 110–246 (Farm Bill) amended Section 306(a)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) (7 U.S.C. 1926 (a)(2)). The amendment created a grant program to make Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) Program grants.

Under the SEARCH program, the Secretary may make predevelopment and planning grants to public or quasi-public agencies, organizations operated on a not-for-profit basis or Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations and other federally recognized Indian tribes. The grant recipients shall use the grant funds for feasibility studies, design assistance, and development of an application for financial assistance to financially distressed communities in rural areas with populations of 2,500 or fewer inhabitants for water and waste disposal projects as authorized in Sections 306(a)(1), 306(a)(2) and 306(a)(24) of the CONACT.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per responses.

Respondents: Public Bodies; Indian Tribes; Not-for-Profit Organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 111.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 19.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,380.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from MaryPat Daskal, Regulatory Team 2, Rural Development Innovation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Stop 1522, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone: (202) 720–7853. Email: MaryPatDaskal@usda.gov.

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

Dated: March 19, 2019.

Bette B. Brand,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–15–2019]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 163—Ponce, Puerto Rico; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Puerto Rico Steel Products Corporation (Construction and Fencing Products), Coto Laurel, Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico Steel Products Corporation (Puerto Rico Steel) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Coto Laurel, Puerto Rico. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on March 12, 2019.

The Puerto Rico Steel facility is located within Subzone 163L. The facility will be used for production of construction and fencing products. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Puerto Rico Steel from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below, Puerto Rico Steel would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to the following steel products: Bright common nails; chain link fence; wire mesh; rebar; tubes; roll forming panels for roofing; and, snap ties (duty-free). Puerto Rico Steel would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include: Various galvanized steel components (coil, strip, or wire); various steel components (rebar, wire, wire rod, or black annealed wire); aluminum zinc coated steel coils; cold deformed steel rebar in coils; and, concrete reinforcement steel bars in coils (duty-free). The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to special duties under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (Section 232), depending on the country of origin. The applicable Section 232 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 6, 2019.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230–0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juanita Chen at juanita.chen@trade.gov or 202–482–1378.

Dated: March 19, 2019.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Special Priorities Assistance

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security.

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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before May 24, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 6616, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the internet at docpra@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Mark Crace, BIS ICB Liaison, (202) 482–8093 or at mark.crace@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: