

collection and distribution of standard electronic import and export data required by all participating Federal agencies.

From March 1, 2016, through August 15, 2016, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) conducted pilots of ACE/ITDS using the message set data for Animal Care, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, Plant Protection and Quarantine, and Veterinary Services (known collectively as APHIS Core).¹ The pilots were available for any stakeholder interested in participating. During the pilot phase, APHIS conducted an analysis and provided feedback on each initial filing. APHIS continues to provide an analysis of the data submissions for stakeholders who request feedback.

On February 3, 2020, APHIS published in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 5928–5929, Docket No. APHIS–2017–0069) a notice² announcing our intention to fully implement this change on August 3, 2020. APHIS solicited comments regarding the notice for 30 days ending on March 4, 2020. We received 4 comments by that date, from two trade brokers associations, a diagnostic laboratory, and a private citizen. They are discussed below.

Two commenters were generally supportive of the planned implementation date of August 3, 2020, but stated that implementation would be challenging for importers, shippers, and brokers. Both commenters suggested that APHIS consider a soft enforcement period upon implementation, during which the automated system would allow filers to revert to a paper option if they are unable to submit all the information electronically on a particular shipment. The commenters stated that if APHIS does not implement a soft enforcement period, the agency should set up a “war room” staffed by technical experts who could provide technical assistance in the event of difficulties.

APHIS recognizes that full implementation may present challenges for some stakeholders. Due to the COVID–19 pandemic, APHIS has decided to delay implementation until January 25, 2021. We believe that this delay will provide stakeholders with sufficient time to prepare for full implementation. APHIS notes that since 2017, those stakeholders ready to begin filing electronically have had the option

to do so. APHIS is committed to helping trade with questions and technical assistance through our help desk support at ace.itds@usda.gov.

Two commenters expressed concern that APHIS Core implementation would impose additional requirements on trade. One of these commenters asked why APHIS was adding additional regulations and tariffs if the intent of the action was to eliminate redundant information filing requirements, efficiently regulate the flow of commerce, and effectively enforce laws and regulations relating to international trade.

APHIS believes the commenter misunderstood the original notice. No additional tariffs are required as a result of this action, and this action does not amend the regulations that govern importation of any products within APHIS’ statutory authority. As we explained in our initial notice, applying Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) flags in ACE will alert filers who opt to submit data electronically whether APHIS import data is or may be required. This action will not change what import data is required, just the format in which it is submitted.

The other commenter expressed concern that additional electronic documents would be required to be submitted by the shipper, including additional permits for certain items. The commenter also expressed concern that health care providers submitting samples for testing would be required to have computer access, knowledge of the correct forms to complete, and to submit those forms in advance. The commenter stated that imposing such additional requirements could cause in delays in shipping, and those delays could result in lost time in client-patient care support and in damage to samples sent for diagnostic testing.

As we explained above, implementation of the APHIS Core message set does not change either admissibility or documentation requirements. The only change is to the format in which the information is presented by those filers who submit that information through ACE.

As we also explained above, due to the COVID–19 pandemic, APHIS has decided to delay implementation until January 25, 2021. On that date, APHIS intends to begin applying HTS flags, which will alert filers, who opt to submit data electronically, whether APHIS import data is or may be required. Importers or brokers using ACE must enter APHIS-required import data when they receive an APHIS-specific HTS flag in order to complete their entry in the system.

Importers and brokers are required to submit APHIS-required information at the first U.S. port of arrival and are responsible for knowing what to file, regardless of whether a tariff code is flagged in ACE. The APHIS Core Message Set does not allow for *de minimis* exceptions. Importers and brokers must submit required data for APHIS-regulated products regardless of the size or value of the shipment. Any exceptions to filing APHIS Core data within the ACE environment is available on the APHIS ACE website at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ace>.

Additional information and guidance regarding the APHIS Core Message Set are located at the following website: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ace/>. The latest APHIS Core Message Set implementation guide is available on the CBP website at <https://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/aphis-pga-message-set-adapted-data-element-record-layout>. A complete list of documents and approved submission options are available on the CBP website at <http://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/ace-november-1-pga-forms>.

For questions about the APHIS Core Message Set, please email ace.itds@usda.gov. For questions related to APHIS’ import requirements, please visit APHIS’ import/export website at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/importexport> or call APHIS’ Customer Service Center at (844) 820–2234.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of September 2020.

Michael Watson,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

[Docket No. FCIC–20–0007]

Notice of Request for Renewal and Revision of the Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Renewal and Revision of the Currently Approved Information Collection.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation’s (FCIC) intention to request an extension to a currently approved information collection for the submission of policies,

¹ To view the notices announcing the beginning and end of the pilots, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0063>.

² To view the notice and the comments we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2017-0069>.

provisions of policies, rates of premium, and non-reinsured supplemental policies under section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act. This notice announces a public comment period on the information collection requests (ICRs) associated with the submission of policies, provisions of policies, rates of premium, and non-reinsured supplemental policies under section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act.

DATES: Written comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business November 27, 2020.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this information collection request. In your comments, include the date, volume, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**, and the title of rule. You may submit comments by any of the following methods, although FCIC prefers that you submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID FCIC–20–0007. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Director, Product Administration and Standards Division, Risk Management Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 419205, Kansas City, MO 64133–6205.

All comments received, including those received by mail, will be posted without change and publicly available on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Francie Tolle; telephone (816) 926–7829, email francie.tolle@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: General Administrative Regulations; Subpart V—Submission of Policies, Provisions of Policies, Rates of Premium, and Non-Reinsured Supplemental Policies.

OMB Number: 0563–0064.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2021.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: FCIC is proposing to renew the currently approved information collection, OMB Number 0563–0064. It is currently up for renewal and extension for three years. Subpart V establishes guidelines for the submission of policies or other materials to the FCIC Board of Directors (Board) and identifies the required contents of a submission: the timing, review, and confidentiality requirements; reimbursement of research and development costs, maintenance costs,

and user fees; and guidelines for non-reinsured supplemental policies. This data is used to administer the Federal crop insurance program in accordance with the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended.

FCIC is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend the approval of this information collection for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning this information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(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 354 hours per response.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Parties affected by the information collection requirements included in this Notice is a person (including an approved insurance provider, a college or university, a cooperative or trade association, or any other person) who prepares a submission, proposes to the Board other crop insurance policies, provisions of policies, or rates of premium, or submits to RMA a non-reinsured supplemental policy.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 190.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: .66.

Estimated annual number of responses: 126.

Estimated total annual burden hours on respondents: 44,631.

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.

Martin R. Barbre,
Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (Board) will conduct a virtual meeting. The committee is established consistent with and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture through the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor on a broad range of forest issues. Board information, including the meeting agenda and the meeting summary/minutes can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/blackhills/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time.

All meetings are subject to cancellation. For updated status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Adobe Connect along with two conference call lines: One line will be for participants, and one line will be for the public to listen only. Detailed instructions on how to attend the meeting virtually will be sent out via email along with a news release approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses, when provided, are placed in the record and available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's Office. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Jacobson, Board Coordinator, by phone at 605–440–1409 or by email at scott.j.jacobson@usda.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss: