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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2022–0045]

#### Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Restrictions on Importation of Live Poultry, Poultry Meat, and Other Poultry Products From Specified Regions

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Revision to and 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 a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with regulations for the importation of live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products from specified regions.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before October 24, 2022.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Enter APHIS–2022–0045 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2022–0045, 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 [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 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 about the restrictions on importation of live poultry from specified regions, contact Dr. Bettina Helm, Senior Staff Veterinary Medical Officer, Live Animal Imports, Strategy & Policy, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–3362. For information about the restrictions on importation of poultry meat, and other poultry products from specified regions, contact Dr. Pamela Simpson-Diedrick, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Animal Products Import and Export, Strategy & Policy, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–3341. For information on the information collection reporting process, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851–2483; [joseph.moxey@usda.gov](mailto:joseph.moxey@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Restrictions on 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 U.S. 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.

Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and for enhancing the United States' ability to compete in the world market of animal and animal product trade. APHIS' Veterinary Services program administers regulations intended to prevent the introduction of animal

diseases into the United States. The regulations in 9 CFR parts 93 and 94 place certain restrictions on the importation of live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products from certain regions to prevent an incursion of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), Newcastle disease (ND), or other exotic poultry diseases into the United States.

To ensure live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products from these areas do not pose a risk of bringing ND, HPAI, or other exotic poultry diseases into the United States, APHIS requires information collection activities that include an application for import or in-transit permit; import or in-transit permit customs declaration; reports that the poultry have been offered for importation; health certificates; certificates of origin; recordkeeping; cooperative service agreements; and certificates for shipment back to the United States.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (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 burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

*Respondents:* Foreign animal health authorities; importers of live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products; pet bird owners; and zoological facilities.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,178.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 4.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 4,721.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 4,722 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 18th day of August 2022.

**Anthony Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket #: RBS-22-BUSINESS-0006]

### Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIIP) for Fiscal Year 2022

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation and the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS or the Agency), a Rural Development agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), announces the application window and availability of approximately \$100 million in competitive grants to eligible entities for activities designed to expand the sales and use of renewable fuels under the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIIP). Cost-share grants of up to 50 percent of total eligible project costs but not more than \$5 million will be made available to assist transportation fueling and fuel distribution facilities with converting to higher blend friendly status for ethanol (*i.e.*, greater than 10 percent ethanol) and biodiesel (greater than 5 percent biodiesel) by sharing the costs related to the installation, and/or retrofitting, and/or otherwise upgrading of dispenser/pumps, related equipment, and infrastructure.

**DATES:** Applications for HBIIIP will be accepted from August 23, 2022 through

November 21, 2022. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. eastern time on November 21, 2022 will not be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** *Application Submission:* Instructions and additional resources, to include an Application Guide, are available at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/HBIIIP>, under the “How To Apply” tab.

*Electronic submissions:* All applicants must file their application electronically through the HBIIIP Application portal. Guidance and resources for the application portal can be found at the website referenced above.

This funding opportunity will also be posted to <https://www.grants.gov>.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeff Carpenter, telephone (402) 318-8195, email: [HigherBlendsGrants-access@usda.gov](mailto:HigherBlendsGrants-access@usda.gov). Persons with disabilities that require alternative means for communication should contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Overview**

*Federal Agency:* The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS).

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIIP).

*Announcement Type:* Notice of Funding Opportunity.

*Assistance Listing Number:* 10.754.

*Funding Opportunity Number:* RBCS-22-01-HBIIIP.

*Due Date for Applications:*

Applications for HBIIIP will be accepted from August 23, 2022 through November 21, 2022. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. eastern time on November 21, 2022 will not be considered.

*Administrative:* The following considerations apply to this Notice:

- A. Administration Priorities.* The Agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities (more details available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points>):
- Assisting rural communities recover economically from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly disadvantaged communities.
  - Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD funded projects.
  - Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.

*B. Targeted Assistance Goal.* A targeted assistance goal is also

established for applicants (owners) owning the fewest number of transportation fueling stations/locations (and owning at least one).

Approximately 40 percent of funds will be made available for activities/investments related to upgrading or installing equipment to make a transportation fueling facility fully compatible to dispense/sell higher blends of fuel ethanol and/or biodiesel. The Agency expects this Targeted Assistance to be exhausted by applicants owning 10 fueling stations/locations or fewer.

Approximately 80 percent of fuel sales in the U.S. is sold by convenience store owners. Moreover, about 58 percent of the stores selling fuel in the U.S. are “single store owners.” A significant majority of higher blends fuel is currently sold/dispensed by large retail convenience store chains located in the Midwest and along the East Coast of the U.S., due in part because these are the types of businesses and locations with the highest densities of higher blends fueling infrastructure. The Agency established this Targeted Assistance Goal as a means to distribute a portion of program funds among a greater number of business owners and perhaps indirectly, across a broader geographic region, that may not otherwise participate. There is an underlying expectation that owners/participants located in underserved areas today will be positioned as higher blend fuel market leaders tomorrow.

*C. Consideration for Geographic Diversity.* A consideration for geographical diversity and markets underserved by higher blends is also afforded to applicants/participants based on the location of the proposed transportation fueling stations/facilities. This consideration is intended to work in concert with the Targeted Assistance Goal to distribute program funds more broadly across a greater number of states that may not otherwise participate.

*D. First Time Applicants.* A consideration for first time applicants may be given to those without a prior HBIIIP acceptance of a Letter of Conditions.

### Items in Supplementary Information

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