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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 required regarding; 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 May 2, 2024 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. 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.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Emergency Relief Program 2022 (ERP 2022).

OMB Control Number: 0560–0316.

Summary of Collection: Title I of the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 (Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023; Pub. L. 117–328) provides \$3.741715 billion for necessary expenses related losses of revenue, quality, or production of crops (including milk, on-farm stored commodities, crops prevented from planting in 2020 and 2021, and harvested adulterated wine grapes), trees, bushes, and vines, as a consequence of droughts, wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, derechos, excessive heat, winter storms, freeze, including a polar vortex, smoke exposure, quality losses of crops, and excessive moisture occurring in calendar year 2022. FSA is directed by USDA to use part of this funding to provide assistance to eligible crop producers through ERP 2022.

Need and Use of the Information: The information submitted by respondents is used by FSA to determine eligibility and issue payments to eligible applicants under ERP 2022. ERP Track 1 uses a streamlined application process for losses for which data is already on file with FSA and RMA. Producers certify on the application that the loss was due, in whole or in part, to a qualifying disaster event and indicate that they agree to obtain crop insurance or NAP coverage for the next two available crop years, which is a statutory requirement for payment eligibility. Producers with a Whole Farm Revenue Protection policy or whole-farm unit must also indicate the percentage attributed to specialty crops to implement payment limitation provisions as required by law.

Track 2 assists producers for other eligible crop losses through a revenue-based approach. Track 2 applicants complete an application form to indicate their benchmark and disaster year revenue, and percentage from specialty crops. Track 2 producers must also submit FSA–525, Crop Insurance and/or NAP Coverage Agreement, to certify that they will purchase federal crop insurance or NAP coverage as required by law. FSA is also providing optional worksheets (FSA–525–A and FSA–525–B) that Track 2 applicants can use to assist in calculating their

benchmark and disaster year revenue. Using a revenue-based approach also reflects losses of production and quality of crops without requiring the more extensive calculations and documentation required under some previous programs addressing individual crop losses due to disaster events. Using a decrease in gross revenue in the calculation of Track 2 payments also captures a producer's loss due to a qualifying disaster event regardless of whether the loss occurs before harvest or after harvest while the crop is in storage, further streamlining the delivery of assistance.

Producers may also need to submit additional forms if not already on file with FSA, including forms to establish their eligibility for a higher payment limitation or payment rate, if applicable.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 230,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Other (one-time).

Total Burden Hours: 100,072.

Rachelle Ragland-Greene,

Acting Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2023–0087]

Addition of Kosovo and Mozambique to the List of Regions Affected With Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have added Kosovo and Mozambique to the list of regions that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service considers to be affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). These actions follow our imposition of HPAI-related restrictions on avian commodities originating from or transiting Kosovo or Mozambique, as a result of the confirmation of HPAI in these countries.

DATES: Kosovo and Mozambique were added to the list of regions APHIS considers to be affected with HPAI,

effective respectively on September 29, 2023, and October 20, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the Kosovo listing, contact Dr. Heather Sriranganathan, APHIS Veterinary Services, Regionalization Evaluation Services, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737; phone (717) 818-3582; email: AskRegionalization@usda.gov.

For the Mozambique listing, contact Dr. La'Toya Lane, APHIS Veterinary Services, Regionalization Evaluation Services, 920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27606; phone: (301) 550-1671; email: AskRegionalization@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 9 CFR part 94 (referred to below as the regulations) govern the importation of certain animals and animal products into the United States to prevent the introduction of various animal diseases, including Newcastle disease and highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The regulations prohibit or restrict the importation of live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products from regions where these diseases are considered to exist.

Section 94.6 of the regulations contains requirements governing the importation into the United States of carcasses, meat, parts or products of carcasses, and eggs (other than hatching eggs) of poultry, game birds, or other birds from regions of the world where HPAI exists or is reasonably believed to exist. HPAI is an extremely infectious and potentially fatal form of avian influenza in birds and poultry that, once established, can spread rapidly from flock to flock. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) maintains a list of restricted regions it considers affected with HPAI of any subtype on the APHIS website at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/animal-health-status-of-regions>.

APHIS receives notice of HPAI outbreaks from veterinary officials of the exporting country, from the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH),¹ or from other sources the Administrator determines to be reliable.

On August 21, 2023, APHIS became aware of a European Food Safety Authority document reporting outbreaks of HPAI in Kosovo in 2022. On September 25, 2023, the Kosovo Food and Veterinary Authority confirmed the

detection of HPAI in 2021 and 2022. In response to these reports, on September 29, 2023, APHIS added Kosovo to the list of regions where HPAI exists or is considered to exist, in compliance with § 94.6(a)(2)(ii). On that same date, APHIS issued an import alert notifying stakeholders that APHIS imposed restrictions on the importation of poultry, commercial birds, ratites, avian hatching eggs, unprocessed avian products and byproducts, and certain fresh poultry commodities originating from or transiting Kosovo to mitigate risk of HPAI introduction in the United States.

On October 17, 2023, the veterinary authorities of Mozambique reported to the WOA the occurrence of HPAI in that country. In response to that report, on October 20, 2023, after confirming that HPAI occurred in commercial birds and poultry, APHIS added Mozambique to the list of regions where HPAI exists or is considered to exist, in compliance with § 94.6(a)(2)(ii). On that same day, APHIS issued an import alert notifying stakeholders that APHIS imposed restrictions on the importation of poultry, commercial birds, ratites, avian hatching eggs, unprocessed avian products and byproducts, and certain fresh poultry commodities originating from or transiting Mozambique to mitigate risk of HPAI introduction into the United States.

With the publication of this notice, we are informing the public that we have added Kosovo to the list of regions APHIS considers affected with HPAI of any subtype, effective September 29, 2023; and Mozambique to the list of regions APHIS considers affected with HPAI of any subtype, effective October 20, 2023. This notice serves as an official record and public notification of these actions.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1633, 7701-7772, 7781-7786, and 8301-8317; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this 26th day of March 2024.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket No. 240326-0089]

Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity Clean Economy Investor Forum Solicitation of Applications for Participation

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal; reissuance of request for applications.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration (ITA) seeks applications for the Department to consider recommending to the Government of Singapore (Singapore) for participation in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Clean Economy Investor Forum (Forum) hosted by Singapore on June 5-6, 2024. The Forum was announced on November 16, 2023, in the Joint Statement following an IPEF Ministerial meeting. The Forum participants will help advance the climate objectives of the proposed IPEF Clean Economy Agreement by helping facilitate investments in climate-related projects in the Indo-Pacific region. ITA is seeking applications from the U.S. private sector for ITA to consider recommending to Singapore. This notice withdraws and supersedes a notice and request for applications published March 28, 2024.

DATES: The IPEF Clean Economy Investor Forum will take place on Thursday and Friday, June 5-6, 2024.

Applications for participation should be submitted by 5 p.m. EST on April 16, 2024. Applications submitted in response to the notice published March 28, 2024 need not be resubmitted.

ADDRESSES: Interested companies should submit their applications for immediate consideration to ITA at IPEFInvestorForum@trade.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ava Jamerson, Policy Advisor, Office of the Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; email: ava.jamerson@trade.gov; telephone: 202.823.0686. For additional information about IPEF, please visit: <https://www.commerce.gov/ipef>. You can find the latest information about the Clean Economy Pillar at: <https://www.commerce.gov/ipef/pillar-iii> and at <https://www.commerce.gov/sites/default/files/2023-11/US-Factsheet-SF-Pillar-III.pdf>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

¹ The World Organization for Animal Health internationally follows a British English spelling of "organisation" in its name; also, it was formerly the Office International des Epizooties, or OIE, but on May 28, 2022, the Organization announced that the acronym was changed from OIE to WOA.