

provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*), and the Egg Product Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. The Administrative Procedures Act requires that Federal agencies give interested persons the right to petition for issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule (5 U.S.C. 553 (e)). FSIS has regulations (9 CFR 392) governing petitions to the Agency to issue, amend, or repeal its regulations.

**Need and Use of the Information:** FSIS will use the information associated with petitions to assess the merits of the petition and to determine whether to issue, amend, or repeal its regulations. If the information is not collected or collected less frequently, it would reduce the effectiveness of the meat, poultry, and egg products inspection program.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Number of Respondents:** 10.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: On occasion.

**Total Burden Hours:** 400.

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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 requested 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 January 21, 2025 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](http://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.

### Rural Housing Service

**Title:** RUS Form 87, Request for Mail List Data.

**OMB Control Number:** 0572-0051.

**Summary of Collection:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The agency makes loans (direct and guaranteed) to finance electric and telecommunications facilities in rural areas in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 as amended, (ReAct). RUS Electric Program provides support to the vast rural American electric infrastructure. RUS' Telecommunications Program makes loans to furnish and improve telephone services and other telecommunications purposes in rural areas.

**Need and Use of the Information:** RUS will collect information using RUS Form 87, Request for Mail List Data. The information is used for the RUS Electric and Telephone programs to obtain the name and addresses of the borrowers' officers/board of directors and corporate officials, who are authorized to sign official documents and/or to make official representations concerning borrower operations and management. RUS uses the information to assure that (1) accurate, current, and verifiable information is available; (2) correspondence with borrowers is properly directed; and (3) the appropriate officials have signed the official documents submitted. Failure to collect information from borrowers could result in failure to protect the government's security interest when

determining eligibility and administering loan programs.

**Description of Respondents:** Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

**Number of Respondents:** 869.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: On occasion.

**Total Burden Hours:** 217.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2023-0050]

### Addition of Black Stem Rust-Resistant Barberry Plant Varieties to Regulated Articles List

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are adding 33 varieties to the list of black stem rust-resistant barberry species and varieties. This change will allow for the interstate movement of these newly developed varieties without unnecessary restrictions.

**DATES:** Varieties were added to the list of black stem rust-resistant barberry species on December 20, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Allen Proxmire, National Policy Manager, Black Stem Rust, Specialty Crops and Cotton Pests, Emergency and Domestic Programs, PPO, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; phone: (480) 392-8754; email: [allen.proxmire@usda.gov](mailto:allen.proxmire@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Black stem rust is a destructive plant disease caused by a fungus (*Puccinia graminis*) that reduces the quality and yield of infected wheat, oat, barley, and rye crops. In addition to infecting small grains, the fungus lives on a variety of alternate host plants that are species of the genera *Berberis*, *Mahoberberis*, and *Mahonia*, known as barberry plants.

The regulations in "Subpart D—Black Stem Rust" (7 CFR 301.38 through 301.38-8, referred to below as the regulations), quarantine the conterminous 48 States and the District of Columbia for black stem rust, and govern the interstate movement of plants of the genera *Berberis*,

