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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-020-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed 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 an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of the Application for Inspection and Certification of Animal Byproducts.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 17, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 96-020-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 96-020-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments and notices are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information on the Application for Inspection and Certification of Animal Byproducts, contact Dr. John Gray, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-7837; or e-mail: jgray@aphis.usda.gov. For copies of the proposed collection of information, contact Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Inspection and Certification of Animal Byproducts.

OMB Number: 0579-0008.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 1996.

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

Abstract: U.S. exporters who wish to export certain animal byproducts to other countries must, in some instances, furnish the importing country with certificates that have been issued or endorsed by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS). These certificates attest to the class and quality of these products, and also attest that the products have been processed according to the conditions and requirements of the importing country. VS Form 16-24 is one such certificate.

The information requested on VS Form 16-24 is provided by the applicant and notifies us that the applicant desires to have us monitor the processing of the product. After monitoring the processing technique, we certify (on VS Form 16-24) that the product was processed according to the conditions and requirements of the importing country. Without this certification, the importing country would not accept the product, and the applicant would be unable to conduct business with that country.

The use of VS Form 16-24 has no impact on animal disease prevention or eradication activities in the United States. The form was developed strictly in response to the importation requirements of other countries.

The use of VS Form 16-24 provides ample space for the applicant to list, in detail, the processing technique that we need to verify to make the product eligible to enter the importing country.

The form also serves as the written agreement under which the applicant (the U.S. exporter) pays for the services we render in connection with documenting the certification statements required by the importing country.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. We need this outside input to help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection 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 proposed 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, or other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .5 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. exports of animal byproducts.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Numbers of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 10 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection.

Done in Washington, DC, this 10th day of April 1996.

Terry L. Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Forest Service

California Coast Province Advisory Committee (PAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.