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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.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Regulations Governing the Voluntary Grading of Shell Eggs.
OMB Control Number: 0581-0128.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 1087-1091, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) (AMA) directs and authorizes the Department to develop standards of quality, grades, grading programs, and services to enable a more orderly marketing of agricultural products so trading may be facilitated and so consumers may be able to obtain products graded and identified under USDA programs. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) carries out regulations, which provide a voluntary program for grading shell eggs on the basis of U.S. standards, grades, and weight classes. In addition, the shell egg industry and users of the products have requested that other types of voluntary services be developed and provided under these regulations. This program is voluntary where respondents would need to request or apply for the specific service they wish.

Need and Use of the Information: Only authorized representatives of the USDA use the information collected. The information is used to administer, conduct and carry out the grading services requested by the respondents. If the information were not collected, the agency would not be able to provide the voluntary grading service authorized and requested by Congress, provide the types of services requested by industry, administer the program, ensure properly grade-labeled products, calculate the cost of the service or collect for the cost furnishing service.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 630.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Semi-annually; Monthly; Annually; Other (daily).

Total Burden Hours: 5,514.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2008-0035]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Hawaiian and Territorial Quarantine Notices

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: 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 an extension of approval of an information collection associated with regulations to prevent the interstate spread of plant pests from Hawaii and U.S. territories.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before June 2, 2008.

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

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2008-0035> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2008-0035, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2008-0035.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 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) 690-2817 before coming.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding regulations for the movement of fruits and vegetables from Hawaii and U.S. territories, contact Mr. David Lamb, Import Specialist, Commodity Import Analysis and Operations, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-4312. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Hawaiian and Territorial Quarantine Notices.

OMB Number: 0579-0198.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: As authorized by the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) (PPA), the Secretary of Agriculture may prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, exportation, or movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant product, biological control organism, noxious weed, means of conveyance, or other article if the Secretary determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent a plant pest or noxious weed from being introduced into or disseminated within the United States. This authority has been delegated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), which administers regulations to implement the PPA.

Regulations governing the interstate movement of plants and plant products from Hawaii and U.S. territories, including Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, are contained in 7 CFR part 318, "Hawaiian and Territorial Quarantine Notices."

These regulations are necessary to prevent the interstate spread of plant pests such as the Mediterranean fruit fly, the melon fly, the Oriental fruit fly, green coffee scale, the bean pod borer, and other plant pests to noninfested areas of the United States.

Administering these regulations requires APHIS to collect information from a variety of individuals who are involved in growing, packing, handling, and transporting plants and plant products. This information serves as supporting documentation required for the issuance of forms and documents

that authorize the movement of regulated articles and is vital to help ensure that injurious plant pests are not spread interstate from Hawaii and U.S. territories to noninfested areas of the United States.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities 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 reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.0786158 hours per response.

Respondents: State plant regulatory officials, irradiation facility personnel, and individuals involved in growing, packing, handling, and transporting plants and plant products.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 1,129.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 11.108945.

Estimated annual number of responses: 12,542.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 986 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 27th day of March 2008.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for New Information Collection on Genetic Resources for U.S. Food and Agriculture

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Foreign Agricultural Service's intention, in collaboration with the University of Illinois, to request a new information collection for genetic resources relevant to U.S. food and agriculture.

DATES: Comments and recommendations must be received on or before June 2, 2008. Comments received after this date will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jennifer Long, Visiting Assistant Research Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Illinois, 845 W. Taylor Street (MC 066), Chicago, IL 60607, e-mail at vernlong@uic.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Food and Agricultural Genetic Resources.

OMB Number: To be assigned by OMB.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from approval date.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: The Foreign Agricultural Service, in collaboration with the University of Illinois, will be gathering information on the international sources and uses of genetic resources relevant to U.S. food and agriculture. FAS and other USDA agencies would like to obtain information from a broad base of stakeholders on how the sources and uses of genetic resources may affect U.S. food and agricultural research and development activities. This information will assist FAS in further developing U.S. policy positions to be advanced in international forums such as the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (UN FAO) Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) Convention on Biological Diversity. Information collected from stakeholders will consist of an online survey, followed by a phone interview, to identify the sources and uses of genetic

resources in the stakeholders' research and development activities. A maximum of two additional phone interviews may be held with respondents to clarify information from survey responses. Authority to collect this information falls under 7 U.S.C. Part 5693 and it is voluntary for stakeholders to participate. The data will be collected through a secure, online survey instrument and will be stored on a secure, password protected server at the University of Illinois. Only individuals with proper authorization (i.e., a password) will have access to the data.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.50 hours per response.

Type of Respondents: Individual faculty and administrators in public and private U.S. universities, businesses, and individual researchers at federal agricultural research institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses: 5,900 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 9,900 per annum.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Tamoria Thompson-Hall, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1690 or e-mail at Tamoria.Thompson@usda.gov. Comments may be sent to Dr. Jennifer Long, Visiting Assistant Research Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Illinois, 845 West Taylor Street (MC 066), Chicago, IL 60607 or e-mail at vernlong@uic.edu or to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours by contacting Peter