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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Comments regarding this information collection received by September 25, 2023 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.

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displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Operating Guidelines, Forms, Waivers, and Annual State Report on Verification of SNAP Participation.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0083.

Summary of Collection: Under section 16 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (the Act), 7 U.S.C. 2025, the Secretary is authorized to pay each State agency an amount equal to 50 percent of all administrative costs involved in each State agency's operation of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Under corresponding SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 272.2(c), the State agency is required to submit and maintain annually for FNS approval a (1) Budget Projection Statement (FNS–366A), which projects total costs for major areas of SNAP operations, and (2) a Program Activity Statement (FNS–366B), which provides a summary of SNAP operations during the preceding fiscal year both approved by OMB under the Food Processing Reporting Systems (FPRS). Additionally, under section 11(o) of the Act each State agency is required to develop and submit plans for the use of (3) automated data processing (ADP) and information retrieval systems to administer SNAP. As for (4) State Plan of Operation Updates, State agencies will submit the operations planning documents to the appropriate regional office for approval through the SNAP The Waiver Information Management System (WIMS) (5) the Federal Financial Reporting Form SF 425 (known as SF 425/FNS 778); (6) Other ADP Plan or Updates. Additionally, to improve operational efficiency and streamline the agency's information collection portfolio, FNS is merging the recordkeeping hours for the State Issuance and Participation Estimates (FNS–388) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Project Area Data Format (FNS–388A) into this information collection and will submit a discontinuation request for 0584–0081. We are not seeking reporting burden hours for FNS 388 or 388A.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information to estimate funding needs and also provide data on the number of applications processed, number of fair hearings, and fraud control activity. FNS uses the data to estimate funding needs and to monitor

State agency activity levels and performance. If the information were not collected it would disrupt budget planning and delay appropriation distributions and FNS would not be able to verify and ensure State compliance with statutory criteria. The FNS–388 and FNS–388A records State agencies are required to maintained by the same recordkeeping activities are essentially the same; three years. We are merging this information collection for operational efficiency.

Description of Respondents: State, local or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 164.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; reporting: annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,138.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Brucellosis and Bovine tuberculosis: Importation of Cattle and Bison

OMB Control Number: 0579–0442.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The Secretary may also prohibit or restrict import or export of any animal or related material if necessary to prevent the spread of any livestock or poultry pest or disease. The AHPA is contained in title X, subtitle E, sections 10401–18 of Public Law 107–171, May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 [7 U.S.C. 8301 et. seq.]

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. Tuberculosis (TB) is a contagious disease of both animals and humans. Bovine TB, caused by *M. bovis*, can be transmitted from livestock to humans and other animals. Brucellosis is an infectious disease of animals and humans caused by the bacteria of the genus *Brucella*. The disease is characterized by abortions and impaired fertility in its principal animal hosts. Brucellosis is mainly a disease of cattle, bison, and swine; *Brucella abortus* is associated with the disease in cattle and bison. There is no economically feasible treatment for brucellosis in livestock.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS uses the following information activities to prevent importation of cattle and bison infected with or exposed to TB and brucellosis: Request for Regional Classification; Application for Recognition of Regional Classification;

Request for Additional Information about a Region; Maintaining Classification and Reclassification; and Official Identification and Certification

Failure to collect this information would make it much more difficult for APHIS to prevent, detect, control, and eradicate TB and brucellosis from the United States. Outbreaks of the diseases would have severe economic consequences on the U.S. cattle industry.

Description of respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 21.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 907.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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U.S. COMMITTEE ON THE MARINE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

[Docket No. DOT–OST–2023–0117]

Proposed National Guidance for Industry on Responding to Munitions and Explosives of Concern in U.S. Federal Waters

AGENCY: U.S. Committee on the Marine Transportation System.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a draft guidance document, the National Guidance for Industry on Responding to Munitions and Explosives of Concern in U.S. Federal Waters. The U.S. Committee on the Marine Transportation System invites public comment on the draft guidance.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 25, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The draft guidance can be viewed through the U.S. Committee on the Marine Transportation System’s website at <https://www.cmts.gov/topic-offshore-energy/>. You may submit comments, identified by docket number DOT–OST–2023–0117, using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Do not submit any information you consider to be private information,

privileged or confidential commercial or financial information, or if the disclosure of which is restricted by statute.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Until 1972, one of the primary mechanisms for the disposal of munitions and explosives of concern (MEC), including unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions, and munitions constituents—all of which may pose explosive hazards—was to dispose of them at sea. This disposal, in addition to other mechanisms, has led to a significant buildup of MEC in Federal waters on the outer continental shelf (OCS) with a concentration along the eastern seaboard of the United States. As the demand for renewable energy continues to grow, offshore energy, with a focus on offshore wind, is rapidly increasing. The Biden-Harris Administration has set a goal of significantly increasing the nation’s offshore wind energy capacity to 30 gigawatts by 2030. However, many of the sites leased and targeted for development of these projects overlap with areas where MEC have settled over the decades. To answer questions on how to address the discovery of MEC through a whole-of-government process, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) approached the U.S. Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS), a Congressionally mandated, Cabinet-level interagency body, to convene Federal agencies to develop this guidance. This document is intended to help Federal agencies coordinate their statutory and regulatory authorities to approve, regulate, or permit the detonation, removal, or mitigation of MEC on the OCS.

The draft national guidance describes the process recommended to industry when responding to MEC discovered in Federal waters and on the OCS during the development of offshore energy installations. This includes procedures for industry to inform the government of MEC discoveries on the OCS, a process to safely develop a risk assessment, and MEC operational response plan. The draft guidance also outlines the interagency process for the government to respond to such discoveries and work with industry.