

- Be grown from seeds germinated in the greenhouse unit; or descended from a mother plant that was grown for at least 9 months in the exporting country prior to importation into the United States of the descendant plants;
 - Be watered only with rainwater that has been boiled or pasteurized, with clean well water, or with potable water;
 - Be rooted and grown in approved growing media;
 - Be stored and packaged only in areas free of sand, soil, earth, and quarantine pests; and
 - Be inspected in the greenhouse and found free from evidence of quarantine pests by an APHIS inspector or an inspector of the NPPO of the exporting country.

In addition, the grower is required to comply with the provisions of the program and to allow inspectors, and representatives of the NPPO of the exporting country, access to where the plants are grown. These requirements have been used successfully to mitigate the risk of pest introduction associated with the importation into the United States of approved plants established in approved growing media.

Beyond the basic requirements for import eligibility applicable to all taxa in approved growing media, the Plants for Planting Manual and ACIR contain approved growing media program requirements specific to plant taxa and the country in which they are grown. Programs for importation of *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants in approved growing media from approved facilities have been established for four countries: China, Costa Rica, South Korea, and Taiwan.

In response to the request by Germany and the Netherlands, we conducted pest risk assessments to evaluate the risk to the United States, including territories, of importation of *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants in approved growing media from Germany and the Netherlands. After a review of the scientific literature, port-of-entry pest interception data, and information from the NPPO of Germany and the Netherlands, we conducted pest risk assessments listing all potential pests with actionable regulatory status for the United States and its territories that occur in Germany and the Netherlands and are associated with *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants anywhere in the world. We analyzed the pest risk potential of these organisms and determined that no organism in Germany of quarantine concern had a reasonable likelihood of following the pathway of *Phalaenopsis* spp. plants in growing media from Germany into the United States. Nonetheless, the general

plants in growing media regulations outlined in the Plants for Planting Manual and ACIR will still apply for this pathway. This will ensure that *Phalaenopsis* spp. imported into the United States from Germany have been produced under the conditions evaluated by the pest risk assessment. For the pest risk assessment of the Netherlands, we found three pests, the arthropods *Lyprauta cambria* and *L. chacoensis*, and the fungus *Colletotrichum orchidearum*, are candidates for risk management measures because they meet the threshold to likely cause unacceptable consequences if introduced into the United States.

Based on the findings in the pest risk assessments, we prepared risk management documents (RMDs)³ to determine mitigations that will be required of Germany, and that will adequately prevent the introduction of *Lyprauta cambria*, *L. chacoensis*, and *Colletotrichum orchidearum* from the Netherlands into the United States, for *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants in approved growing media. In order for *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants to be safely imported into the United States from Germany and the Netherlands, the RMDs specify that the plants must be grown in approved growing media and meet the requirements outlined in the USDA Plants for Planting Manual. The RMD for the Netherlands additionally provides mitigations required to prevent the introduction of *Lyprauta cambria*, *L. chacoensis*, and *Colletotrichum orchidearum*, into the United States via *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants in approved growing media from the Netherlands. These requirements for each country are detailed in written agreements between APHIS and Germany and the Netherlands regarding risk management measures to prevent the entry of quarantine plant pests.

Therefore, in accordance with § 319.37–20(c), we are announcing the availability of our pest risk assessments and RMDs for public review and comment. These documents may be viewed on the *Regulations.gov* website or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for a link to *Regulations.gov* and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of these documents by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the subject of

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the analyses you wish to review when requesting copies.

After we review any comments that we receive on our proposed changes to the USDA Plants for Planting Manual and ACIR, we will publish a second notice. The second notice will inform the public of any changes to the list of countries approved for the importation into the United States of *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants in approved growing media.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1633, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of October 2024.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2021–0071]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Rescindment of a system of records notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture is issuing a public notice of its intent to rescind an Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Privacy Act system of records notice, Brucellosis Information System and Brucellosis Recording and Reporting System, USDA/APHIS–6. This system was created to maintain information on herds and individual animals tested, studied, or restricted under the brucellosis program; epidemiologic studies; State and Federal personnel; contractual personnel; livestock markets; slaughtering establishments; milk processing plants; livestock dealers (including agents and brokers); and laboratories engaged in or affected by brucellosis program activities. This system of records notice is rescinded because it has been superseded by another system of records published by the Department.

DATES: The rescindment will become applicable by December 6, 2024.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Enter

APHIS–2021–0071 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

• **Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:**

Please send one copy of your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2021–0071, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 2C–10.16, 4700 River Road, Unit 25, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>

or in our reading room, which is in room 1620 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) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Aimee Hunt, MPH, DACVPM, Veterinary Medical Officer, Strategy & Policy, Ruminant Health Center-Cattle, Veterinary Services, APHIS, Fort Collins, CO; (515) 686–1435; email: VS.SP.Cattle.Health.Center@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is rescinding the system of records notice, Brucellosis Information System and Brucellosis Recording and Reporting System, USDA/APHIS–6, and removing it from its inventory. This system was created to maintain information on herds and individual animals tested, studied, or restricted under the brucellosis program; epidemiologic studies; State and Federal personnel; contractual personnel; livestock markets; slaughtering establishments; milk processing plants; livestock dealers (including agents and brokers); and laboratories engaged in or affected by brucellosis program activities. This system of records notice is rescinded because it has been superseded by another system of records published by the Department.

The records previously maintained in the Brucellosis Information System and Brucellosis Recording and Reporting System are now maintained within the Animal Health, Disease, and Pest Surveillance and Management System, USDA/APHIS–15, which supports APHIS' mission of protecting and improving the health, quality, and marketability of animals within the United States and response to animal health emergencies.

Rescinding the Brucellosis Information System and Brucellosis Recording and Reporting System will have no adverse impacts on individuals as the records are covered by and maintained under the Animal Health, Disease, and Pest Surveillance and Management System. This notice hereby rescinds the Brucellosis Information System and Brucellosis Recording and Reporting System of records notice as identified below.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Brucellosis Information System and Brucellosis Recording and Reporting System, USDA/APHIS–6.

HISTORY:

Brucellosis Information System, USDA/APHIS–6, was published as a new system in its entirety on September 3, 1981 (46 FR 44206–44208; Docket No. 81–042).

Brucellosis Information System and Brucellosis Recording and Reporting System, USDA/APHIS–6, was modified and published in its entirety on February 27, 1987 (52 FR 6031–6038; Docket No. 86–408).

Done in Washington, DC, this 31st day of October 2024.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Bid for Advertised Timber

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension with no revision of a currently approved information collection, Bid for Advertised Timber.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before January 6, 2025 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Director, Forest Management, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop 1103, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090–6090.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 202–205–1045 or by email to: sm.fs.TSAdminForms@usda.gov.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant websites and upon request. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

The public may inspect the draft supporting statement and/or comments received at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/forestmanagement/products/contracts.shtml>. The public may request an electronic copy of the draft supporting statement and/or any comments received be sent via return email. Requests should be emailed to sm.fs.TSAdminForms@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kraig Kidwell, Washington Office Natural Resources Forest Management staff, by phone at 541–961–2614 and by email at kraig.kidwell@usda.gov.

Individuals who use

telecommunications devices for the hearing impaired may call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Bid for Advertised Timber.

OMB Number: 0596–0066.

Expiration Date of Approval:

December 31, 2024.

Type of Request: Extension with no Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Pursuant to statutory requirements at 16 U.S.C. 472a, unless extraordinary conditions exist as defined by regulation, the Secretary of Agriculture must (1) advertise sales of all National Forest System timber or forest products exceeding \$10,000 in appraised value, (2) select bidding methods that ensure open and fair competition, (3) select bidding methods that ensure that the Federal Government receives not less than appraised value of the timber or forest product; and (4) monitor bidding patterns for evidence of unlawful bidding practices.