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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Quick Response for Cooperator-funded Surveys Generic Clearance.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0264.

Summary of Collection: The primary objectives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are to prepare and issue official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition and prices, economic statistics, and environmental statistics related to agriculture and to conduct the Census of Agriculture and its follow-on surveys. In addition to the many statistical activities directly related to its mission, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will lend technical expertise to other Federal agencies, State governments, land grant universities, and other organizations which have a Memorandum of Understanding with NASS. These entities will be referred to as cooperators. NASS provides support and assistance in the areas of questionnaire & sample design as well as analysis of survey results. NASS would like to include data collection to its list of services, utilizing the existing Cooperative Agreement with the National State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA). The data collection activities in this generic clearance request would be conducted through cooperative agreements with Federal agencies, State departments of agriculture, land-grant universities, or other organizations with which NASS has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The surveys will be conducted under a full-cost recovery basis. These cooperators have sought out NASS's assistance to provide statistics beneficial to agriculture, but are not covered by NASS's annual Congressional appropriation. General authority for conducting cooperative projects is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 450a which states that USDA officials may, "enter into agreements with and receive funds . . . for the purpose of conducting cooperative research projects . . ." This authority has been delegated to NASS. Response to all surveys collected under this generic clearance is voluntary.

NASS benefits from these cooperative agreements by: (1) Obtaining additional data to update its list of farm operators; (2) encouraging both parties to coordinate Federal survey activities and activities funded under a cooperative agreement to reduce the need for

overlapping data collection and/or spread-out respondent burden; and (3) facilitating additional promotion of NASS surveys and statistical reports funded by annual Congressional appropriations. Respondents benefit from these cooperative agreements by: (1) Having their reported data protected by Federal Law (U.S. Code title 18, section 1905; U.S. Code title 7, section 2276; and title III of Pub. L. 115–435 codified in 44 U.S.C. ch. 35 and other applicable Federal laws, (CIPSEA)); (2) having data collection activities for Federal and Cooperative surveys coordinated to minimize respondent burden; and (3) having high-quality agricultural data that are important to a state or region be collected and published.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS would like to conduct up to 10 surveys each year in response to requests from cooperators who have data needs that cannot be met through NASS's annual Congressional appropriations.

NASS would like to include surveys that would cover topics such as:

- Farm management practices,
- Food safety,
- Workplace safety,
- Conservation and land use practices,
- Chemical use management practices,
- Crop quality,
- Agri-tourism, local foods, or other specific agricultural promotion programs.

The summarized and published information will be analyzed by the sponsoring cooperators and stakeholders in agriculture. Results will be used to study

- production agriculture as well as
- various programs and policies to determine their impact on agricultural producers and consumers.

Description of Respondents: Private Sector; Businesses or other for-profits; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 225,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 111,512.

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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 and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by February 10, 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. 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.

Forest Service

Title: Bid for Advertised Timber.

OMB Control Number: 0596–0066.

Summary of Collection: This information collection is necessary to implement the various statutes, regulations, and policies designed to ensure that: (1) National Forest System timber is sold at not less than appraised value; (2) bidders meet specific criteria when submitting a bid; and (3) anti-trust violations do not occur during the bidding process.

Individuals, large and small businesses, and corporations wishing to purchase timber or forest products from national forests must enter into a timber sale or forest product contract with the Forest Service. Several statutes, regulations, and policies impose requirements on the Government and purchasers involved in the bidding

process. The Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), although not binding upon the Federal Government, is a useful tool in determining the rights and liabilities of the contacting parties in the contract formation process.

Need and Use of the Information:

There are six versions of bid forms divided into three categories. The same information is requested within each category, with minor differences in how respondents display the bid. The Forest Service decides on the form used for a sale or contract prior to advertising. A variety of factors affects the decision, including size, complexity, value and length of the contract. Respondents must use the form identified/provided by the Forest Service and cannot submit a response in a different format. This collection is required for the private sector to be considered for the benefit of National Forest System timber under various contract forms. To be considered for award of these contracts, bid forms must be submitted.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households;

Number of Respondents: 1,824.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 118,018.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2014-0062]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is modifying a system of records in its inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. The system of records being modified is the Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance (SITC) National Information Communication Activity System (SNICAS), USDA/APHIS-21. SNICAS maintains a record of activities conducted by the agency pursuant to its mission and authorized responsibilities. The purpose of the system is to record

data and information about APHIS' SITC activities nationwide. We are modifying the system to exempt the system from certain provisions of the Privacy Act.

DATES: The exemption will become effective on February 10, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions, please contact Mr. Ricardo Valdez, Pest Exclusion and Import Programs, National Policy Manager, SITC, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737; (443) 745-7931; SITC.Mail@usda.gov. For Privacy Act questions concerning this system of records notice, please contact Director, Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Staff, 4700 River Road Unit 50, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-4076; email: APHISPrivacy@usda.gov. For USDA Privacy Act questions, please contact the USDA Chief Privacy Officer, Information Security Center, Office of Chief Information Officer, USDA, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250; email: USDAPrivacy@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), notice is given that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is proposing to modify a system of records, USDA/APHIS-21, Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance (SITC) National Information Communication Activity System (SNICAS).

On July 11, 2022, APHIS published SNICAS as a new system of records in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 41098-41101, Docket No. APHIS-2014-0062). (To view the notice, go to www.regulations.gov, and enter APHIS-2014-0062 in the Search field.) SNICAS maintains a record of activities conducted by the agency pursuant to its mission and responsibilities authorized by the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*); the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*); and the Honey Bee Act (7 U.S.C. 281 *et seq.*). The purpose of the system is to record data and information about APHIS' SITC activities nationwide. SITC is within APHIS' Plant Protection and Quarantine program.

SITC officials use the information in SNICAS to identify and close pathways used for the introduction of prohibited commodities and those regulated commodities that lack the necessary certificates and permits to enter U.S. commerce. SITC officials also use SNICAS to perform activities such as legal and regulatory actions; scientific research; risk, trend, pathway and

targeting analyses; trade support; administrative and budgetary support; supervision and program management; and overall decision support services. Additionally, SITC officials use SNICAS to generate reports to evaluate the risk status of the commercial sites where regulated commodities are seized, the effectiveness of the program, and quality control of the data.

Among other things, in addition to listing the routine uses and how information in the system is used, APHIS will share information from the system pursuant to the requirements of the Privacy Act and, in the case of its routine uses, when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the information was compiled. APHIS proposed to exempt specific records in the system from certain Privacy Act requirements in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) (Investigative Law Enforcement Materials). APHIS proposed to exempt the system from Privacy Act access requirements including 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3); (d); (e)(1); (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I); and (f), and indicated that an individual who is the subject of a record in this system may not seek access to those records that are exempt from the access provisions. A determination of whether a record may be accessed would be made at the time a request is received.

We solicited comments on the SNICAS system of records notice for 30 days ending on August 10, 2022. We received no comments.

Concurrently with the publication of the SNICAS system of records notice, we published a proposed rule in accordance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c), and (d) in the same issue of the **Federal Register** (87 FR 41077-41078, Docket No. APHIS-2015-0008) to exempt the SNICAS system of records from certain provisions of the Privacy Act to prevent interference with law enforcement functions.

We solicited comments on the proposed rule for 30 days ending August 10, 2022. We received no comments by that date. A final rule has been issued in accordance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c), and (d) and has been published in today's **Federal Register** (Docket No. APHIS-2015-0008).

Therefore, we are modifying the SNICAS system of records to add the exemption for law enforcement purposes pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) of the Privacy Act.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

USDA/APHIS-21, Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance (SITC) National Information