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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2022–0008]

Notice of Request for Revision of an Approved Information Collection (Public Health Information System)

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to revise the approved information collection regarding its Public Health Information System (PHIS). The Agency has increased the burden estimate by 524 hours to include time for exporters to print meat and poultry export certificates. FSIS is expecting exporters with access to PHIS and a functional printer to print digitally signed export certificates. The approval for this information collection will expire on September 30, 2024.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 13, 2023.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this **Federal Register** notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

- *Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 350–E, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS–2022–0008. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202)205–0495 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–3700; (202) 720–5627.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Public Health Information System.

OMB Number: 0583–0153.

Type of Request: Request to revise an approved information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53), as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is requesting a revision of the approved information collection regarding its PHIS. The Agency has increased the burden estimate by 524 hours to include time for exporters to print meat and poultry export certificates. FSIS is expecting exporters with access to PHIS and a functional printer to print digitally signed export certificates. The approval for this information collection will expire on September 30, 2024.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon a revised information collection assessment that includes 524 additional hours:

Estimate of burden: FSIS estimates that it will take each respondent an

average of .180 hours per year for this collection of information.

Estimated total number of respondents: 6,294.

Estimated average number of responses per respondent: 102.

Estimated annual number of responses: 644,048.

Estimated annual burden on respondents: 116,074 hours.

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. Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–3700; (202) 720–5627.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS' functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20253.

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DC 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2023-0008]

Notice of Request To Revise an Approved Information Collection: State Meat and Poultry Inspection Programs

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, FSIS is announcing its intention to request revision of the approved information collection regarding State Meat and Poultry Inspection Programs. FSIS is adding 164 burden hours to the collection due to the addition of new states. The approval for this information collection will expire on July 31, 2023.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 13, 2023.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this **Federal Register** notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

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Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2023-0008. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and

posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 937-4272 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 937-4272.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: State Meat and Poultry Inspection Programs.

OMB Number: 0583-0170.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2023.

Type of Request: Renewal of an approved information collection.

Abstract: The Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) provide for FSIS to cooperate with State agencies in developing and administering their own meat or poultry inspection (MPI) programs (21 U.S.C. 661 and 454). The FMIA and the PPIA restrict each cooperative State MPI program to the inspection and regulation of products that are produced and sold within the State (21 U.S.C. 661(a)(1) and 454(a)(1)). Under section 661 of the FMIA and section 454 of the PPIA, cooperative State MPI programs are required to operate in a manner and with authorities "at least equal to" the provisions set out in the FMIA and PPIA (21 U.S.C. 661(a)(1) and 454(a)(1)).

FSIS is announcing its intention to request revision of the approved information collection regarding State MPI programs. FSIS collects information from State MPI programs to ensure that their programs operate in a manner that is at least equal to FSIS' Federal inspection program in the protection of public interest; comply with requirements of Federal civil rights laws and regulations; meet necessary laboratory quality assurance standards and testing frequencies; and have the capability to perform microbiology and food chemistry methods that are "at least equal to" methods performed in the FSIS laboratories. FSIS is adding 164 burden hours to the collection due to the addition of new states. The approval for this information collection will expire on July 31, 2023.

Twenty-nine states have MPI programs that operate under a cooperative agreement with FSIS and are subject to the comprehensive review