

Section 319.56–4 of the regulations contains a performance-based process for approving the importation of commodities that, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, can be safely imported subject to one or more of the designated phytosanitary measures listed in paragraph (b) of that section. Under that process, APHIS publishes a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with the importation of a particular fruit or vegetable. Following the close of the 60-day comment period, APHIS may begin issuing permits for importation of the fruit or vegetable subject to the identified designated measures if: (1) No comments were received on the pest risk analysis; (2) the comments on the pest risk analysis revealed that no changes to the pest risk analysis were necessary; or (3) changes to the pest risk analysis were made in response to public comments, but the changes did not affect the overall conclusions of the analysis and the Administrator's determination of risk.

In accordance with that process, we published a notice¹ in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 2008 (73 FR 36296–36297, Docket No. APHIS–2008–0066), in which we announced the availability, for review and comment, of a pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with the importation into the United States of fresh guava fruit from Mexico. We solicited comments on the notice for 60 days ending on August 25, 2008. We received seven comments by that date, from guava producers, a State department of agriculture, and the Mexican department of agriculture. Six of the commenters supported the importation of guavas from Mexico under the conditions described in the risk management document. One commenter raised concerns about those conditions. These concerns are addressed in an appendix to the pest risk analysis. We have made a change to the pest risk analysis in response to this comment, but the change did not affect the overall conclusions of the analysis and the Administrator's determination of risk. The amended portion of the pest risk analysis and the appendix may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room).

Therefore, in accordance with the regulations in § 319.56–4(c)(2)(ii), we

are announcing our decision to begin issuing permits for the importation into the United States of guavas from Mexico subject to the following phytosanitary measures:

- The guavas must be irradiated with a minimum absorbed dose of 400 gray.
- Each consignment of guavas must be inspected by the national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Mexico and accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of Mexico. The phytosanitary certificate must document that the consignment received the required irradiation treatment. The phytosanitary certificate must also contain an additional declaration that states:

The fruit in this shipment was treated by irradiation with a minimum absorbed dose of 400 Gy and inspected and found free of *Oligonychus biharensis*, *Oligonychus psidium*, *Mycovellosiella psidii*, *Pestalotiopsis psidii*, and *Sphaceloma psidii*.

- The guavas may be imported into the United States in commercial consignments only.

These conditions will be listed in the fruits and vegetables manual (available at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/ports/downloads/fv.pdf). In addition to those specific measures, guavas from Mexico will be subject to the general requirements listed in § 319.56–3 that are applicable to the importation of all fruits and vegetables.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 450, 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 8th day of October 2008.

Cindy Smith,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Quarterly Survey of Public Employee Retirement Systems.

OMB Control Number: 0607–0143.

Form Number(s): F–10.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 300.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Average Hours per Response: 45 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Over 2.9 trillion dollars in public-employee retirement system assets in the financial markets are controlled by a small number of large systems. The 2002 Census of Governments identified 2,670 state and local government administered public-employee retirement systems. The 100 largest systems, as measured by the system assets, account for about 90 percent of the total assets of all systems. This form is used to collect financial data from these 100 systems for policy makers and economists to follow the changing characteristics of these funds.

This survey was initiated by the Census Bureau at the request of both the Council of Economic Advisors and the Federal Reserve Board. The most important information this survey provides is the quarterly change in composition of the securities holdings of the public employee retirement systems component of the economy. The Federal Reserve Board uses these data to track the public sector portion of the flow of funds accounts. The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses the quarterly retirement information on corporate stock holdings to estimate dividends received by state and local government retirement systems that, in turn, are used in preparing the national income and product accounts. Additionally, these data are a significant part of the information base needed to analyze investment trends and help in the formulation of governmental economic policies and investment decisions.

A minor revision is being made to clarify part A.4. Earnings on investments. The statement, 'The net of gains and losses on the sale of investments is reported at 4c' was removed; and the statement 'Include both realized + unrealized gains (losses)' was added to part A.4.c. Net gain or loss on investments.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal government.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395–7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

¹ To view the notice, the pest risk analysis, the risk management analysis, and the comments we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2008-0066>.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (bharrisk@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: October 7, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Geographic Partnership Programs

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before December 15, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Linda Franz, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-7400, 301-763-9061 (or via Internet at Linda.M.Franz@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The mission of the Geography Division within the Census Bureau is to plan, coordinate, and administer all geographic and cartographic activities needed to facilitate Census Bureau statistical programs throughout the United States and its territories. The Geography Division manages programs to continuously update features, boundaries, addresses, and geographic

entities in the Master Address File/Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing System (MAF/TIGER) database (MTdb). The Geography Division also conducts research into geographic concepts, methods, and standards needed to facilitate Census Bureau data collection and dissemination programs.

Geographic Partnership Programs (GPPs) will allow designated participants, following Census Bureau guidelines, to review and suggest modifications to addresses and geographic boundaries to maintain the Census Bureau MTdb and to accurately report data from censuses and surveys. Because tribal, state, and local governments have current knowledge of and data about where growth and change are occurring in their jurisdictions, their input into the overall development of the address list for the censuses and surveys makes a vital contribution. Similarly, those governments are in the best position to work with geographic boundaries, and benefit themselves not only when their address list is complete, but also when their data tabulation areas are drawn to be relevant to user needs.

II. Method of Collection

This presubmission notice is for a generic clearance called the GPPs that will cover a number of activities needed to update the MTdb with associated address and geographic information. The information to be collected in these programs in cooperation with tribal, state, and local governments and other partners is essential to the mission of the Census Bureau and directly contributes to the successful outcome of censuses and surveys conducted by the Census Bureau. The generic clearance will allow the Census Bureau to focus its limited resources on actual operational planning, development of procedures, and implementation of programs to update and improve the geographic information maintained in the MTdb.

The Census Bureau will develop guidelines and procedures for tribal, state, and local government submission of geographic and address data and will outline the mutual roles and responsibilities of each party. The list below is not exhaustive of all activities that may be performed under this generic clearance. The Census Bureau will follow the approved procedure when submitting any additional activities not specifically listed here.

A. Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)

The purpose of the 2010 Census LUCA program is to ensure that the Census Bureau develops, with the cooperation of tribal, state, and local governments in advance of the 2010 Census, the most accurate address list possible.

The Census Bureau's deadline for submission of 2010 Census LUCA updates from tribal, state, and local governments was May 30, 2008. This schedule permitted the Census Bureau to review and process the submissions in time for a nationwide field check called the Address Canvassing Operation.

B. LUCA Appeals

The procedures for the LUCA Appeals process will be published in a **Federal Register** Notice. The Census Bureau will provide feedback materials to LUCA participants documenting the disposition of their LUCA submission as determined by the Address Canvassing Operation. Eligible LUCA participating governments may appeal the Census Bureau's determinations regarding the address changes they initially submitted, as well as addresses for which they did not provide changes but that were deleted during Address Canvassing. All appeals must be filed within 30 calendar days of receipt of the feedback materials. To appeal, the eligible participants must provide specified contact information, specific addresses to be appealed, and specified supporting evidence.

Participants submit the appeals to an Office of Management and Budget (OMB)-designated agency that is independent of the Department of Commerce. The Appeals Office issues a final written determination to both the eligible government and the Census Bureau. The Appeals Office will complete all reviews and write all determinations as soon as possible, but no later than the end of March 2010. The decisions of the Appeals Office are final.

C. New Construction Program

The New Construction Program is the final opportunity to add city-style housing unit addresses for newly-built structures closed to the elements by Census Day (April 1, 2010). The full details of the New Construction Program will be announced in a **Federal Register** Notice. The New Construction program runs from November 2009 to February 2010. This program is offered only to local, tribal, and county governments in areas where the census questionnaires