

*Total Estimated Annual Burden  
Hours: 1,489,650.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2009-0051]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Irradiation Phytosanitary Treatment of Imported Fruits and Vegetables

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health  
Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Extension of approval of an  
information collection; comment  
request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this  
notice announces the Animal and Plant  
Health Inspection Service's intention to  
request an extension of approval of an  
information collection associated with  
regulations for the use of irradiation as  
a phytosanitary treatment of imported  
fruits and vegetables.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments  
that we receive on or before October 6,  
2009.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to  
[http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/  
component/  
main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-  
2009-0051](http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2009-0051) to submit or view comments  
and to view supporting and related  
materials available electronically.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:*  
Please send two copies of your comment  
to Docket No. APHIS-2009-0051,  
Regulatory Analysis and Development,  
PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700  
River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD  
20737-1238. Please state that your  
comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-  
2009-0051.

*Reading Room:* You may read any  
comments that we receive on this  
docket in our reading room. The reading  
room is located in room 1141 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) 690-2817 before  
coming.

*Other Information:* Additional  
information about APHIS and its  
programs is available on the Internet at  
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For  
information regarding regulations for  
irradiation as a phytosanitary treatment  
of imported fruits and vegetables,  
contact Dr. Inder P. Gadh, Senior Risk  
Manager-Treatments, Regulations,  
Permits, and Manuals, PPQ, APHIS,  
4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale,  
MD 20737; (301) 734-0627. For copies  
of more detailed information on the  
information collection, contact Mrs.  
Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information  
Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-  
2908.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:*  
Irradiation Phytosanitary Treatment of  
Imported Fruits and Vegetables.

*OMB Number:* 0579-0155.

*Type of Request:* Extension of  
approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* Under the Plant Protection  
Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the Animal  
and Plant Health Inspection Service  
(APHIS) is authorized, among other  
things, to regulate the importation of  
plants, plant products, including fruits  
and vegetables, and other articles to  
prevent the introduction of plant pests  
and noxious weeds into the United  
States.

Regulations governing the importation  
of fruits and vegetables are set out in 7  
CFR part 319. In accordance with the  
regulations, some fruits and vegetables  
from certain regions of the world must  
be treated for insect pests in order to be  
eligible for entry into the United States.

The regulations in 7 CFR part 305  
provide for the use of irradiation as a  
phytosanitary treatment for fruits and  
vegetables imported into the United  
States. The irradiation treatment  
provides protection against all insect  
pests including fruit flies, the mango  
seed weevil, and others. It may be used  
as an alternative to other approved  
treatments for these pests in fruits and  
vegetables, such as fumigation, cold  
treatment, heat treatment, and other  
techniques.

The regulations concerning  
irradiation treatment involve the  
collection of information, including a  
compliance agreement, 24-hour  
notification, labeling, dosimetry  
recordings, requests for dosimetry  
device approval, requests for facility  
approval, trust fund agreement, and  
annual work plan, as well as  
recordkeeping.

We are asking the Office of  
Management and Budget (OMB) to  
approve our use of these information

collection activities for an additional 3  
years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit  
comments from the public (as well as  
affected agencies) concerning our  
information collection. These comments  
will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our  
estimate of the burden of the  
information collection, including the  
validity of the methodology and  
assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and  
clarity of the information to be  
collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the  
information collection on those who are  
to respond, through use, as appropriate,  
of automated, electronic, mechanical,  
and other collection technologies, *e.g.*,  
permitting electronic submission of  
responses.

*Estimate of burden:* The public  
reporting burden for this collection of  
information is estimated to average  
0.0015369 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Foreign plant protection  
services, irradiation facility personnel,  
importers.

*Estimated annual number of  
respondents:* 93.

*Estimated annual number of  
responses per respondent:* 433.76344.

*Estimated annual number of  
responses:* 40,340.

*Estimated total annual burden on  
respondents:* 62 hours. (Due to  
averaging, the total annual burden hours  
may not equal the product of the annual  
number of responses multiplied by the  
reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of  
August 2009.

**William H. Clay,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant  
Health Inspection Service.*

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