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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 10, 2011.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Evaluation of the Impact of the Summer Electronic Benefits for Children Household-Based Demonstration on Food Insecurity.

OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.

Summary of Collection: In the 2010 Agriculture Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 111-80), Section 749(g), Congress authorized demonstration projects to develop and test methods of providing access to food for low-income children in urban and rural areas during the summer months when schools are not in regular session, as well as a rigorous independent evaluation of the projects regarding their effectiveness. The data being collected under this submission are necessary to meet the Congressionally-mandated requirement for an independent evaluation of the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (SEBT) for Children Demonstration being conducted by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) under this authorizing legislation. The evaluation of these projects is intended to provide policymakers with clear, rigorous and timely findings to make decisions about potential changes to federal summer feeding programs during the next Child Nutrition reauthorization cycle.

Need and Use of the Information: The information gathered in the data collection activities will be used by FNS to determine if SEBT for children reduces the acute prevalence of very low food security among children during the summer months when most children are not in school; and to determine the feasibility and cost of implementing SEBT for children on a national scale. Without the information FNS will not have the data necessary to estimate program impacts on participating children, or to examine how the demonstration sites implemented SEBT for children, which will be used to produce the required report to Congress and inform future program decisions.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or household; State, Local or Tribal Government; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 15,382.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly; Annually; Biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 15,974.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Bees and Related Articles.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0207.

Summary of Collection: The Plant Protection Act (APA) (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. Under the Honeybee Act (7 U.S.C. 281–286), the Secretary is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation of honeybee semen to prevent the introduction into the United States of diseases and parasites harmful to honeybees and of undesirable species and subspecies of honeybees. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), is responsible for implementing the intent of these Acts, and does so through the enforcement of its pollinator regulations and honeybee regulations.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS collects information from a variety of individuals who are involved in breeding, exporting, importing, and containing bees and related articles. The information APHIS collects serves as the supporting documentation needed to issue required PPQ forms and documents that allow importation of bees and related articles or authorizes the release of bees. This documentation is vital to helping APHIS ensure that exotic bee diseases and parasites, and undesirable species and subspecies of honeybees, do not spread into or within the United States. Without the information APHIS could not verify that imported bees and related articles do not present a significant risk of introducing exotic bee disease, parasites, and undesirable species and subspecies of honeybees.

Description of Respondents: Business or other-for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 336.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 567.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2010–0096]

Notice of Decision To Issue Permits for the Importation of Fresh Strawberries From Jordan Into the Continental United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our decision to begin issuing permits for the importation into the continental United States of fresh strawberries from Jordan. Based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, which we made available to the public for review and comment through a previous notice, we believe that the application of one or more designated phytosanitary measures will be sufficient to mitigate the risks of introducing or disseminating plant pests or noxious weeds via the importation of fresh strawberries from Jordan.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 16, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Donna L. West, Senior Import Specialist, RPM, PHP, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734–0627.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in “Subpart-Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–50, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits or restricts the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent plant pests from being introduced into and spread within the United States.

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 (PRA), 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 PRA 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 PRA; (2) the comments on the PRA revealed that no changes to the PRA were necessary; or (3) changes to the PRA 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 October 12, 2010 (75 FR 62500–62501, Docket No. APHIS–2010–0096), in which we announced the availability, for review and comment, of a PRA that evaluates the risks associated with the importation into the continental United States of fresh strawberries (*Fragaria* spp.) from Jordan. We solicited comments on the notice for 60 days ending on December 13, 2010. We received one comment by that date, from a State department of agriculture.

In the PRA, APHIS determined that six plant pests have a high risk potential of being introduced into the United States via the pathway of strawberries from Jordan. The PRA notes that two of these pests, *Eutetranychus orientalis* and *Thrips major*, could potentially avoid detection beneath the calyx of the strawberries due to their small size. The commenter referred to this potential risk and suggested that the national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Jordan be required to notify APHIS in the event of pest detections or changes in pest management practices they recommend to growers and packinghouses.

We acknowledge the risk that these plant pests could potentially evade detection and be introduced into the United States in the manner referred to by the commenter. However, while the pests themselves may potentially evade detection by their small size, their presence can be detected by visible signs of discoloration and damage to fruits and leaves. Moreover, APHIS has permitted the entry of commercial strawberries from several countries in Asia, Europe, and South America where one or both of these pests of concern occur. Over several decades, there have only been a few isolated interceptions of *Eutetranychus orientalis* and *Thrips major* in strawberry consignments.

For these reasons, together with Jordan’s use of integrated pest management practices in the production of commercial strawberries, APHIS has concluded that commercial strawberries

¹ To view the notice, the PRA, and the comment we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2010-0096>.