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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has established the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture. In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given of a meeting in April of the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture. The purpose of this meeting on April 10 will be to address issues regarding dairy policy. On April 11–12, coordination of and issues regarding the final report will be discussed. This meeting is open to the public.

PLACE, DATE, AND TIME OF MEETING: This meeting will be held April 10, 2000 from 1:00 pm–5:00 pm EST in Room 108–A, Whitten Building; April 11, 2000 from 9:00 am–5:00 pm EST in Room 108–A, Whitten Building; April 12, 2000 from 9:00 am–3:00 pm EST in Room 108–A, Whitten Building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mickey Paggi on (202–720–3139), Director, Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture, Room 3702 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250–0524.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00–018–1]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

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 in support of the Karnal bunt regulations.

DATES: We invite you to comment on this docket. We will consider all comments that we receive by May 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send your comment and three copies to: Docket No. 00–018–1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 00–018–1.

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.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the Karnal bunt regulations, contact Dr. Vedpal S. Malik, National Karnal Bunt Coordinator, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 134, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; (301) 734–6774. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Celeste Sickles,

APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734–7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Karnal Bunt.

OMB Number: 0579–0121.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2000.

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

Abstract: We have regulations in place to prevent the interstate spread of Karnal bunt, a fungal disease of wheat. These regulations restrict the interstate movement of wheat plants and plant parts (including grain, seed, and straw) from areas where Karnal bunt has been detected. The regulations concerning interstate movements require the use of limited permits, certificates, compliance agreements, and other documents that are needed to inform the public of our requirements and authorize the interstate movement of regulated articles.

In addition, our regulations have offered compensation as part of our Karnal bunt regulatory program since the 1995–1996 crop season. We pay this compensation to reduce the economic effects of our Karnal bunt quarantine on wheat producers and other individuals and to help obtain their cooperation in our Karnal bunt eradication efforts. Our regulations regarding compensation require program participants to engage in several information collection activities (including the completion of a Karnal bunt compensation worksheet and compensation form) that are necessary for us to run an effective compensation program.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve, for an additional 3 years, our use of these information collections in connection with our regulations.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning this information collection activity. We need this outside input to help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our Agency's functions, 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;