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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 16, 2011.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Domestic Quarantines.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0088.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701-7772) the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or movement of plants and plant pests to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. Plant Protection and Quarantine, a program within USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, (APHIS) is responsible for implementing this Act and does so through the enforcement of its domestic quarantine regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, CFR part 301. Administering these regulations often requires APHIS to collect information from a variety of individuals who are involved in growing, packing, handling, transporting, plants and plant products. The information collected from these individuals is vital to helping ensure that injurious plant diseases and insect pests do not spread within the United States. Information to be collected is necessary to determine compliance with domestic quarantines. Federal/State domestic quarantines are necessary to regulate the movement of articles from infested areas to noninfested area. Collecting information requires the use of a number of forms and documents. APHIS will collect information using various forms and documents.

Need and Use of the Information:

APHIS will collect information by interviewing growers and shippers at the time the inspections are being conducted and by having growers and shippers of exported plants and plant products complete an application for a transit permit. Information is collected from the growers, packers, shippers, and exporters of regulated articles to ensure that the articles, when moved from a quarantined area, do not harbor injurious plant diseases and insect pests. The information obtained will be used to determine compliance with regulations and for issuance of forms, permits, certificates, and other required documents.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 28,244.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 512,147.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Importation of Animals and Animal Products.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0234.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The AHPA is contained in Title X, Subtitle E, Sections 10401-18 of Public Law 107-171, May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States to guard against the introduction of animal diseases. The regulations in 9 CFR parts 91, 93, 94, 95 and 96 govern the importation of certain animals, birds, poultry, meat, other animal products and byproducts, hay, and straw into the United States in order to prevent the introduction of diseases, such as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), a chronic degenerative disease that affects the central nervous system of cattle.

Need and Use of the Information:

APHIS will collect the information to prevent BSE incursion into the United States using the following: (1) Import Permit Application (VS Form 16-3); (2) Certificate for Inedible Processed Animal Origin Materials and Products from BSE-Free Regions; (3) Cooperative agreements with foreign facilities that process and store regulated materials and products destined for import into the United States; (4) Certification Statement for Products from BSE Minimal Risk Regions and Japan, and Inedible Processed Animal Proteins of Non-Ruminant Origin from BSE-Affected Regions; (5) Seals; (6) Notification of designation of person authorized to break seals; (7) Agreements with slaughter facilities concerning the use of seals on conveyances transporting animals from BSE Minimal Risk Regions; (8) Form for

animals imported for immediate slaughter (VS Form 17–33); Certification statement for ruminants. Failure to collect this information would make it impossible for APHIS to effectively prevent BSE-contaminated animal products from entering the United States.

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

Number of Respondents: 5,949.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 70,324.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Funding for the Guaranteed Loan Interest Assistance Program; Farm Loan Programs

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is no longer accepting applications for guaranteed loans with interest assistance because of a lack of program funding.

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 22, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randi Sheffer, (202) 720–3889. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92–419, CONACT), as amended, authorizes FSA's Guaranteed Loan Program. The program provides lenders with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of principal and interest on the loan. The FSA guarantee permits lenders to make agricultural credit available to farmers who would be unable to obtain sufficient credit to fund their farming operations without the guarantee. Pursuant to section 351 of the CONACT (7 U.S.C. 1999) FSA also subsidizes 4 percent of the interest rate on guaranteed loans to qualifying borrowers under its Interest Assistance Program. Interest assistance is subject to additional eligibility criteria beyond that required for the initial guarantee.

The regulations implementing FSA's Guaranteed Loan Program and IA can be found in 7 CFR part 762.

This notice announces that FSA is no longer accepting applications under the Interest Assistance Program due to a lack of funding. However, guaranteed loans will still be available without interest assistance.

This notice does not invalidate existing interest assistance agreements. Existing agreements will be honored, claims will be paid as agreed, and all eligible servicing options can be pursued. For further information on specific applications and loans, current guaranteed loan borrowers should contact their FSA State or county office; potential guaranteed loan applicants should contact their lender. FSA office locations can be found at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. A notice will be published in the **Federal Register** announcing the date FSA will resume accepting applications for the Interest Assistance Program if funding becomes available.

Signed on November 17, 2011.

Bruce Nelson,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee (FESAC). The Committee will advise the Directors of the Economics and Statistics Administration's (ESA) two statistical agencies, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and the Census Bureau, and the Commissioner of the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on statistical methodology and other technical matters related to the collection, tabulation, and analysis of federal economic statistics. Last minute changes to the agenda are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments.

DATE: December 9, 2011. The meeting will begin at approximately 9 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Bureau of Economic Analysis, 1441

L. Street NW., 2nd Floor Conference Suite, Washington, DC 20230–0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara K. Atrostic, Designated Federal Official, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies Room 2K135, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301) 763–6442. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1 (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the FESAC are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee provides scientific and technical expertise, as appropriate, to the Directors of the BEA, the Census Bureau, and the Commissioner of the Department of Labor's BLS, on statistical methodology and other technical matters related to the collection, tabulation, and analysis of federal economic statistics. The Committee has been established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, and Section 10).

The meeting is open to the public, and a brief period is set aside for public comments and questions. Persons with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing at least three days before the meeting to the Designated Federal Official named above. If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Monday, December 5, 2011. You may access the online registration form with the following link: http://www.regonline.com/fesac_dec2011_meeting. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should also be directed to the Designated Federal Official as soon as known, and preferably two weeks prior to the meeting.

Dated: November 15, 2011.

Robert M. Groves,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will meet December 7, 2011, 9 a.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between