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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2023–0021]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; APHIS Credit and User Fee Accounts

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and 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 (APHIS') intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with establishing credit accounts and the collection of user fees for certain reimbursable APHIS services.

DATES: We will consider all comments we receive on or before May 12, 2023.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2023–0021 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2023–0021, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at regulations.gov or in our reading room which is located in room 1620 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) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the user fee activities covered by this notice, contact Mrs. Kris Caraher, Review and Analysis Branch Chief, Financial Management Division, MRPBS, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road, Unit 54, Riverdale, MD 20737–3148; (301) 851–2834; kris.caraher@usda.gov. For information on the information collection process, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851–2483; joseph.moxey@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: APHIS Credit and User Fee Accounts.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0055.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Section 2509 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, as amended, authorizes the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to establish credit accounts and collect user fees for providing import- and export-related services for animals, plants, animal products, birds, germplasm, organisms, and vectors. In addition, this section authorizes APHIS to collect user fees for certain activities and services it provides such as passenger clearance; veterinary diagnostics tests and reagent sales; issuing certificates and permits; conducting and monitoring inspections and treatments related to the import and export of agricultural products; granting commercial conveyance clearances; and charging overtime fees for activities conducted during nonduty hours. The establishment of credit accounts and the collection of user fees for certain reimbursable APHIS services requires various information collection activities, as described below.

APHIS services may be requested in writing, electronically, by telephone, or in person, and must be specific about the specific service requested and the time it is to be performed. The services are typically provided by a Federal inspector, and the information is necessary to schedule the work and to calculate fees due. Normally, the services are provided during regular working hours. If an importer wishes to have shipments cleared at other hours,

such services will usually be provided on a reimbursable overtime basis, unless already covered by a user fee. Exporters wishing cargo to be certified during nonworking hours may also utilize this procedure. Certain recurring customers may request that APHIS bill them. These customers may apply for credit accounts with APHIS. The Agency collects certain information to conduct credit checks on prospective applicants to ensure creditworthiness prior to extending credit services and to prepare billings.

APHIS is responsible for ensuring fees collected are correct and that they are remitted in full and in a timely manner. To ensure this, the party (ticketing agents for transportation companies) responsible for collecting and remitting fees must allow APHIS personnel to verify the accuracy of the fees collected and remitted, and otherwise determine compliance with the statute and regulations. We also require whoever is responsible for making fee payments to advise us of the name, address, and telephone number of a responsible officer who is authorized to verify fee calculations, collections, and remittances.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, 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 collection of information, 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 collection of information 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 burden for this collection of information

is estimated to average 0.007 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals and private and commercial importers or exporters of agricultural plants and animals or their products.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 144,209.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 96.

Estimated annual number of responses: 13,866,321.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 95,310 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 7th day of March 2023.

Michael Watson,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement

Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers

AGENCY: Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public virtual meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers (ACMF) will be convened. During this public meeting, the ACMF will consider USDA programs, services, and policies, and how they impact minority farmers. USDA Secretary Thomas Vilsack is committed to actions that enhance minority farmers' ability to produce and thrive as businesses through USDA's customer service enhancements, expanded outreach, technical assistance, and capacity building. The ACMF seeks to recommend action-oriented strategies that maximize the participation of minority farmers in USDA programs and services.

DATES: The ACMF public meeting is scheduled for March 28–30, 2023, from

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Time (MT)—each day.

Meeting Pre-Registration:

The public is asked to pre-register for the meeting by March 27, 2023, at <https://ems8.intellor.com/?do=register&t=1&p=847170>.

Your pre-registration should include: your name; organization or interest represented; if you plan to give oral comments; and if you require special accommodations. USDA will also accept day-of registrations throughout the meeting. Time will be allotted at the end of each morning and afternoon for comments from those attending in person or virtually. USDA will allow as many individual and organizational comments as time permits.

Oral Comments: Persons or organizations may register for one speaking slot per day. All persons wanting to make oral comments during the in-person meeting may check-in each day at the registration table beginning 8:30 a.m. MT. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than what can be reasonably accommodated during the session timeframe, OPPE may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled public comment session.

Written Comments: Written comments for consideration during the public meeting are requested by or before 3:00 p.m. MT, March 30, 2023. The ACMF prefers that all written comments be submitted electronically via the pre-registration link or emailed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section (below). However, written comments may also be submitted (*i.e.*, postmarked) via first class mail to the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section (below) prior to the deadline. Written comments will be accepted up to 15 days after the public meeting.

Availability of Meeting Materials: All written public comments received by March 28, 2023, will be compiled and available for ACMF member review. Duplicate comments from multiple individuals may be considered as one comment, with a notation that multiple copies of the comment were received. Please visit <https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/advisory-committee-on-minority-farmers> to review the agenda, meeting documents (*e.g.*, presentations), and minutes for this meeting.

Location: The ACMF public advisory meeting will be held at the University of Arizona's BIO5 Institute (Thomas W. Keating Bioresearch Building), 1657 E. Helen St., Tucson, AZ. Public attendees may register upon arrival beginning 8:30 a.m. each day.

Parking is available at the Highland Avenue Garage, 1240 N Highland Ave. Tucson, AZ. Drivers may park at the Highland Avenue Garage for \$8 per day, using the Passport Parking application which may be downloaded onto a smartphone. The validation code for the Highland Avenue Garage is 52028. You will also need to include your license plate number.

Virtual Participation: Public participants may also view the committee proceedings and presentations via Zoom at <https://ems8.intellor.com/login/847168>. Meeting ID and passcode is not required.

The call-in numbers and code for listen-only access are:

US Toll Free: 888-251-2949

US Toll: 215-861-0694

Access Code: 7534 676#

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. R. Jeanese Cabrera, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop 0601, Room 524-A, Washington, DC 20250; Phone: (202) 720-6350; Email: acmf@usda.gov. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the FCC Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) at 7-1-1 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established pursuant to section 14008 of the Food Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, Public Law 110-246, 122 Stat. 1651, 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2279), to ensure that socially disadvantaged farmers have equal access to USDA programs. The Secretary selected a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons to recommend solutions to the challenges of minority farmers and ranchers. The members also advise the Secretary on implementation of section 2501 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (the 2501 Program); maximizing the participation of minority farmers and ranchers in USDA programs; and civil rights activities within the Department relative to participants in its programs.

Agenda: USDA agencies will deliver presentations that update the ACMF with the status of relevant programs, services, and policies. Thereafter, the ACMF will explore and examine challenges specific to minority farming communities, including but not limited to: (1) infrastructure and housing; (2) economically viable, ecologically sound, and climate-smart farming and ranching (*e.g.*, planning, building, and business expansion); (3) barriers to minority