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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 17, 2014.

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 and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by February 24, 2014 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Commentors are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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.

Forest Service

Title: Federal and Non-Federal Financial Assistance Instruments.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0217.

Summary of Collection: In order to carry out specific Forest Service (FS) activities, Congress created several authorities to assist the Agency in carrying out its mission. Authorized by the Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements Act (FGCAA), the FS issues Federal Financial Assistance awards, (i.e., grants and cooperative agreements). Agency specific authorities and appropriations also support use of Federal Financial Assistance awards. In addition to FFA, Congress created specific authorizations for acts outside the scope of the FGCAA. Appropriations language was developed to convey authority for the Forest Service to enter into relationships that are outside the scope of the FGCAA. Information in this request is collected from individuals; non-profit and for-profit institutions; institutions of higher education and state, local, and Native American tribal governments etc. Multiple options are available for respondents to respond including forms, non-forms, electronically, face-to-face, by telephone and over the Internet.

Need and Use of the Information: From the pre-award to the close-out stage, FS will collect information from respondents on forms, via emails, meetings, and telephone calls. Using various forms respondents will describe the type of project, project scope, financial plan and other factors. To reach management decision on several Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Recommendations from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—Forest Service Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Projects on Non-Federal Lands Audit (Report No. 08703-0005-SF, Issued March 2013), several new forms were created. In addition, mandatory post-award meetings must be held for each new Federal financial assistance award. Without this information the FS would not be able to develop, implement, monitor and administer these agreements and

comply with the OIG audit recommendations.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit Institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government; Individuals.

Number of Respondents: 4,874.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting; Quarterly; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 52,783.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2013-0105]

Notice of Availability of Evaluations of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Rinderpest Status of a Region of Patagonia, Argentina

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have determined that a region of Argentina, consisting of the areas of Patagonia South and Patagonia North B, is free of foot-and-mouth disease. We are making that determination, as well as an evaluation we have prepared in connection with this action, available for review and comment. In addition, we have prepared an evaluation assessing the rinderpest status of South America, which includes Argentina, and have determined, based on our evaluation, that rinderpest is not present in the entirety of Argentina. We are also making that determination, as well as our evaluation, available for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before March 24, 2014.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#/documentDetail;D=APHIS-2013-0105-0001>.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No.

APHIS–2013–0105, 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 <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2013-0105> or in our reading room, which 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) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Silvia Kreindel, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Regionalization Evaluation Services, National Import Export Services, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 851–3308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in 9 CFR part 94 (referred to below as the regulations) govern the importation of certain animals and animal products into the United States to prevent the introduction of various animal diseases, including rinderpest and foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). The regulations prohibit or restrict the importation of live ruminants and swine, and products from these animals, from regions where rinderpest or FMD is considered to exist.

Within part 94, § 94.1 contains requirements governing the importation of ruminants and swine from regions where rinderpest or FMD exists and the importation of the meat of any ruminants or swine from regions where rinderpest or FMD exists to prevent the introduction of either disease into the United States. We consider rinderpest and FMD to exist in all regions except those listed in accordance with paragraph (a)(2) of that section as free of rinderpest and FMD.

Section 94.11 of the regulations contains requirements governing the importation of meat of any ruminants or swine from regions that have been determined to be free of rinderpest and FMD, but that are subject to certain restrictions because of their proximity to or trading relationships with rinderpest- or FMD-affected regions. Such regions are listed in accordance with paragraph (a)(2) of that section.

The regulations in 9 CFR part 92, § 92.2, contain requirements for requesting the recognition of the animal

health status of a region (as well as for the approval of the export of a particular type of animal or animal product to the United States from a foreign region). If, after review and evaluation of the information submitted in support of the request, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) believes the request can be safely granted, APHIS will make its evaluation available for public comment through a notice published in the **Federal Register**. Following the close of the comment period, APHIS will review all comments received and will make a final determination regarding the request that will be detailed in another notice published in the **Federal Register**.

In 2003, the Government of Argentina submitted a request to recognize the region located south of latitude 42° south, known as Patagonia South, as free of FMD. In 2008, Argentina expanded its request to include the region immediately north of latitude 42° south, known as Patagonia North B. These two areas are referred to below as the Patagonia Region of Argentina.

In response to this request, APHIS has conducted a qualitative risk assessment to evaluate the FMD status of the Patagonia Region of Argentina. Based on this evaluation, APHIS has found that FMD is not present in the Patagonia Region and that the surveillance, prevention, and control measures implemented by Argentina in the area under consideration as a region free of FMD are sufficient to minimize the likelihood of introducing FMD into the United States via imports of FMD-susceptible species or products. However, because of its proximity to or trading relationships with FMD-affected regions, APHIS has determined that it is necessary to impose certain restrictions on the importation of meat of any ruminants or swine from the Patagonia Region of Argentina.

Rinderpest has never been established in South America. No South American country has ever reported the disease except Brazil, which had an outbreak in 1921 that was limited in scope and quickly eradicated. Furthermore, the global distribution of rinderpest has diminished significantly in recent years as a result of the Food and Agriculture Organization Global Rinderpest Eradication Program. The last known cases of rinderpest worldwide occurred in the southern part of the “Somali pastoral ecosystem” consisting of southern Somalia, eastern Kenya, and southern Ethiopia. In May 2011, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) announced its recognition of global rinderpest freedom.

Based on the foregoing conclusions, APHIS has found that the Patagonia Region of Argentina is free of rinderpest and FMD.

Therefore, in accordance with § 92.2(e), we are announcing the availability of our evaluation of the FMD status of the region under consideration, as well as an evaluation assessing the rinderpest status of South America, for public review and comment. We are also announcing the availability of an environmental assessment (EA) entitled “Recognition of Patagonia Region in Argentina as Free of Foot-and-Mouth Disease,” which has been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provision of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS’ NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372). The evaluation and the EA may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room. (Instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room are provided under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this notice.) The evaluations, as well as relevant information used in the review process, are available by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Information submitted in support of Argentina’s original request for recognition may also be viewed on the APHIS Web site at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/reg_request.shtml by following the link for “Previous regionalization requests and supporting documentation.” Information submitted in support of the expanded request may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing Regulations.gov).

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the disease status of the region of Argentina under consideration with respect to FMD and rinderpest and the import status of susceptible animals and products of such animals in a subsequent notice.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 450, 7701–7772, 7781–7786, and 8301–8317; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of January 2014.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Proposed Information Collection Reinstatement; Comment Request

AGENCY: The Broadcasting Board of Governors.

ACTION: Proposed information collection reinstatement; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites public comment on an information collection titled, "Surveys and Other Audience Research for Radio and TV Marti." This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)].

The information collection activity involved with this program is conducted pursuant to the mandate given to the BBG to provide for the broadcasting of accurate information to the people of Cuba, and other purposes, under Public Law 98-111, the Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act, dated October 4, 1983, and Public Law 101-246, dated February 16, 1990.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by March 24, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chris Luer, Chief, Office of Administration, BBG, Room 1274, 330 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20237, telephone (202) 203-4608, email address cluer@bbg.gov.

Copies: Copies of the Request for Clearance, supporting statement, and other documents that will be submitted to OMB for approval may be obtained from the Chief of the Office of Administration for BBG.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Annual estimated collection burden for this proposed collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response for 96 Focus Group Studies respondents, 3 hours per response for 30 Audience Panels respondents, and 15 minutes (0.25 of an hour) per response for 300 Structured Surveys respondents, including average estimated time for travel to and from the facility where research activities are conducted. Respondents will be required to respond

only one time for Focus Group Studies and Structured Surveys, but 3 times for Audience Panels. Comments are requested on the proposed information collection concerning:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information collection has practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimates;

(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments regarding this burden estimate, or any other aspect of this collection of information, to Mr. Chris Luer, the BBG Clearance Officer, IBB/A, Room 1274, 330 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20237, telephone (202) 203-4595, email address cluer@bbg.gov.

Current Actions: BBG is requesting reinstatement of this collection for a three-year period and approval for a revision to the burden hours.

Title: Surveys and Other Audience Research for Radio and TV Marti

Abstract: Data from this information collection are used by BBG's Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB) in fulfillment of its mandate to evaluate effectiveness of Radio and TV Marti operations by estimating the audience size and composition for broadcasts; and assess signal reception, credibility and relevance of programming through this research.

Proposed Frequency of Responses

Total Annual Responses—96 Focus Group Studies + 90 Audience Panel + 300 Structured Surveys = 486.

Average Hours per Response—3 Focus Group Studies + 3 Audience Panel + .25 Structured Surveys = (288) + (270) + (75).

Total annual burden—633 hours.

Dated: January 21, 2014.

Chris Luer,
Chief, Office of Administration.

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting Cancellation and Revision of Agenda

TIME AND DATE: January 30, 2014, 6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. PST.

PLACE: Brodniak Auditorium, Anacortes High School; 1600 20th St., Anacortes, WA 98221.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) previously announced a public meeting to be held on January 30, 2014 (78 FR 78810), starting at 6:30 p.m. PST at the Brodniak Auditorium, Anacortes High School, 1600 20th St., Anacortes, WA 98221.

The CSB public meeting to consider and vote upon a draft final investigation report is cancelled. In lieu of a Board meeting, the CSB will conduct a community listening session at the time and place stated above, in order to obtain additional stakeholder and community input on a draft final investigation report into the April 2, 2010, explosion and fire that fatally injured seven employees. The CSB's draft investigation found that at the time of the incident a bank of heat exchangers was being brought online in the refinery's naphtha hydrotreater unit when another heat exchanger in a parallel bank catastrophically failed, spewing highly flammable hydrogen and naphtha which ignited. Seven Tesoro workers who were nearby, assisting with the heat exchanger startup, were fatally burned. The accident at Tesoro was the mostly deadly U.S. refinery incident since the 2005 explosion at BP Texas City that killed 15 workers and injured 180 others.

No formal CSB action or recorded votes will be taken at the community listening session. The community listening session will include a presentation to the community of the draft report by the CSB investigative team. The report will then be available on the CSB Web site (www.csb.gov) for a period of 45 days, during which time public comments will be accepted.

At the community listening session, the CSB will receive additional input and comment from affected stakeholders and the community, and will consider this input in finalizing a report. All presentations made at this listening session are intended to allow the Board to consider any additional issues and factors that may bear upon this case.

Additional Information

The public listening session is free and open to the public. If you require a translator or interpreter, please notify the individual listed below as the "Contact Person for Further Information," at least five business days prior to the meeting.

The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating