

[Docket No. STD-96-0002]

**Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of its regulations, Recordkeeping Requirements for Certified Applicators of Federally Restricted Use Pesticides (7 CFR Part 110).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by July 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bonnie Poli, Chief, Pesticide Records Branch, Science and Technology Division, AMS, 8700 Centreville Road, Suite 200, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 330-7826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Recordkeeping Requirements for Certified Applicators of Federally Restricted Use Pesticides.

*OMB Number:* 0581-0164.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 1996.

*Type of Request:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The regulations, "Recordkeeping Requirements for Certified Applicators of Federally Restricted Use Pesticides," require certified pesticide applicators to maintain records of federally restricted use pesticide applications for a period of 2 years. The regulations also provide for access to pesticide records or record information by Federal or State officials, or by licensed health care professionals when needed to treat an individual who may have been exposed to restricted use pesticides, and penalties for enforcement of the recordkeeping and access provisions.

The Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-624; 7 U.S.C. 136i-1), referred to as the FACT Act, directs and authorizes the Department to develop regulations which establish requirements for recordkeeping by all certified applicators of federally restricted use pesticides. A certified applicator is an

individual who is certified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or a State under cooperative agreement with EPA to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides.

Section 1491 of the FACT Act directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to ensure compliance with regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, including levying penalties, for failure to comply with such regulations.

Because this is a regulatory program with enforcement responsibility, USDA must ensure that certified applicators are maintaining restricted use pesticide application records for the 2 year period required by the FACT Act. To accomplish this, USDA must collect information through personal inspections of certified applicator's restricted use pesticide application records.

The information collected is used only by authorized representatives of the USDA (AMS, Science and Technology Division's national staff, other designated Federal employees, and designated State supervisors and their staffs), which are designated access to the record information through section 1491, subsection (b) of the FACT Act. The information is used to administer the Federal Pesticide Recordkeeping Program. The Agency is the primary user of the information, and the secondary user is each designated State agency which has a cooperative agreement with AMS.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated as follows:

(a) Approximately 760,000 certified private applicators (recordkeepers) apply restricted use pesticides. It is estimated that on an average certified private applicators have a total annual burden of .35 hours per recordkeeper.

(b) There are approximately 384,000 certified commercial applicators nationally who are required to provide copies of restricted use pesticide application records to their clients. It is estimated that certified commercial applicators have a total annual burden of 1,892,352 hours.

(c) It is estimated that State agency personnel who work through cooperative agreements with AMS, to inspect certified private applicator's records have a total annual burden of 9,280 hours.

*Respondents:* Certified private and commercial applicators, State governments or employees, and Federal agencies or employees.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,144,064—The total number of respondents includes approximately

384,000 certified commercial applicators, 760,000 certified private applicators (recordkeepers) and designated state agency personnel utilized to inspect certified private applicator's records.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* The estimated number of responses per respondent is as follows:

(a) It is estimated that certified private applicators (recordkeepers), record on an average 5 restricted use pesticide application records annually.

(b) It is estimated that certified commercial applicators provide 616 copies of restricted use pesticide records to their clients annually.

(c) State agency personnel, who work under cooperative agreements with AMS to conduct restricted use pesticide record inspections have approximately 4,832 responses annually.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 2,171,712 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Bonnie Poli, Pesticide Records Branch, at (703) 330-7826.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on:

(a) whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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. Comments may be sent to: Bonnie Poli, Chief, Pesticide Records Branch, Science and Technology Division, AMS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 8700 Centreville Rd, Suite 200, Manassas, VA 20110. 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.

Dated: April 24, 1996.

Lon Hatamiya,

Administrator.

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**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service****[Docket No. 96-017-1]****Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection****AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Proposed 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 a currently approved information collection in support of regulations and standards issued under the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by July 1, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 96-017-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 96-017-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments and notices are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the regulations and standards for the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program, contact Dr. Daniel Harpster, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-4931; or e-mail: DHarpster@aphis.usda.gov. For copies of the proposed collection of information, contact Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5360.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

*Title:* Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program.

*OMB Number:* 0579-0101.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 1996.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* To control scrapie in the United States, we have promulgated regulations establishing the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program. It consists primarily of identifying and eliminating infected animals and herds in order to prevent the disease from spreading. This process requires that participating flock owners communicate vital information to us (via mail or telephone) concerning the health of their animals.

Generally, the presence of the disease cannot be detected until the animal becomes clinically ill. Due to the lack of a live animal diagnostic test for scrapie, efforts to control and eliminate the disease depend upon the cooperation of flock owners and veterinarians in reporting clinically ill animals.

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

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection 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 proposed 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, or other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.050 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Flock owners, State animal health officials, accredited veterinarians, State or Federal veterinary medical officers, and State or university diagnostic laboratory directors.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,180.

*Estimated Numbers of Responses per Respondent:* 4.402.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 15,846 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection.

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of April 1996.

Lonnie J. King,

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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**[Docket No. 96-018-1]****Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection****AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Proposed 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 a currently approved information collection in support of the National Animal Health Monitoring System.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by July 1, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 96-018-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 96-018-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments and notices are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the National Animal Health Monitoring System, contact Mr. David Cummings, Program Manager, Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health, VS, APHIS, 555 South Howes, Suite 100, Fort Collins, CO 80521; (970) 490-7895. For copies of the proposed collection of information, contact Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5360.