

contagious, infectious, or communicable animal diseases from one State to another, and for eradicating such diseases from the United States when feasible.

Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing our ability to compete in exporting animals and animal products.

Disease prevention cannot be accomplished without the existence of an effective disease surveillance program, an activity that is carried out by the Veterinary Services (VS) division of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The VS Form 10-4 is a critical component of our disease surveillance mission; it is routinely used whenever specimens (such as blood, milk, tissue, or urine) from any animal (including cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses, and poultry) are submitted to our National Veterinary Services Laboratories for disease testing.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve, for an additional 3 years, our use of this VS Form 10-4 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. These comments will 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond (such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .5 hours per response.

Respondents: State, Federal, and accredited veterinarians.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 12,000.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 2.524.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 15,149 hours. (Due to rounding, the total annual burden hours

may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the average 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 4th day of May 2000.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-043-1]

National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice of a meeting of the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 14-15, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Wildlife Research Center in the Longs Peak Room, 4101 LaPorte Avenue, Fort Collins, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Joanne Garrett, Acting Director, Operational Support Staff, WS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234; (301) 734-7921.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture concerning policies, program issues, and research needed to conduct the Wildlife Services (WS) program. The Committee also serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the WS program to have a voice in the program's policies.

The meeting will focus on operational and research activities and will be open to the public. Due to time constraints, the public will not be able to participate in the Committee's discussions. However, written statements concerning meeting topics may be filed with the Committee before or after the meeting by sending them to Ms. Joanne Garrett at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, or may be filed at the meeting. Please refer to Docket No. 00-043-1 when submitting your statements.

This notice of meeting is given pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Done in Washington, DC, this 4th day of May 2000.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) intends to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (AFIDA).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before July 10, 2000 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia A. Blevins, Agricultural Foreign Investment Specialist, Regulatory Review and Foreign Investment Disclosure Branch, Operations Review and Analysis Staff, USDA, FSA, STOP 0540, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0540, (202) 720-0604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act Report.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0097.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2000.

Title of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: AFIDA requires foreign persons who hold, acquire, or dispose of any interest in U.S. agricultural land to report the transactions to the FSA on an AFIDA report. The information so collected is made available to States. Also, although not required by law, the information collected from the AFIDA reports is used to prepare an annual report to Congress and the President concerning the effect of foreign investment upon family farms and rural communities so that Congress may review the annual report and decide if further regulatory action is required.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information

is estimated to average .4818 hours per response.

Respondents: Foreign investors, corporate employees, farm managers or attorneys.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,375.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 4,375.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,108 hours.

Proposed topics for comment include:

(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 collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the 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 should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Patricia A. Blevins, Agricultural Foreign Investment Specialist, Regulatory Review and Foreign Investment Disclosure Branch, Operations Review and Analysis Staff, USDA, FSA, STOP 0540, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0540, (202) 720-0604.

All comments to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 8, 2000.

Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Revision to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide; Oregon and Washington State

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service

ACTION: Notice of change.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 343 of Subtitle E of the Federal Agriculture

Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIRA) that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to provide public notice and comment under Section 553 of Title 5, United States Code, with regard to any future technical guides that are used to carry out Subtitles A, B, and C of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*), the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice of revisions to applicable conservation practices in Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) located in Oregon and Washington State.

The proposed revisions to conservation practices in Section IV of State Technical Guides are subject to these provisions, since one or more could be used as part of a conservation management system to comply with the Highly Erodible Land Conservation or Wetland Conservation requirements.

At this time, two versions of conservation practice standard 777 Residue Management, Direct Seed (Interim) are being added and/or revised to Section IV of the FOTG; one for Oregon and one for Washington (see below):

- Residue Management, Direct Seed (Interim) (Oregon)—NRCS Code Number 777
- Residue Management, Direct Seed (Interim) (Washington)—NRCS Code Number 777

You may request a hard copy of the practice standards and provide your comments to:

Oregon

Roy Carlson, State Resource Conservationist, 101 SW Main Street, Suite 1300, Portland, OR, 97204-3221, (503) 414-3277

Washington

Marty Seamons, Program Support Specialist, W. 316 Boone Avenue, Suite 450, Spokane, WA 99201-2348, (509) 323-2967

You may also obtain a copy of both Oregon and/or Washington's practice standard by accessing the NRCS Washington State Internet website. The internet address is: <http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/nrcs/>

Click on "Field Office Technical Guide" on the left side of the page, then click on "Section IV," then "Index of Draft Standards and Specifications for Review and Comment," and finally click on the blue star of the appropriate standard.

Dated: April 28, 2000.

Leonard Jordan,

State Conservationist.

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AMTRAK REFORM COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Amtrak Reform Council.

ACTION: Notice of Special Public Outreach Hearing for the State of California and a Public Business Meeting.

SUMMARY: As provided in section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, the Amtrak Reform Council (ARC) gives notice of a special public outreach meeting of the Council with representatives from the State of California to discuss Amtrak's California services and the California State Rail Program. The Council has invited to the Outreach Hearing, various state legislators, California Department of Transportation officials, various rail corridor officials, rail commuter officials, and Amtrak executives. They will discuss all aspects of current and future intercity railroad passenger service in the State of California.

DATES: The Special Public Outreach Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the Business Meeting will be held on Friday, May 19, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Both the Hearing and Business Meeting are opened to the general public.

ADDRESSES: Both the Outreach Hearing and Business Meeting will take place in the Folsom Room at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West, 2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deirdre O'Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM-ARC, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366-0591; FAX: 202-493-2061. You can also visit the ARC's website at www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov, for information regarding ARC's upcoming events, the agenda for meetings, the ARC's First Annual Report, information about the ARC Staff and the Council Members and much more.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (ARAA), as an independent commission, to evaluate Amtrak's performance and to make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment, productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the ARAA requires that the ARC monitor cost savings resulting from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions;