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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2007-0066]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Credit Account Approval for Reimbursable Services

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: 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 intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with credit account approval for reimbursable services.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before July 30, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:
Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select APHIS-2007-0066 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link.

Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. APHIS-2007-0066, Regulatory Analysis and Development,

PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2007-0066.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room 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) 690-2817 before coming.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on an information collection associated with credit account approval for reimbursable services, contact Mrs. Kris Caraher, User Fees Section Head, Financial Services Branch, Financial Management Division, MRPBS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 54, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-5743. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Credit Account Approval for Reimbursable Services.

OMB Number: 0579-0055.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The services of a Federal inspector to clear imported and exported agricultural commodities for animal and plant health purposes are paid for by user fees 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.

Many importers and exporters who require inspection services are repeat customers who request that we bill them. We need to collect certain information to conduct a credit check on prospective applicants to ensure creditworthiness prior to extending credit services and to prepare billings.

Also, the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, as amended (31 U.S.C. 3332), requires that agencies collect tax identification numbers from all persons doing business with the Government for purposes of collecting delinquent debts. APHIS Form 192 is used to collect this information and must be completed before credit is extended.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity 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 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, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.25 hours per response.

Respondents: Importers, exporters, or brokers who wish to set up an account for billing of inspection services provided during nonworking hours.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 256.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 256.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 64. (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 24th day of May 2007.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2007-0017]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is sponsoring a public meeting on June 5, 2007. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the Thirtieth Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), which will be held in Rome, Italy, July 2-7, 2007. The Under Secretary for Food Safety recognizes the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 30th Session of CAC and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2007, 1-4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 107-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 30th Session of CAC will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Manager for Codex, F. Edward Scarbrough, Ph.D., U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address uscodex@fsis.usda.gov.

For Further Information About the 30th Session of the CAC Contact: F. Edward Scarbrough, Ph.D., U.S. Manager for Codex, Telephone: (202) 720-2057, Fax: (202) 720-3157; e-mail: ed.scarbrough@fsis.usda.gov.

For Further Information about the Public Meeting Contact: Jasmine Matthews, Program Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, Telephone: (202) 205-7760, Fax:

(202) 720-3157, e-mail: jasmine.matthews@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The Codex Alimentarius Commission is responsible for making proposals to the Directors-General of FAO and WHO on all matters pertaining to the implementation of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, the purpose of which is:

(a) Protecting the health of the consumers and ensuring fair practices in the food trade;

(b) promoting coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and non-governmental organizations;

(c) determining priorities and initiating and guiding the preparation of draft standards through and with the aid of appropriate organizations;

(d) finalizing standards elaborated under (c) above and publishing them in a Codex Alimentarius either as regional or world wide standards, and

(e) Amending published standards, after appropriate survey in the light of developments.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 30th Session of the CAC will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Report by the Chairperson on the 59th Session of the Executive Committee
- Reports of FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committees
- Amendments to the Procedural Manual
- Amendments to the Rules of Procedure
- Other amendments to the Procedural Manual
- Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 8 of the Procedure (including those submitted at Step 5 with a recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7 and those submitted at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure)
- Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5

- Revocation of existing Codex Standards and Related Texts
- Proposals for the Elaboration of new Standards and Related Texts and for the Discontinuation of Work
- Financial and Budgetary Matters—Proposed Budget 2008/2009
- Proposed Schedule of Codex Meetings 2007-2009
- Strategic Planning of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
- Implementation of the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius and other FAO and WHO Work on Food Standards
- General Implementation Status
- Review of Codex Committee Structure and Mandates of Codex Committees and Task Forces
- Matters arising from the Reports of Codex Committees and Task Forces
- Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other International Organizations
- FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex
- Other Matters arising from FAO and WHO
- Appointment of Regional Coordinators
- Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and other Members of the Executive Committee
- Designation of Countries responsible for Appointing the Chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see For Further Information About The 30th Session of the CAC Contact).

Public Meeting

At the June 5, 2007 public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Manager for Codex, F. Edward Scarbrough (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 30th Session of the CAC.

Additional Public Notification

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