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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2007-0120]

#### Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection; Enforcement Operations Survey

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** New 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 initiate a new information collection for a survey by APHIS' Investigative and Enforcement Services unit.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 8, 2008.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2007-0120> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2007-0120, 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-2007-0120.

*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 the survey, contact

Dr. Allison Khroustalev, Chief, Enforcement Operations Branch, Investigative and Enforcement Services, MRPBS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 85, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-0624. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2908.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Enforcement Operations Survey.  
*OMB Number:* 0579-XXXX.

*Type of Request:* Approval of a new information collection.

*Abstract:* The primary mission of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, is to protect American agriculture. To carry out its mission, APHIS administers regulations under the Plant Protection Act and Animal Health Protection Act that govern the importation, entry, exportation, and movement in interstate commerce of certain animals, plants and their products to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic pests and diseases into and within the United States.

APHIS also administers regulations under the Animal Welfare Act to ensure the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of animals covered by the Act; the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the exhibition, sale, transport across State lines, show, or auction of horses subjected to soring; and the Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act to regulate the possession, use, or transfer of biological agents and toxins that present a serious threat to animal or plant health.

The Investigative and Enforcement Services (IES) unit of APHIS helps ensure compliance with the regulations. IES does this by conducting investigations and taking enforcement actions when necessary. Enforcement actions initiated by IES' Enforcement Operations Branch (EOB) include the issuance of warning letters and the assessment of stipulated civil penalties.

These activities involve communications with persons alleged to have violated agency regulations. IES also conducts education programs to help those subject to Agency regulations understand the regulations and how to comply with them.

The EOB's management systems have been certified by the International Organization of Standardization (ISO, a nongovernmental worldwide network of national standards institutes). Such certification recognizes the EOB for, among other things, meeting certain performance standards and continuously striving to improve its performance. As part of the process for maintaining certification, the EOB must conduct research into the effectiveness of its program and its communications with regulated entities and persons. The EOB plans to do this, in part, by conducting a telephone survey of a sample of persons who have been subject to IES-initiated enforcement actions.

Responders will be asked to rate their experience and interaction with EOB with regard to such things as the clarity of the information in EOB written communications, the timeliness of EOB responses to telephone messages and letters, and the knowledge, professionalism, and helpfulness of the EOB staff who dealt with the responder.

IES will use the information from the survey to improve communications with alleged violators, as well as to maintain ISO certification.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve this information collection for 1 year.

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

*Respondents:* The violators for every 10th case closed, not sent to the Office of the Inspector General, USDA.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 175.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 175.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 43.75 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 1st day of October 2008.

**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-2008-0034]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection (Consumer Complaint Monitoring System and Food Safety Mobile Questionnaire)

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to request an extension of an approved information collection regarding both its Consumer Complaint Monitoring System web portal and its electronic Food Safety Mobile questionnaire because the approval for this information collection is due to expire. The public may comment on either the entire information collection or on one of its two parts.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 8, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by either of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments.

*Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROMs, and hand-or courier-delivered items:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, FSIS Docket Room, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2534, Washington, DC 20250.

All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2008-0034. Documents referred to in this notice, and all comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments also will be posted on the Agency's Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations\\_policies/2008\\_Notices\\_Index/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_policies/2008_Notices_Index/index.asp). Individuals who do not wish FSIS to post their personnel contact information—mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number—on the Internet may leave this information off of their comments.

*For Additional Information:* Contact John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3532 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 720-0345.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Consumer Complaint Monitoring System; the Food Safety Mobile Questionnaire.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an approved information collection.

*Abstract:* FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is requesting an extension of an approved information collection addressing paperwork and

recordkeeping requirements regarding the Agency's Consumer Complaint Monitoring System web portal and regarding its electronic Food Safety Mobile questionnaire.

FSIS tracks consumer complaints about meat, poultry, and egg products. Consumer complaints are usually filed because the food made the consumer sick, caused an allergic reaction, was not properly labeled (misbranded), or contained a foreign object. FSIS has developed a web portal to allow consumers to electronically file a complaint with the Agency about a meat, poultry, or egg product. FSIS will use this information to look for trends that will enhance the Agency's food safety efforts.

FSIS uses a Food Safety Mobile, a vehicle that travels throughout the continental United States, to educate consumers about the risks associated with the mishandling of food and the steps they can take to reduce their risk of foodborne illness.

Organizations can request a visit from the FSIS Food Safety Mobile although the availability of the Mobile is limited. To facilitate the scheduling of the Food Safety Mobile's visits when it is available, the Agency has put an electronic questionnaire on its web site. The questionnaire solicits information about the person/organization requesting the visit, the timing of the visit, and the type of event at which the Food Safety Mobile is to appear.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment.

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .214 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Consumers and organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 650.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 139 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 3532 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 720-0345.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS' functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of