

User Fees for Export Certification of Plants and Plant Products

User fees for the issuance of export certificates for plants and plant products are contained in 7 CFR part 354. Export certificates issued in accordance with the regulations certify agricultural products as being considered free from plant pests, according to the phytosanitary requirements of the foreign countries to which the plants and plant products may be exported. Export certificates are also issued to certify that reexported plants or plant products conform to the most current phytosanitary requirements of the importing country and that, during storage in the United States, the consignment has not been subjected to risk of infestation or infection. These export certificates must be issued in accordance with 7 CFR part 353 to be accepted in international commerce.

In a final rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 2009 (74 FR 32391–32400, Docket No. APHIS–2006–0137), and effective October 1, 2009, we established, for fiscal years 2007 through 2012 and beyond, user fees charged for export certification of plants and plant products. Services for this category include: (1) Certification for export or reexport of a commercial shipment; (2) certification for export or reexport of a low-value commercial or noncommercial shipment; and (3) replacement of any certificate for export or reexport.

The user fees charged for export certification of plants and plant products are found in § 354.3(g) and cover the following:

- Administrative fee for exporters who receive a certificate issued on behalf of APHIS by a designated State or county inspector;
- Fee for export or reexport certification of a commercial shipment;
- Fee for export or reexport certification of a low-value commercial shipment;
- Fee for export or reexport certification of a noncommercial shipment; and
- Fee for replacing any certificate.

On October 1, 2011, the user fees charged for export certificates for plants and plant products for fiscal year 2012 will take effect. You may view the regulations in 7 CFR part 354, which includes charts showing all of the fiscal year 2012 user fees charged for export certificates for plants and plant products, on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_11/7cfr354_11.html.

Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of August 2011.

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Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2011–0013]

Availability of Final Compliance Guide for the Use of Video or Other Electronic Monitoring or Recording Equipment in Federally Inspected Establishments

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing the availability of the final compliance guide on the use of video or other electronic monitoring or recording equipment in federally inspected establishments. FSIS has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) related to Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) and Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (Sanitation SOP) video records. FSIS made changes to the final compliance guide based on comments received on the draft guide. FSIS has posted this final compliance guide on its Significant Guidance Documents Web page (http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Significant_Guidance/index.asp).

DATES: *Effective Date:* August 31, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Isabel Arrington, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), FSIS, by phone at (402) 344–5000 or by e-mail at Isabel.Arrington@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 15, 2010 (75 FR 63434), FSIS posted on its Web site a draft guide on the use of video or other electronic monitoring or recording equipment in federally inspected establishments. The Agency issued the document as a draft guide because it needed Office of Management and Budget PRA approval on the information collection and stated that when it received OMB approval on the information collection, it would issue a final guide. FSIS also solicited comments on the compliance guide. FSIS now has OMB approval. The OMB

approval number is 0583–0103. The guide is final, and establishments can use the recommendations in this guide on the use of video or other electronic monitoring or recording equipment for monitoring operations and facilities. The final compliance guide reflects comments received.

This compliance guide provides information to industry to help it maintain compliance with Federal regulations, including humane treatment of livestock and the use of good commercial practices in poultry.

FSIS is providing this guide to advise establishments that video or other electronic monitoring or recording equipment can be used in federally inspected establishments. This guide informs establishments of the Agency's expectations if they decide to use this type of equipment to create records to meet the requirements of the HACCP regulations, or the regulations governing Sanitation SOPs. In addition, this guide provides information on issues establishments should consider if they use this equipment for any other purpose, such as part of their food defense plans.

Comments

FSIS received a total of 1,217 comments on the draft compliance guide. Of those comments, 813 were a letter campaign form requesting that the use of video be mandated in establishments. In addition, 400 of them were general statements that video use should be made mandatory in establishments or expressed concerns about humane handling and worker safety. Another individual commented that FSIS should also require an accredited third party to audit the required video use in establishments.

Requiring video cameras in establishments is not necessary to ensure that animals are handled humanely in conjunction with slaughter. FSIS inspection program personnel (IPP) verify that establishments are meeting regulatory requirements for humane handling in livestock slaughter and good commercial practices in poultry slaughter. Worker safety issues are outside the scope of the compliance guide. Establishments that have video or electronic monitoring or recording equipment may choose to have a third party audit their use of such equipment.

Additionally, one meat and poultry trade association and one video company, recommended the guide state more clearly that the following video records are not subject to routine access by FSIS: Video records not designated by establishments for use in their

HACCP plan or Sanitation SOPs, video records that are used for food defense security, or video records that are used for other purposes in which recordkeeping is not required. In addition, these commenters requested a reference to congressional testimony by the video company regarding video systems and their use in the final compliance guide.

The final guide makes clearer which video records are subject to routine access by FSIS. Such records would include HACCP and Sanitation SOP records and records associated with other programs that are prerequisites to HACCP. FSIS did not include the reference to the congressional testimony by the video company in the final compliance guide because including that testimony would highlight one specific company.

A commenter from a non-profit organization for humane handling of animals and birds recommended that the guide state that video technology serves as a supplemental tool for establishments' humane handling and good commercial practice activities. The commenter also recommended that the guide state the importance of effective implementation of video monitoring to result in trustworthy and accurate information that helps to prevent inhumane treatment or poor commercial practices. Also, the commenter recommended that cameras for video should be positioned and operating in such a way to allow continuous viewing of all steps from unloading to stunning of livestock and poultry.

FSIS made changes in the final guide to address those comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

2010 Resources Planning Act (RPA) Assessment Draft

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The draft 2010 Resources Planning Act (RPA) Assessment is available for review and comment at <http://www.fs.fed.us/research/rpa/>. The RPA Assessment is a legislatively mandated periodic assessment of the condition and trends of the Nation's renewable resources on forests and rangelands.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing or electronically on or before September 30, 2011, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Dr. Linda Langner, Quantitative Sciences Staff, Forest Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mailstop 1115, Washington, DC 20250-1115.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 703-605-5131 or by email using the comment form on the Web site <http://www.fs.fed.us/research/rpa/>. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at USDA Forest Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202-205-1665 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Linda Langner, Quantitative Sciences Staff by phone at 703-605-4886 or by email to llangner@fs.fed.us. Additional information about the RPA Assessment can be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/research/rpa/>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 2010 Resources Planning Act (RPA) Assessment is the fifth prepared in response to the mandate in the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act (Pub. L. 93-378, 88 Stat. 475, as amended) that was enacted in 1974. The RPA Assessment is intended to provide reliable information on the status, trends, and projected future of the Nation's forests and rangelands on a 10-year cycle. The RPA Assessment includes analyses of forests, rangelands, wildlife and fish, biodiversity, urban, outdoor recreation, wilderness, water forests, and the effects of climate change upon these resources.

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