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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. on Thursday, January, 30 2014 at the Ronald Reagan Building's Horizon Ballroom located at 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The central theme of this year's meeting will be "Higher Education and US University Student Engagement."

Dr. Brady Deaton, BIFAD Chairman, will preside over the meeting. The public business session will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. with opening remarks by BIFAD Chair Brady Deaton. The Board will address both old and new business during this time and will hear from USAID, the university community and other experts on progress and mechanisms for advancing programming in agricultural research and capacity development. During the business session the BIFAD will host a panel of key authors who will discuss trends in funding for Higher Education—Strategy, Partnerships and Programs, moderated by BIFAD member Harold Martin. During this session the BIFAD will receive updates from USAID on its Feed the Future Innovation Labs and the Higher Education Solutions Network as well as a report on African Higher Education.

Starting at 10:15 a.m., BIFAD member Marty McVey will chair a panel on "Updates from USAID." The purpose shall be to learn about any new or ongoing activities related to higher education and U.S. university student engagement from the Bureau for Food Security's senior leadership.

The final panel session, which will be again chaired by BIFAD Chairman Dr. Brady Deaton will focus on "U.S. University Engagement in Global Food Security." This panel will have significant representation from the U.S. university community to address these issues.

Between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. time for public questions and comments will be allowed, followed quickly by the BIFAD Award for Scientific Excellence in a Title XII Innovation Lab. Finally, closing remarks will occur from 12:35pm to 12:45pm by BIFAD Chairman Brady Deaton.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Susan Owens, Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Interested persons may write to her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Bureau for Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 2.09–067, Washington, DC 20523–2110 or telephone her at (202) 712–0218.

Susan Owens,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2013–0090]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; U.S. Origin Health Certificate

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 the export of animals and animal products from the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before March 18, 2014.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2013-0090-0001>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2013–0090, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2013-0090> or in our reading room, which 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) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the export of animals and animal products from the United States, contact Dr. Jacek Taniewski, Assistant Director, Live Animal Export, NIES, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–3300. 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: U.S. Origin Health Certificate.
OMB Control Number: 0579–0020.

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

Abstract: The export of agricultural commodities, including animals and animal products, is a major business in the United States and contributes to a favorable balance of trade. Within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) maintains information regarding the import health requirements of other countries for animals and animal products exported from the United States, as most countries require a certification that our animals are free from specific diseases and show no clinical evidence of

disease. This certification must carry the USDA seal and be endorsed by an APHIS veterinarian, APHIS-accredited veterinarian, or State veterinarian. VS Forms 17–140/17–140A–B (U.S. Origin Health Certificate/Continuation Sheet) and VS Form 17–145 (U.S. Origin Health Certificate for the Export of Horses from the United States to Canada) are used to meet the certification requirements of other countries. In addition, the export of animals and animal products from the United States may involve other information collection activities, including environmental certification for export facilities, notarized statements, documentation of undue hardship for animals departing from a specific export location, requests regarding approval or withdrawal of approval of export facilities, and recordkeeping for modification of rail stanchions on vessels.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities 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 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 0.24205 hours per response.

Respondents: Owners of and facility operators for cattle, sheep, goats, and horses; accredited veterinarians; State veterinarians; live animal exporters; and owners or masters of ocean vessels used to export livestock from the United States.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 780.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 93.27.

Estimated annual number of responses: 72,755.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 17,611 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 13th day of January 2014.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education Study

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on the proposed collection of data for the WIC Nutrition Education Study. This is a NEW information collection. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Through Federal grants to States, WIC provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women and to infants and children who are found to be at nutritional risk. The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–296, Sec. 305) mandates programs under its authorization, including WIC, to cooperate with USDA program research and evaluation activities. WIC's mission is to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating, and referrals to health care.

Nutrition education is the program feature often viewed as pivotal to WIC's success in achieving its mission to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, and children. By Federal directive, all participants have the opportunity to participate in nutrition education at least two times during a 6-month period of eligibility or quarterly for a 12-month period. State and local WIC agencies have significant flexibility to design nutrition education appropriate for the demographics of their participants within established goals. This flexibility has yielded a range of messages, delivery systems and approaches, qualifications and training for educators, and quality.

The WIC Nutrition Education Study will provide a nationally representative description of how nutrition education is currently being provided to WIC recipients across the country. It will also conduct a pilot study of the impact of nutrition education on WIC recipients' nutrition and physical activity behaviors. This study will provide FNS with a better understanding of nutrition education practices and methods used by WIC and of the effectiveness of current WIC nutrition education services. The study will document how nutrition education is being provided subsequent to several program changes, including the 2009 food package changes, the implementation of the initiative to *Revitalize Quality Nutrition Services (RQNS)*, and the use of new technology, among a racially and ethnically diverse population. Understanding optimal educational topics and methods, how to maximize participant engagement, the best approaches for delivery and reinforcement of messages, and how to effectively prepare and support WIC nutrition educators is key to informing WIC nutrition education improvements.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 18, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Written comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed data collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has 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 that were 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological