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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, Correction

January 20, 2010.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Exportation, Transportation, and Importation of Meat and Poultry Products.

OMB Control Number: 0583-0094.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. FSIS requires that meat and poultry establishments exporting products to foreign countries complete an export certificate. Meat and poultry products not marked with the mark of inspection and shipped from one official establishment to another for further processing must be transported under FSIS seal to prevent such unmarked product from entering into commerce. To track product shipped under seal, FSIS requires shipping establishments to complete a form that identifies the type, amount, and weight of the product. Foreign countries exporting meat and poultry products to the U.S. must establish eligibility for importation of product into the U.S., and annually certify that their inspection systems are "equivalent to" the U.S. inspection system. Meat and poultry products intended for import into the U.S. must be accompanied by a health certificate, signed by an official of the foreign government, stating that certified foreign establishments have produced the products. FSIS will collect information using three FSIS forms.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will collect information to identify the product type, quantity, destination, and originating country of the meat and poultry. Also, FSIS will collect name, number, method of shipping, and destination of product, type and description of product to be shipped, reason for shipping product, and a signature. FSIS will use the information to verify that a meat or poultry product intended for import has been prepared in a plant certified to prepare product for export to the U.S. FSIS will use the

information to conduct re-inspection of meat and poultry imported to the U.S.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 6,431.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 156,908.

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Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 1924–A, Planning and Performing Construction and Other Development.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0042.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is the credit agency for rural housing and community development within the Rural Development mission area of the United States Department of Agriculture. RHS offers a supervised credit program to build modest housing and essential community facilities in rural areas. Section 501 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to extend financial assistance to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace, or rehabilitate dwellings, farm buildings and/or related facilities to provide decent, safe sanitary living conditions and adequate farm building and other structures in rural areas.

Need and Use of the Information: RHS provides several forms to assist in the collection and submission of information. The information will be used to determine whether a loan/grant can be approved; to ensure that RHS has adequate security for the loans financed; to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the agency loan/grant and to monitor the prudent use of Federal funds. If the information is not collected and submitted, RHS would have no control over the type and quality of construction and development work planned and performed with Federal funds.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or Households; Business or Other For-Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions; Farms; State, Local and Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 23,643.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Report: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 117,022.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1951–F, Analyzing Credit Needs and Graduation of Borrower.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0093.

Summary of Collection: Section 333 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act and Section 502 of the Housing Act of 1949, require the Rural Housing Service (RHS), and the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) to

graduate their direct loan borrowers to other credit when they are able to do so. Graduation is an integral part of Agency lending, as Government loans beyond a borrower's need for subsidized rates of non-market terms. The notes, security instruments, or loan agreements of most borrowers require borrowers to refinance their Agency loans when other credit becomes available at reasonable rates and terms. If the borrower finds other credit is not available at reasonable rates and terms, the Agency will continue to review the borrower for possible graduation at periodic intervals. Information will be collected from the borrowers concerning their loans.

Need and Use of the Information: The information submitted by RBS and RHS borrowers to Agency offices is used to graduate direct borrowers to private credit with or without the use of Agency loan guarantees. The data collected will include financial information such as income, farm operating expenses, asset values, and liabilities.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or Other for-Profit.

Number of Respondents: 131.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 339.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Federal Plant Pest, Noxious Weed, and Garbage Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0054.

Summary of Collection: In accordance with Section 412 of the Plant Protection Act (Title IV, Pub. L. 106–224, 114 Stat. 438, 7 U.S.C. 7712), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, exportation, or movement of interstate commerce of any plant, plant product, biological control organism, noxious weed, article, or means of conveyance, if the Secretary determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the introduction or dissemination of a plant pest or noxious weed within the United States. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) regulations implementing the Plant Protection Act are contained (in part) in part 330 of Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations and part 360 of Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to evaluate the risk associated with the interstate movement of plant pest, noxious weeds, and soil. APHIS will also collect information to monitor operations at facility to ensure permit conditions are being met. The information is used to determine whether a permit can be issued, and also to develop risk-mitigating conditions for the proposed movement. If the information were not collected, APHIS ability to protect the United States from a plant pest or noxious weed