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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 9, 2020.

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Comments regarding this information collection received by February 13, 2020 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725—17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8958.

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potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Tuberculosis.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0146.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The Secretary may also prohibit or restrict import or export of any animal or related material if necessary, to prevent the spread of any livestock or poultry pest or disease. The AHPA is contained in Title X, Subtitle E, Sections 10401–18 of Public Law 107–171, May 13, 2002, of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services' (VS) ability to allow U.S. animal producers to compete in the world market of animal and animal product trade.

The APHIS bovine tuberculosis (TB) regulations in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR), Part 77, provide for the assignment of State TB risk classifications, the creation of TB risk status zones within the same State, and for the conduct of tests before regulated animals are permitted to move interstate. This system enhances the ability of States to move healthy, TB-free cattle, bison, and captive cervids interstate as well as internationally. Additionally, this zoning/testing system enhances the effectiveness of APHIS' TB Eradication Program by decreasing the likelihood that infected animals will be moved interstate or internationally. Both types of actions prevent the spread of TB and provide mechanisms to help VS trace, locate, and eradicate any outbreaks that occur.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect reports, requests, forms, certificates, plans, MOUs, permits, and records for zoning, testing, and animal movement. Without the

information, APHIS would not be able to operate an effective bovine tuberculosis surveillance, containment, and eradication program.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 4,914.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 27,830.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: 2019 Market Facilitation Program Application.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0293.

Summary of Collection: This information collection is required for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to make Market Facilitation Program (MFP) payments to domestic crop and commodity producers. Specifically, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c) authorizes CCC to assist in the disposition of surplus commodities and to increase the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic markets or by developing or aiding in the development of new and additional markets, marketing facilities, and uses for such commodities. The purpose of 2019 MFP is to aid producers in the disposition of surplus commodities and aid in the expansion of domestic markets or aid in the development of new and additional markets and uses for the specific crops or commodities that are negatively impacted by actions of foreign governments.

Need and Use of the Information: In order to determine whether a producer is eligible for 2019 MFP and to calculate a payment, a producer is required to submit the following forms: CCC–913, Market Facilitation Program (MFP) 2019 Application, and CCC–913 continuation form for adding more information for Part D; CCC–941, Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification, CCC–942 Request for an Exception to Average AGI limitation, and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information; CCC–902, Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility; FSA–578, Report of Acreage; and AD–1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation Certification. Most applicants will already have FSA–578, CCC–902, CCC–941, and AD–1026 on file at the time of application; however, a percentage of applicants who have not previously participated in FSA programs may need to file these forms to become eligible. The new producers

will complete the forms if have not yet filed with FSA. Lack of adequate information to make the determination could result in the improper administration and appropriation of CCC funds.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 1,445,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Other (one-time).

Total Burden Hours: 550,317.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2019–0030]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods; Renewal

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to renew committee charter.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice is announcing the intention of the USDA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to renew the charter for the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF). The purpose of NACMCF is to provide impartial, scientific advice, and peer reviews to Federal food safety agencies for use in the development of an integrated national food safety systems approach that assures the safety of domestic, imported, and exported foods.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Thomas, Advisory Committee Specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Room 9–177B Patriots Plaza III, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–3700. Telephone number: (202) 690–6620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in 1988, in response to a recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences for an interagency approach to microbiological criteria for foods, and in response to a recommendation of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, as expressed in the Rural Development,

Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988. The NACMCF provides scientific advice and recommendations to the USDA and HHS on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply, including development of microbiological criteria and review and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods.

The USDA, in cooperation with HHS, is announcing its intent to renew the NACMCF's charter. The charter is available on the FSIS web page at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/nacmcf/committee-charter>. The renewal of NACMCF's charter is necessary and in the public interest because of the need for external expert advice on the range of scientific and technical issues that must be addressed by the USDA and HHS to ensure the safety of domestic, imported, and exported foods.

Members of NACMCF will be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture after consultation with an Executive Committee that represents five participating Agencies in NACMCF: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the Department of Defense's Defense Logistics Agency for advice on membership appointments. Because NACMCF reviews and evaluates complex issues, NACMCF is expected to meet one or more times per year.

Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act at 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has determined that this notice is not a "major rule," as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Additional Public Notification

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