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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 29, 2004.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Pamela_Beverly_OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs 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.

Risk Management Agency

Title: Aquaculture Risk Management Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0563-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-224) requires the Risk Management Agency (RMA) to increase the availability of risk management tools to underserved commodities. Aquaculture production in the U.S. utilizes different aquatic environments (warm and cold, fresh and salt water) and types of growing systems (pond culture, flow and net pens). Aquaculture operations are located in every State; however, production is concentrated in catfish, trout, salmon and baitfish. RMA will develop a one-time survey that will aid them in the development for a risk management profile of aquaculture producers.

Need and Use of the Information: RMA will use the results from the survey to determine how a crop insurance program may be designed or adapted to meet the needs of aquaculture producers. The information collected also would provide guidance in the design of insurance programs. If the survey were not conducted, the development of risk management programs for aquaculture producers would be compromised.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2,200.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (One-Time).

Total Burden Hours: 1,247.

Title: Grass Seed Feasibility Study.

OMB Control Number: 0563-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-224) directed the Risk Management Agency (RMA) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to carry out research and development for purposes of increasing participation in crop insurance by producers of underserved agricultural commodities (section 522(c)). Because grass seed is one of these underserved commodities, many producers lack access to crop insurance. In the past, many grass seed producers have received disaster payments through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected in this study will make it possible to determine the feasibility for providing crop insurance to producers of this crop. RMA will use this information to assess the frequency and severity of changes in the volume and value of production to determine the probability distribution of these severities across tree farms producing these crops. If this information were not collected, it would not be possible to develop an actuarial profile of the industry, a requirement for judging the feasibility of designing and implementing a crop insurance program for grass seed producers.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Farms; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 4,889.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Other (One-Time).

Total Burden Hours: 1,611.

Title: Christmas Tree Crop Insurance Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0563-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-224) directed the Risk Management Agency (RMA) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to carry out research and development for purposes of increasing participation in crop insurance by producers of underserved agricultural commodities (section 522(c)). Christmas tree production is one of several crops for which crop insurance is not available. They are grown in all 50 states on as many as 1 million acres. The production of Christmas trees is an intensive agriculture-forestry enterprise that requires practices and techniques much like those required for any other crop.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected in this study will make it possible to determine the price elections and premium rate levels for providing crop insurance to producers of this crop. RMA will use this information to assess the frequency and severity of changes in the volume and value of production and to determine the probability distribution of these severities across tree farms producing these crops.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Farms; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 876.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting:
Other (One-Time).
Total Burden Hours: 986.

Sondra Blakey,

*Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04-116-1]

Public Meeting; Veterinary Biologics

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Advance notice of public meeting and request for suggested agenda topics.

SUMMARY: We are issuing this notice to inform producers and users of veterinary biological products, and other interested individuals, that we will be holding our 13th public meeting to discuss regulatory and policy issues related to the manufacture, distribution, and use of veterinary biological products. We are planning the meeting agenda and are requesting suggestions for topics of general interest to producers and other interested individuals.

DATES: The public meeting will be held from Wednesday, April 6, through Friday, April 8, 2005, from 1 p.m. to approximately 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. on Thursday, and from 8:30 a.m. to approximately noon on Friday.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on agenda topics, contact Mr. Steven A. Karli, Director, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010-8197; phone (515) 232-5785, fax (515) 232-7120, or e-mail CVB@aphis.usda.gov. For registration information, contact Ms. Nicole Ruffcorn at the same address and fax number; phone (515) 232-5785 extension 127; or e-mail Nicole.L.Ruffcorn@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since 1989, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has held 12 public meetings in Ames, IA, on veterinary biologics. The meetings

provide an opportunity for the exchange of information between APHIS representatives, producers and users of veterinary biological products, and other interested individuals. APHIS is in the process of planning the agenda for the 13th such meeting, which will be held April 6 through April 8, 2005.

The agenda for the meeting is not yet complete. Topics that have been suggested include: (1) Autogenous biologics and their role in the treatment/prevention of disease; (2) transmissible spongiform encephalopathies and their impact on veterinary biologics production; (3) current Center for Veterinary Biologics activities; (4) updates on regulatory initiatives; and (5) novel vaccine technologies. Before finalizing the agenda, APHIS is seeking suggestions for additional meeting topics from the interested public.

We would also like to invite interested individuals to use this meeting to present their ideas and suggestions concerning the licensing, manufacturing, testing, distribution, and regulation of products for the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases of animals.

Please submit suggested meeting topics and proposed presentation titles to Mr. Steven A. Karli (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT* above) on or before December 6, 2004. For proposed presentations, please include the name(s) of the presenter(s) and the approximate amount of time that will be needed for each presentation.

After the agenda is finalized, APHIS will announce the agenda topics in the **Federal Register**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 1st day of November 2004.

Elizabeth E. Gaston,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04-031C]

Nominations for Membership on the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service published a document in the **Federal Register** on October 22, 2004, concerning Nominations for Membership on the

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods. Correction: In the **Federal Register** of October 22, 2004, Volume 69, Number 204, on page 62017, in the first paragraph and **SUMMARY**, the following sentence should have appeared: "Persons from State and Federal governments, industry, consumer groups, and academia, as well as all other interested persons, are invited to submit nominations". Please note that "consumer groups" and "all other interested parties" had been inadvertently omitted from the sentence that originally appeared. The Agency is publishing this corrected notice and will accept nominations 30 calendar days from the date of the publication of this corrected notice.

This corrected notice announces that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF). Nominations for membership are being sought from individuals with scientific expertise in the fields of epidemiology, food technology, microbiology (food, clinical, and predictive), risk assessment, infectious disease, biostatistics, and other related sciences. Persons from State and Federal governments, industry, consumer groups, and academia, as well as all other interested persons, are invited to submit nominations. Members who are not Federal government employees will be appointed to serve as non-compensated special government employees (SGEs). SGEs will be subject to appropriate conflict of interest statutes and standards of ethical conduct.

DATES: The nominee's typed resume or curriculum vitae must be received by December 4, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Ms. Karen Thomas, Advisory Committee Specialist, USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 333 Aerospace Center, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karen Thomas, Advisory Committee Specialist, at the above address or by telephone 202-690-6620 or FAX 202-690-6634.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in March 1988, in response to a recommendation in a 1985 report of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Food Protection, Subcommittee on Microbiological