

foreign animal diseases of swine; and (2) identify the smallest administrative units in France and Spain we will use to regionalize those countries in the event of a disease outbreak. We will address any comments we receive on the supplemental risk analysis in a future document in the **Federal Register**.

#### Accessing the Supplemental Risk Analysis on the Internet

The supplemental risk analysis is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/reg-request.html>. At the bottom of that Web site page, click on "Information previously submitted by Regions requesting export approval and their supporting documentation." At the next screen, click on the triangle beside "European Union/ Not Specified/ Classical Swine Fever," then click on the triangle beside "Response by APHIS," which will reveal a link for "APHIS Supplemental Risk Analysis for Importation of the Classical Swine Fever Virus in Swine and Swine Products from France and Spain." Following that link will allow you to view the supplemental risk analysis.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 450, 1622, 7701–7772, and 8301–8317; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 42 U.S.C. 4331 and 4332; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of November, 2003.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

### Rural Utilities Service

### Farm Service Agency

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCIES:** Rural Housing Service (RHS), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and Farm Service Agency (FSA), USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comments requested.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agencies intention to request an extension for a

currently approved information collection in support of the Real Estate Title Clearance and Loan Closing regulation.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 23, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gale Richardson, Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division, Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Mail STOP 0783, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250–0783, Telephone: (202) 720–1459. (This is not a toll free number.)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** 7 CFR 1927–B, Real Estate Title Clearance and Loan Closing.

**OMB Number:** 0575–0147.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** May 31, 2004.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** Section 501 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, 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, and sanitary living conditions and adequate farm buildings and other structures in rural areas. Sections 302, 311, and 321 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended, authorize the Secretary to extend agricultural credit to farmers and ranchers. Title clearance is required to assure the Agency(s) that the loan is legally secured and has the required lien priority.

The Agencies will be collecting information to assure that those participating in this program remain eligible to proceed with loan closing and to ensure that loans made with Federal funds are legally secured. The respondents are individuals or households, farms, businesses, and nonprofit institutions. The information required is used by USDA personnel to verify that the required lien position has been obtained. The information is collected at the field office responsible for processing a loan application through loan closing. The information is also used to insure the program is administered in a manner consistent with legislative and administrative requirements. If not collected, the Agency would be unable to determine if the loan is adequately and legally secured.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information

is estimated to average .28 hours per response.

**Respondents:** Individuals or households, farms, businesses, nonprofit institutions.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 100,074.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.

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**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 27,922 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692–0035.

#### Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Renita Bolden, Regulation and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–0742. 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.

Dated: November 12, 2003.

**Arthur A. Garcia,**

*Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

Dated: November 6, 2003.

**John Rosso,**

*Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.*

Dated: November 5, 2003.

**Curtis M. Anderson,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

Dated: November 7, 2003.

**James Little,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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