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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] 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, N.W., Washington, D.C. 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, D.C. 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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.

Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

TITLE: Brucellosis Program

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0579-0047

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The AHPA is contained in Title X, Subtitle E, Sections 10401-18 of P.L., 107-171, May 13 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Brucellosis is an infectious disease of animals and humans caused by bacteria of the genus *Brucella*. Veterinary Services, a division with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), is responsible for administering regulations intended to protect the health of the U.S. livestock population. The continued presence of brucellosis in a herd seriously threatens the health, welfare, and economic viability of the livestock industry. There is no economically feasible treatment for brucellosis in livestock. The Cooperative State-Federal Brucellosis Eradication Program is a national program to eliminate this serious disease of livestock. APHIS will collect information using various forms.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: APHIS will use the information collected from the forms to demonstrate that program requirements are being met for State and herd status. APHIS also uses the information to demonstrate that program-allowed activities, such as testing,

vaccinating, and movement, are being conducted in accordance with program rules. Without the information, APHIS would not be able to conduct an effective bovine brucellosis surveillance and eradication program.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business; State, Local or Tribal Government

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 89,464

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Monthly

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 252,331

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

TITLE: Horse Protection Regulations

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0579-0056

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: 9 CFR Part 11, Regulations, implement the Horse Protection Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-540), as amended July 13, 1976 (P.L. 94-360), and are authorized under Section 9 of the Act. The Horse Protection Legislation was enacted to prevent showing, exhibiting, selling, or auctioning of “sore” horses, and certain transportation of sore horses in connection therewith at horse shows, horse exhibitions, horse sales, and horse auctions. A sore horse is a horse that has received pain-provoking practices that cause the horse to have an accentuated, high stepping gait. Sored horses cannot be entered in an event by any person, including trainers, riders, or owners. Management of shows, sales, exhibitions, or auctions must identify sored horses to prevent their participation under the Horse Protection Act.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: APHIS will collect information at specified intervals from Horse Industry Organizations (HIO) and show management. HIOs must maintain an acceptable Designated Qualified Person (DQP) program and recordkeeping system as outlined in the regulations.

Information provided by the HIOs through DQPs allows APHIS to monitor and enforce the Horse Protection Act, its regulations, and certifying programs.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profit

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 1.514

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Quarterly; Monthly; Annually

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 2,266

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