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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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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 are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 DATE OF 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 and Plant Health Inspection Service

TITLE: Importation of Tomatoes from Certain Central American Countries

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0579-0286

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: Under the Plant Protection Act (PPA) (7 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. Regulations authorized by the PPA concerning the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world contained in “Subpart-Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56-1 through 319.56-73). Under these regulations, pink or red tomatoes from Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama are subject to certain condition before entering the United States to prevent the introduction of plant pests in the United States.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) requires that each shipment of tomatoes must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the National Plant Protection Organization and bearing the declaration, “These tomatoes were grown in an area recognized to be free of Medfly and the shipment has been inspected and found free of the pest listed in the requirements.” In addition to the phytosanitary certificate, production site and packinghouse records, production site registration, monitoring/auditing trapping program, trapping records, export certification, labeling of boxes, and recertification of production sites, APHIS uses these activities to prevent the introduction and dissemination of plant pests into the United States.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 54

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 1,180

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TITLE: Location of Irradiation Treatment Facilities in the United States

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0579-0383

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for preventing plant diseases or insect pests from entering into the United States, preventing the spread of pests and noxious weeds not widely distributed into the United States, and eradicating those imported pests when eradication is feasible. The Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *–et seq.*) authorizes USDA to carry out this mission. Under the Plant Protection Act, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is authorized, among other things, to regulate the importation of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests in the United States.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: APHIS will use the following information collection activities to provide generic criteria for irradiation treatment facilities in an effort to prevent the spread of plant pests and plant diseases in the United States: (1) Request for Initial Certification and Inspection of Facility; (2) Certification and Recertification of Facility; (3) Denial and Withdrawal of Certification; (4) Compliance Agreement (PPQ 519); (5) Irradiation Facilities Treating Imported Articles; Irradiation Treatment Framework Equivalency Work plan; (6) Irradiation Facilities Notification; (7) Records; (8) Facility to Maintain and Provide Updated Map Identifying Places Horticultural/Crops are Grown; (9) Facility Contingency Plan; (10) Letter of Concurrence or Non-Agreement; (11) Treatment Arrangements; (12) Pest Management Plan;

and (13) Facility Map – Detailed Layout of Facility. If the information is not collected, APHIS would have no practical way of determining that any given commodity had actually been irradiated.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profits; Federal Government

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 5

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: On occasion

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 28

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