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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2019-0010]

**Notice of Request to Revise an Approved Information Collection:
Public Health Information System**

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to revise the approved information collection for the FSIS Public Health Information System (PHIS) so that FSIS can make periodic updates to the numbering system on the Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5). The approval for this information collection will expire on January 31, 2021. FSIS is making no changes to the burden estimate.

DATES: Submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this **Federal Register** notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the

comment field on the web page or to attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Room 6065, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- Hand- or courier-delivered submittals: Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2019-0010. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 720-5627 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 720-5627.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Public Health Information System.

OMB Control Number: 0583-0153.

Expiration Date: 01/31/2021.

Type of Request: Revision to an approved information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53) as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*) and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is requesting a revision to the approved information collection regarding the FSIS Public Health Information System (PHIS) so that FSIS can make periodic updates to the numbering system on the Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5). The approval for this information collection will expire on January 31, 2021. FSIS is making no changes to the burden estimate.

FSIS requires the use of FSIS Form 9060-5 "Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness" for all meat and poultry exports (9 CFR 322.2 and 9 CFR 381.106). The numbering system on

FSIS Form 9060-5 consists of three letters followed by six numbers. The first two letters, MP, are static and stand for "Meat and Poultry." The third letter rotates to the next sequential letter in the alphabet every 999,999 export certificates. Each series of the 9060-5 repeats the same sequential numbers, from 000001 to 999999. The sequential rotation of the third letter allows for one set of numbers from one series to be distinguished from the same set of numbers of a different series. The frequency of change from one letter to the next sequential letter will vary and is dependent on multiple factors, including the number of meat and poultry exports, as well as which countries are included in the PHIS export module. In general, FSIS will change series to the next sequential letter less frequently as more countries are added to the PHIS export module.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .179 hours per response.

Estimated total number of respondents: 6,242.

Estimated average number of responses per respondent: 103.

Estimated annual number of responses: 643,008.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 115,117 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 720-5627.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method 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, 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 both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

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.

Additional Public Notification

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Done in Washington, DC.

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Administrator.

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