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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2025-0145]

Notice of Request to Reinstate a Previously Approved Information Collection: Overtime and Holiday Inspection Fees for Small and Very Small Establishments

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (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, FSIS is announcing its intention to request reinstatement of the previously approved information collection regarding overtime and holiday inspection fees for small and very small establishments. FSIS intends to use \$20 million in de-obligated funds from the Meat and Poultry Expansion Program to temporarily reduce overtime and holiday inspection fees for small and very small official meat, poultry, and egg products establishments. There are no changes to the information collection. The previous approval for this information collection expired on November 30, 2024.

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 <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

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

- *Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 350-E, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2025-0145. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 286-2255 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, 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, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; 202-720-5046.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Overtime and Holiday Inspection Fees for Small and Very Small Establishments.

OMB Number: 0583-0185.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of a previously 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, and properly labeled.

FSIS is requesting reinstatement of the previously approved information collection regarding the reduction of overtime and holiday inspection fees for small and very small establishments. FSIS intends to use \$20 million in de-obligated funds from the Meat and Poultry Expansion Program to temporarily reduce these fees for small and very small official meat, poultry, and egg products establishments. There are no changes to the previously

approved information collection. The previous approval for this information collection expired on November 30, 2024.

FSIS previously implemented a similar fee reduction initiative and is now seeking to resume providing for reduced overtime and holiday fees for small and very small establishments.¹ Reinstating this information collection will allow FSIS to implement fee reductions again. FSIS will collect information on the reinstated FSIS Form 5200-16, Overtime/Holiday Rate Reduction Form, to determine whether an establishment inspected by FSIS qualifies for an overtime and holiday inspection fee reduction, and, if so, the amount. Establishments must submit the reinstated form to receive the fee reductions.

The purpose of the form is to determine whether an establishment qualifies as small or very small and is therefore eligible for the fee reduction. FSIS does not currently have complete data on establishment size, average annual sales, and ownership structure. The form will allow the agency to identify whether an establishment is a subsidiary, affiliate, or part of a larger business entity that would make it ineligible for funding. It also serves as an attestation that the information provided is accurate and complete.

Completion of the form is optional. Establishments that do not use overtime or holiday inspection services, or that are not interested in receiving a fee reduction, are not required to

¹ https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_file/2021-07/FSIS-2021-0014_0.pdf.

submit it. However, small and very small official establishments that wish to request a fee reduction must complete the form to receive the benefit.

FSIS will provide more information on how to apply for the reduction in a future **Federal Register** notice.

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 10 minutes per response.

Estimated total number of respondents: 3,944.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 1-2.

Estimated annual number of responses: 3,944.

Estimated initial annual burden on respondents: 724 hours.

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. 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, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; 202-720-5046.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS' functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS' 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 (OMB), Washington, DC 20253.

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