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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-083-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of the Veterinary Accreditation Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 25, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 95-083-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 95-083-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments and notices are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information on the Veterinary

Accreditation Program, contact Dr. J. A. Heamon, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-6954. For copies of the proposed collection of information, contact Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Veterinary Accreditation Program.

OMB Number: 0579-0032.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1996.

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

Abstract: The Veterinary Accreditation Program ensures that adequate numbers of qualified veterinarians are available to work with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS), to carry out its mission: to protect and improve the health, quality, and marketability of U.S. animals and animal products. Accredited veterinarians cooperate with VS to perform many official functions and are truly the backbone of U.S. regulatory programs for livestock and poultry diseases. The Veterinary Accreditation Program is founded on the mutual respect and professional partnership between public and private practitioners.

Prior to participating in the Veterinary Accreditation Program, veterinarians must meet five requirements, including submission of a written application and completion of a core orientation program. Information on the application is used by VS to help determine that a veterinarian has met the requirements to become accredited. State animal health officials, who have an advisory role in the application process, must also review all applications and recommend that applicants be approved or disapproved based on this review. The orientation program is designed to teach applicants the scope of their duties and responsibilities as accredited veterinarians, thus helping to assure that accredited veterinarians are knowledgeable of current Federal and State animal health rules, objectives, and programs, and competent in their application. As a result of the collection of this information a veterinarian may

be accredited to perform official functions for APHIS, VS.

Once a veterinarian becomes accredited, he/she is responsible for completing and maintaining official paperwork associated with accredited work. Paperwork associated with accredited work includes health certification documents, documents associated with applying and removing official seals and cleaning and disinfection plans, and laboratory test reports.

The regulations governing veterinary accreditation allow for information on accredited veterinarians to be periodically updated. Accredited veterinarians are asked to confirm or update their name, address, professional activity, licensure, and education information. The purpose of obtaining this information is to maintain an accurate, complete, and current national database of accredited veterinarians.

Through this notice APHIS is soliciting public comment on the proposed collection of information to:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .802 hours per response.

Respondents: Veterinary students, veterinarians in private clinical practice, State animal health officials.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 58,024.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.293.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 60,210.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection.

Done in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of January 1996.

Lonnie J. King,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

[FR Doc. 96-925 Filed 1-23-96; 8:45 am]

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Forest Service

Southwestern Region: Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas and Oklahoma. Notice to Extend Public Comment Period, RE: Final Environmental Impact Statement for Amendment of Forest Plans in the Southwestern Region

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice to extend public comment period, Final Environmental Impact Statement [FEIS].

SUMMARY: The Southwestern Region of the Forest Service published a notice of availability for public comment on a final environmental impact statement in the Federal Register (Vol. 60, No. 213, page 55841) on November 3, 1995. The comment period was subsequently extended from December 4, 1995 to January 12, 1996 regarding that FEIS Federal Register (Vol. 60, No. 234, page 62383) on December 6, 1995. This notice is issued to extend the comment period from January 12, 1996 to a period of 30 days following release of the *Mexican Spotted Owl Recovery Plan* by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The FEIS concerns Amendment of Forest Plans in the Southwestern Region, and implementation, standards and guidelines for Northern Goshawk and Mexican Spotted Owl.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 24, 1996.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: The Regional Forester, Southwestern Region, is the responsible official for decisions that affect Southwestern Region Forest Land and Resource Management Plans.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director of Ecosystem Management Planning, Arthur S. Briggs, Southwestern Regional Office, (505) 842-3210.

Dated: January 18, 1996.

John R. Kirkpatrick,
Deputy Regional Forester.

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Rural Housing Service

Notice of Recipients of Fiscal Year 1995 Section 515 Loan Funds

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service,¹ USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) (formerly Farmers Home Administration (FmHA)) has compiled a list of all recipients of fiscal year (FY) 1995, Section 515 loan funds. This action is taken to inform the public of recipients of FY 1995 Section 515 funds. The intended effect is public awareness.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia L. Reese-Foxworth, Loan Specialist, Rural Rental Housing Branch, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, Rural Housing Service, USDA, AgBox 0781, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-1604 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Programs Affected

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Number 10.415, Rural Rental Housing Loans.

Discussion of Notice

The information available is a 55-page compilation that lists borrower names, names of the general partners, project name and location, number of units developed, and RHS loan amount. This information is available to all interested parties and can be obtained by writing the following address: USDA, RHS, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, AgBox 0781, Washington, D.C. 20250. The request must be accompanied by a self-addressed, self-stamped envelope. Envelopes must be a minimum of 11"x 9" in size, and bear first class postage of \$1.26. Requests without the required return envelope and postage will not be acknowledged or responded to.

Dated: January 6, 1996.

Maureen Kennedy,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 951213301-5301-01]

Annual Surveys in Manufacturing Area

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: In conformity with Title 13, United States Code (Sections 182, 224, and 225), I have determined that annual data to be derived from the surveys listed below are needed to aid the efficient performance of essential governmental functions and have significant application to the needs of the public and industry. The data derived from these surveys, most of which have been conducted for many years, are not publicly available from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David W. Cartwright on (301) 457-4593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau is authorized to take surveys necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code. These surveys will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing for the period between economic censuses. The next economic censuses will be conducted for 1997. The data collected in these surveys will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic censuses.

Annual Current Industrial Reports

Most of the following commodity or product surveys provide data on shipments or production; some provide data on stocks, unfilled orders, orders booked, consumption, and so forth. Reports will be required of all or a sample of establishments engaged in the production of the items covered by the following list of surveys.

These surveys have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB control numbers 0607-0392, 0607-0395, 0607-0476, and 0607-0625 in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Public Law 96-511, as amended.

MA22F—Yarn Production
MA22K—Knit Fabric Production
MA22Q—Carpets and Rugs
MA23D—Gloves and Mittens
MA24T—Lumber Production and Mill Stocks
MA28A—Inorganic Chemicals
MA28B—Inorganic Fertilizer Materials and Related Products

¹ See the name change for this agency published by the Secretary of Agriculture at 60 FR 66713, December 26, 1995.