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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97–051–1]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Approved information collection extension; comment request.

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 credit account approval for reimbursable services.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 8, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 97–051–1, 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 97–051–1. 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 are requested to call ahead on (202) 690–2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information regarding credit account approval for reimbursable services, contact Ms. Donna J. Ford, User Fees Section Head, FSSB, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 54, Riverdale, MD 20737–1232, 301) 734–5752; or e-mail:dford@aphis.usda.gov. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Celeste Sickles, Agency Support Service Specialist, at (301) 734–7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Credit Account Approval for Reimbursable Services.

OMB Number: 0579–0055.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 1997.

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

Abstract: The services of an Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) inspector to clear imported and exported commodities requiring release by APHIS personnel are covered by user fees during regular working hours. If an importer wishes to have a shipment of cargo cleared at other hours, such services will usually be provided on a reimbursable overtime basis, unless already covered by a user fee. Exporters wishing cargo certified during nonworking hours may also utilize this procedure.

Requestors of our services are usually repeat customers and request that we bill them for our services. We need to collect certain information in order for our Field Servicing Office to conduct a credit check on prospective applicants to ensure credit worthiness prior to extending credit services, and to prepare billings for such services performed. This is a one-time information collection using APHIS Form 192.

Also, the 1996 Debt Improvement Collection Act requires that agencies collect tax identification numbers from all persons doing business with the Government for purposes of collecting delinquent debts. This is one field on the APHIS Form 192, and it must be completed before credit is extended.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend approval of this information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. We need this outside input to help us:

(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, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.25 hours per response.

Respondents: Importers/exporters who wish to have a shipment of cargo or animals cleared during nonworking hours.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 480.

Estimated Numbers of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 120 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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of July 1997.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97–055–1]

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Field Testing Vaccine Containing Canarypox-Vectored Rabies Fraction

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an environmental assessment and a finding of no significant impact for the shipment for field testing of an unlicensed veterinary vaccine containing a canarypox-vectored rabies fraction for use in cats. A risk analysis, which forms the basis for the environmental assessment, has led us to conclude that shipment of this veterinary vaccine for field testing will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Based on our finding of no significant impact, we have determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. With this notice, we state our intention to authorize shipment of this combination vaccine product for field testing 14 days after the date of this notice, unless new substantial issues bearing on the effects of the action contemplated here are brought to our attention. We also intend to issue a veterinary biological product license for this product and three additional products containing the same canarypox-vectored rabies fraction, provided the field trial data support the conclusions of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact and the products meet all other requirements for licensure.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact may be obtained by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.** Please refer to the docket number, date, and complete title of this notice when requesting copies. Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact (as well as the risk analysis with confidential business information removed) are also available for public inspection 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 those documents are requested to call ahead on (202) 690–2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jeanette Greenberg, Technical Writer-Editor, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Licensing and Policy Development, Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 148, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; telephone (301) 734–8400; fax (301) 734–8910; or e-mail: jgreenberg@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*), a veterinary biological product must be shown to be pure, safe, potent, and efficacious before a veterinary biological product license may be issued. A field test is generally necessary to satisfy prelicensing requirements for veterinary biological products. In order to ship an unlicensed veterinary biological product for the purpose of conducting a field test, a person must receive authorization from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

In determining whether to authorize shipment for field testing of the unlicensed veterinary biological product referenced in this notice, APHIS conducted a risk analysis to assess the potential effect of this product on the safety of animals, the public health, and the environment. Based on the risk analysis, APHIS has prepared an environmental assessment (EA). APHIS has concluded that shipment of the unlicensed veterinary biological product for field testing will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Based on this finding of no significant impact (FONSI), we have determined that there is no need to prepare an environmental impact statement. An EA and FONSI have been prepared by APHIS for the shipment of the following unlicensed veterinary biological product for field testing:

Requester: Rhone Merieux, Inc., Establishment License No. 298.

Product: Feline Leukemia-Rhinotracheitis-Calici-Panleukopenia-Chlamydia Psittaci-Rabies Vaccine, Modified Live and Killed Virus and Chlamydia, Canarypox Vector (Code 16A9.R0).

Field test locations: California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin.

The EA and FONSI have been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Unless substantial environmental issues are raised in response to this notice, APHIS intends to authorize the shipment of the above product and the initiation of the field tests after 14 days from the date of this notice.

Because the issues raised by authorization of a field trial and by issuance of a license are identical, APHIS has concluded that the EA and FONSI that were generated for the field trial would also be applicable to the proposed licensing action. Provided that the field trial data support the conclusions of the original EA and FONSI, APHIS does not intend to generate a separate EA to support the issuance of the product license, and would determine that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Therefore, APHIS intends to issue a veterinary biological product license for this product following the completion of the field trial, provided no adverse impacts on the human environment are identified as a result of field testing this product and provided the product meets all other requirements for licensure.

Simultaneously, APHIS intends to issue licenses for three additional combination vaccines produced by Rhone Merieux, Inc., also for use in cats. These three vaccines (each of which contains the same canarypox-vectored rabies fraction but lacks one or two components present in the above-mentioned product) are as follows:

Product: Feline Rhinotracheitis-Calici-Panleukopenia-Chlamydia Psittaci-Rabies Vaccine, Modified Live Virus and Chlamydia, Canarypox Vector (Code 1619.R1);

Product: Feline Rhinotracheitis-Calici-Panleukopenia-Rabies Vaccine, Modified Live Virus, Canarypox Vector (Code 16T9.R0); and

Product: Feline Leukemia-Rhinotracheitis-Calici-Panleukopenia-Rabies Vaccine, Modified Live and Killed Virus, Canarypox Vector (Code 16S9.R0).

Except for the canarypox-vectored rabies fraction, all components of the four products discussed in this notice are represented in currently licensed products.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 151–159.

Done in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of July 1997.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Collecting Data on Domestic Sugar Prices

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Advance notice with request for comments.