

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food Safety and Inspection Service****[Docket No. 99-049N]****Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection****AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, this notice announces the Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection regarding applications for inspection, accreditation for laboratories, and exemptions for retail store, custom, and religious slaughter operations.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before January 31, 2000.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Lee Puricelli, Paperwork Specialist, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 300 12th Street, SW, Room 109, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 720-0346.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Inspection, Laboratory Accreditation, and Retail Store, Custom, and Religious Slaughter Exemptions.

OMB Number: 0583-0082.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 1999.

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

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided 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 Product Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS requires meat and poultry establishments and FSIS accredited non-Federal analytical laboratories to maintain certain paperwork and records. FSIS uses this collected information to ensure that all meat and poultry establishments produce safe, wholesome, and unadulterated product, and that non-federal laboratories operate

in accordance with FSIS regulations. In addition, FSIS also collects information to ensure that meat and poultry establishments exempted from the provisions of the FMIA and PPIA do not commingle inspected and non-inspected meat and poultry products and to ensure that establishments qualifying for a retail store exemption and that have violated the prohibition on commingling product are no longer violating the prohibition.

FSIS is requesting OMB extension and revision of this Information Collection Request that covers the following paperwork and recordkeeping activities: (1) The completion and submission to FSIS of an application for Federal inspection by all meat, poultry, and egg seeking a grant of Federal inspection; (2) the completion and submission of forms establishing accreditation and maintenance of laboratory results by FSIS-accredited non-Federal analytical laboratories used in lieu of an FSIS laboratories for analyzing official regulatory samples; (3) the maintenance of records by establishments engaging in custom or religious slaughter, as defined in the FMIA and PPIA; and (4) the maintenance of records by establishments that have been found to be in violation of the terms of a retail store exemption.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.49 hours per response.

Respondents: Meat and poultry establishments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,460.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 18,565 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Lee Puricelli, Paperwork Specialist, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 300 12th Street, SW, Room 109, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 720-0346.

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 methodology 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 on those who are to respond, including through use of appropriate automated, electronic,

mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both Lee Puricelli, Paperwork Specialist, at the address provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

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.

Additional Public Notification

This notice is designed to provide information to the public and request their comments on FSIS' information collection requirements regarding applications for inspection, accreditation for laboratories, and exemptions for retail store custom, and religious slaughter operations. Public involvement is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are made aware of this request for the extension and revision of the currently approved information collection request 0583-0082 and are informed about the mechanism for providing their comments, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of this **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update.

FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** Notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information with a much broader, more diverse audience.

For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, at (202) 720-5704.

Done at Washington, DC, on: November 23, 1999.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Willamette Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The Willamette Province Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on Monday, December 6, 1999. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., and will conclude at approximately 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Salem Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon, (503) 375-5646. The tentative agenda includes: (1) Presentation of the Draft Supplemental EIS to amend the survey and manage direction in the Northwest Forest Plan, (2) Review and critique of PAC accomplishments in 1999, (3) Set agenda topics and PAC focus for 2000, (4) Presentation on the national roadless initiative on Forest Service lands, and (5) Roundtable information sharing by Pac members and federal agency representatives including status reports from PAC subcommittees.

The Public Forum is tentatively scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3-4 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits for the Public

Forum. Written comments may be submitted prior to the December 6 meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Neal Forrester at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Neal Forrester; Willamette National Forest; 211 East Seventh Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401; (541) 465-6924.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Draft USDA Forest Service Strategic Plan (2000 Revision)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice, request for public comment

SUMMARY: The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 requires the Forest Service to ask for the views and suggestions of anyone "potentially affected by or interested in" the Agency's strategic plan. Between October 1998 and January 1999, public meetings and other means were used to solicit input from the public about the development of the draft 2000 Revision. These comments were used, along with other information, to develop the draft 2000 Revision, which has now been completed by the Agency. This notice

announces the opportunity for public review and comment on the draft 2000 Revision and provides information about where to send written comments.

DATES: Written comments must be received by the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff by January 31, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Written comments on the draft 2000 Revision may be sent to: Director, Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, USDA Forest Service, PO Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090 or via internet at resources.program/wo@fs.fed.us. Written comments also may be faxed to (202) 205-1546. Additional information about the draft 2000 revision can be found on the internet on the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff home page at <http://www.fs.fed.us/plan>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information concerning opportunities for public review and comment, the submission of comments, or to request a copy of the draft 2000 Revision, contact the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, Washington, DC at (202) 205-1292 or via internet at resources.program/wo@fs.fed.us. A list of "USDA Forest Service Strategic Planning contacts" from whom additional information can be requested is included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft 2000 Revision contains long-term goals for the Agency; long-term objectives associated with the goals; indicator measures tied to each objective; and, the strategies to be pursued to achieve the long-term goals and objectives.

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