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**Other Information:** Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. James L. White, Pest Permitting Branch, Registration, Identification, Permitting, and Plant Safeguarding, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737–1237; (301) 734–8713.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to issue permits for the release of a bacterium, *Bacillus thuringiensis japonensis*, into the continental United States for the biological control of the larval stage of Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*).

Japanese beetle is native to Japan where it is not a significant pest and was first discovered in the United States in 1916 near Riverton, NJ. APHIS has administered regulations regarding Japanese beetle since 1979 to prevent its spread to new areas. Currently, 28 States and the District of Columbia are quarantined under 7 CFR 301.48 because of the presence of Japanese beetle.

To control Japanese beetle, turf care professionals and homeowners use large quantities of several chemical insecticides. While these chemicals can be effective, their use can result in potential environmental and health issues. Currently, there are very few biological control options for Japanese beetle control. While these natural products do not present the potential environmental impact that standard insecticides do, they tend to provide inconsistent grub pest control at best.

Thus, a permit application has been submitted to APHIS for the purpose of releasing a soil dwelling bacterium, *B. thuringiensis japonensis* to reduce the severity of infestations of Japanese beetle in the United States in turfgrass. The field tests requested will be performed in five States: Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Rhode Island. Additional locations in different States may be authorized if a finding of no significant impact is reached for the environmental assessment (EA).

APHIS' review and analysis of the proposed action are documented in detail in a draft EA titled "Field Release of *Bacillus thuringiensis japonensis*, a Bacterium for Biological Control of Japanese Beetle, *Popillia japonica* (Coleoptera:Scarabaeidae), in Five

States" (February 2009). We are making the EA available to the public for review and comment. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before the date listed under the heading **DATES** at the beginning of this notice.

The EA may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the EA by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the title of the EA when requesting copies.

The EA has been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (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).

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of September 2009.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2009–0054]

#### Fiscal Year 2010 Veterinary Import/Export User Fees and Veterinary Diagnostic Services User Fees

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice pertains to user fees charged for import- and export-related services that we provide for animals, animal products, birds, germ plasm, organisms, and vectors and for certain veterinary diagnostic services. The purpose of this notice is to remind the public of the user fees for fiscal year 2010 (October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on Veterinary Services import and export program operations, contact Dr. Freeda Isaac, Director, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 39,

Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 734–8364.

For information on Veterinary Diagnostic program operations, contact Dr. Elizabeth Lautner, Director, National Veterinary Services Laboratories, VS, APHIS, 1800 Dayton Avenue, Ames, IA 50010; (515) 663–7301.

For information concerning user fee rate development, contact Mrs. Kris Caraher, Section Head, User Fees Section, Financial Services Branch, FMD, MRPBS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 54, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734–5901.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

##### Veterinary Import/Export User Fees

The regulations in 9 CFR part 130 (referred to below as the regulations) list user fees for import- and export-related services provided by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for animals, animal products, birds, germ plasm, organisms, and vectors.

These user fees are authorized by section 2509(c)(1) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, as amended (21 U.S.C. 136a), which provides that the Secretary of Agriculture may establish and collect fees that will cover the cost of providing import- and export-related services for animals, animal products, birds, germ plasm, organisms, and vectors.

In a final rule published in the **Federal Register** on March 30, 2009 (74 FR 13999–14006, Docket No. APHIS–2006–0144), and effective April 29, 2009, we established, for fiscal years 2009 through 2013, user fees for those services.

The veterinary import/export user fees are found in §§ 130.2 through 130.11 and §§ 130.20 through 130.30 of the regulations and cover the following:

- Any service rendered by an APHIS representative for each animal or bird receiving standard housing, care, feed and handling while quarantined in the APHIS-owned or -operated animal import center or quarantine facility;
- Birds or poultry, including zoo birds or poultry, receiving nonstandard housing, care, or handling to meet special requirements while quarantined in an APHIS-owned or -operated animal import center or quarantine facility;
- Exclusive use of space at APHIS Animal Import Centers;
- Processing import permit applications;
- Any service rendered by an APHIS representative for live animals presented for importation or entry into the United States through a land border port along the United States-Mexico border;

- Any service rendered for live animals at land border ports along the United States-Canada border;
- Miscellaneous services;
- Pet birds;
- The inspection of various import and export facilities and establishments;
- The endorsement of export health certificates that do not require the verification of tests or vaccinations;
- The endorsement of export health certificates that require the verification of tests and vaccinations; and,
- Hourly rate and minimum user fees.

On October 1, 2009, the veterinary import/export user fees for fiscal year 2010 will take effect. You may view the regulations in 9 CFR part 130, which includes charts showing all the fiscal year 2010 veterinary import/export user fees, on the Internet at Regulation.gov, at <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2009-0054>.

#### *Veterinary Diagnostic Services User Fees*

User fees to reimburse APHIS for the costs of providing veterinary diagnostic services are also contained in 9 CFR part 130. These user fees are authorized by section 2509(c) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, as amended (21 U.S.C. 136a), which provides that the Secretary of Agriculture may, among other things, prescribe regulations and collect fees to recover the costs of veterinary diagnostics relating to the control and eradication of communicable diseases of livestock and poultry within the United States.

In a final rule published in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 2007 (72 FR 71744–71750, Docket No. APHIS–2006–0161), and effective January 18, 2008, we established, for fiscal years 2008 through 2012 and beyond, user fees for certain veterinary diagnostic services, including certain diagnostic tests, reagents, and other veterinary diagnostic materials and services. Veterinary diagnostics is the work performed in a laboratory to determine whether a disease-causing organism or chemical agent is present in body tissues or cells and, if so, to identify those organisms or agents. Services in this category include: (1) Performing identification, serology, and pathobiology tests and providing diagnostic reagents and other veterinary diagnostic materials and services for the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) in Ames, IA; and (2) performing laboratory tests and providing reagents and other veterinary diagnostic materials and services at the

NVSL Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (NVSL FADDL) in Greenport, NY.

The veterinary diagnostic services user fees are found in §§ 130.12 through 130.19 and cover the following:

- Virology identification tests performed at NVSL (excluding FADDL) or other authorized sites;
- Bacteriology serology tests performed at NVSL (excluding FADDL) or other authorized sites;
- Virology serology tests performed at NVSL (excluding FADDL) or other authorized sites;
- Veterinary diagnostic tests performed at the Pathobiology Laboratory at NVSL (excluding FADDL) or other authorized sites;
- Bacteriology reagents produced by the Diagnostic Bacteriology Laboratory at NVSL (excluding FADDL) or other authorized sites;
- Virology reagents produced by the Diagnostic Virology Laboratory at NVSL (excluding FADDL) or other authorized sites; and,
- Other veterinary diagnostic services or materials available from NVSL (excluding FADDL).

On October 1, 2009, the veterinary diagnostic services user fees for fiscal year 2010 will take effect. You may view the regulations in 9 CFR part 130, which includes charts showing all the fiscal year 2010 veterinary import/export user fees, on the Internet at Regulation.gov, at <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2009-0054>.

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of September 2009.

**Karen Grillo,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## **AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

*Dates:* Wednesday, October 21, 2009 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m., times may be adjusted).

*Location:* Jack Morton Auditorium, Media and Public Affairs Building, George Washington University, 805 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20052.

Please note that this is the anticipated agenda and is subject to change.

*Keynote:* The Administrator-designate, or if there is not yet a designated nominee, the

Acting Administrator, Alonzo Fulgham, will present an update from the front office of USAID on the current initiatives underway at USAID.

*Keynote:* Franklin Moore, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, USAID, will present an overview of food security issues and programs at USAID and frame the discussion of the panel following on best (and worst) practices in implementing food security programs overseas.

The primary focus of the meeting will be on food security and what has and has not worked in implementing these programs. There will be a panel discussion on this topic.

*Stakeholders.* The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting can register online at [http://www.usaid.gov/about\\_usaid/acvfa](http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa) or with Deborah Lewis at [dlewis@usaid.gov](mailto:dlewis@usaid.gov) or 202–712–0936.

September 22, 2009.

**Deborah Lewis,**

*Office of the Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Agency for International Development.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Jones and NOAA Awards Nominations.

*OMB Control Number:* None.

*Form Number(s):* NA.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Number of Respondents:* 25.

*Average Hours per Response:* 1 hour.

*Burden Hours:* 25.

*Needs and Uses:* The 1990 reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) authorized NOAA to “implement a program to promote excellence in coastal zone management by identifying and acknowledging outstanding accomplishments in the field.” As authorized in Section 314 of the CZMA, the Walter B. Jones Awards recognize three categories of excellence: Coastal Steward of the Year, Excellence in Local Government, and Excellence in Coastal and Marine Graduate Study. The CZMA authorizes NOAA to conduct public ceremonies to acknowledge such awards, which are based on responses to a biannual call for nominations.

In conjunction with the Walter B. Jones Awards, NOAA instituted several