notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with regulations for the importation of animals and animal products and byproducts to protect against the introduction of bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before August 15, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:
- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2011–0043, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at http://www.regulations.gov/#/docket Detail=D:APHIS-2011-0043 or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690–2817 before coming.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on regulations for the importation of animals and animal products and byproducts to prevent the introduction of bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States, contact Dr. Langston Hull, Staff Veterinarian, Live Animal Imports, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734–8364. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickle, APHIS’ Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Importation of Animals and Animal Products.

OMB Number: 0579–0234.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States to guard against the introduction of animal diseases. The regulations in 9 CFR parts 93, 94, 95, and 96 (referred to below as the regulations) govern the importation of certain animals, birds, poultry, meat, other animal products and byproducts, hay, and straw into the United States in order to prevent the introduction of various animal diseases, including bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), a chronic degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of cattle.

To help ensure that BSE is not introduced into the United States, the regulations allow, under specified conditions, the importation of certain live ruminants and ruminant products and byproducts. These requirements necessitate the use of several information collection activities, including VS Form 16–3, permit application; certification statements for the importation of ruminants and ruminant products; certificate for inedible processed animal origin materials and products from BSE-free regions; cooperative agreements with foreign facilities that process and store regulated materials and products destined for importation into the United States; VS Form 17–33, Animals Imported for Immediate Slaughter; the placing of seals on conveyances from the exporting region; agreement with slaughter facilities on use of seals on conveyances transporting animals from BSE minimal-risk regions; and notification of designated individuals authorized to break seals.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

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

(1) Evaluate whether the 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 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: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.6039374 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. importers; herd owners; foreign exporters; foreign salaried veterinary officials of exporting regions; APHIS accredited veterinarians; slaughter facility personnel.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 5,949.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 21.695747.

Estimated annual number of responses: 129,068.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 77,949 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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 10th day of June 2011.

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–2011–0037]

Notice of Availability of a Pest Risk Analysis for Interstate Movement of Rambutan From Puerto Rico Into the Continental United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have prepared a pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with the interstate movement into the continental United States of fresh rambutan fruit from Puerto Rico. Based on that analysis, we believe that the application of one or more designated phytosanitary measures will be sufficient to mitigate the risks of introducing or disseminating plant pests or noxious weeds via the interstate movement of rambutan from Puerto Rico. We are making the pest risk analysis available to the public for review and comment.

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DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before August 15, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS—2011—0037. Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at http://www.regulations.gov/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Philip Grove, Regulatory Coordinator, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 156, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 734–6280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in “Subpart—Regulated Articles From Hawaii and the Territories” (7 CFR 318.13–1 through 318.13–26, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits or restricts the interstate movement of fruits and vegetables into the continental United States from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to prevent plant pests and noxious weeds from being introduced into and spread within the continental United States. (The continental United States is defined in § 318.13–2 of the regulations as the 48 contiguous States, Alaska, and the District of Columbia.)

Section 318.13–4 contains a performance-based process for approving the interstate movement of commodities that, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, can be safely moved subject to one or more of the designated phytosanitary measures listed in paragraph (b) of that section. APHIS received a request from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to allow the interstate movement of fresh rambutan fruit (Nephelium lappaceum L.) from Puerto Rico to the continental United States. We have completed a pest list to identify pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of interstate movement into the continental United States and, based on that pest list, have prepared a risk management analysis to identify phytosanitary measures that could be applied to the commodity to mitigate the pest risk. We have concluded that rambutan can be safely moved from Puerto Rico to the continental United States using one or more of the six designated phytosanitary measures listed in § 318.13–4(b). These measures are:

- Inspection and certification by an inspector in Puerto Rico that the rambutan are free of all quarantine pests likely to follow the pathway of interstate movement of the rambutan;
- Movement of the rambutan as commercial consignments only; and
- Distribution of the rambutan only within a defined area (a prohibition on movement to Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, or Guam) and marking of the boxes or containers in which the rambutan is distributed to indicate those distribution restrictions.

Therefore, in accordance with § 318.13–4(c), we are announcing the availability of our pest risk analysis for public review and comment. The pest risk analysis 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 pest risk analysis by calling or writing to the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. Please refer to the subject of the pest risk analysis when requesting copies.

After reviewing the comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the interstate movement of rambutan from Puerto Rico to the continental United States in a subsequent notice. If the overall conclusions of the analysis and the Administrator’s determination of risk remain unchanged following our consideration of the comments, then we will begin allowing the interstate movement of rambutan from Puerto Rico to the continental United States subject to the requirements specified in the risk management document.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 10th day of June 2011.

Kevin Shea,
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Fremont and Winema Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Fremont and Winema Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Lakeview, Oregon, for the purpose of evaluating and recommending resource management projects for funding in FY 2012, under the provisions of Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (reauthorized in 2008).

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 19 and 20, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Lakeview Interagency Office, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, OR 97630.

Send written comments to Fremont and Winema Resource Advisory Committee, c/o USDA Forest Service, Klamath Ranger District, 2819 Dahlia, Suite A, Klamath Falls, Oregon or electronically to agowan@fs.fed.us.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda will include a review and evaluation of FY 2012 Title II proposals including presentations by project proponents. Business items will include the prioritization and ranking of proposals by the RAC, including final recommendations for funding of fiscal year 2012 projects.

All Fremont and Winema Resource Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. There will be a time for public input and comment. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Dated: June 10, 2011.

Amy Gowan, Designated Federal Official.

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