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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2022–0017]

Notice of Request To Renew an Approved Information Collection: Industry Responses to Noncompliance Records

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to renew the approved information collection regarding industry responses to noncompliance records. The approval for this information collection will expire on November 30, 2022. FSIS is making no changes to the existing information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 19, 2022.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 205–0495 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–3700.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Industry Responses to Noncompliance Records.

OMB Number: 0583–0146.

Type of Request: Request to renew an approved information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53), as specified 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 Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, et seq.). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is requesting a renewal of the approved information collection regarding industry responses to noncompliance records. The approval for this information collection will expire on November 30, 2022. FSIS is making no changes to the existing information collection.

The noncompliance record, FSIS Form 5400–4, serves as FSIS’ official record of noncompliance with one or more regulatory requirements. Inspection program personnel use the form to document their findings and provide written notification of the official establishment’s or plant’s failure to comply with regulatory requirements. The establishment or plant management receives a copy of the form and has an opportunity to respond in writing using the noncompliance record form. The establishment or plant management can also choose to respond to FSIS electronically by using the Industry Module in PHIS.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

- Estimated burden: FSIS estimates that it will take respondents an average of 60 minutes per response.
- Respondents: Official establishments.
- Estimated total number of respondents: 7,057.
- Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 17.
- Estimated annual burden on respondents: 119,969 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. Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–3700; (202) 720–5627.

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 method 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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20253.

Additional Public Notification: Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this Federal Register publication on-line through the FSIS
FSIS will also announce and provide a link to this Federal Register publication through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, Federal Register notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders.

The Constituent Update is available on the FSIS web page. Through the web page, FSIS can provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an email subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at: https://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe. Options range from recalls to export information, regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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Paul Kiecker, Administrator. 
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service  
[Docket No. FSIS–2022–0018]

Notice of Request To Revise an Approved Information Collection: Certificates of Medical Examination

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to revise the approved information collection regarding certificates of medical examination. There has been an increase in hiring and an increase in applications for Reasonable Accommodation. As a result, the Agency has increased the burden estimate by 733 hours. FSIS has also discontinued use of the Leave Bank Program form. The approval for this information collection will expire on November 20, 2022.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 19, 2022.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this Federal Register notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS–2022–0018. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to https://www.regulations.gov.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 205–0495 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–3700.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certificates of Medical Examination.

OMB Number: 0583–0167.

Type of Request: Request to revise an approved information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53), as specified 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 Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, et seq.). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

The current information collection approval includes two FSIS forms that are completed by healthcare providers for medication certification. First, FSIS uses Form 4339–1, “Certificate of Medical Examination (with Medical History)” to determine whether an applicant for a Food Inspector, Consumer Safety Inspector, or Veterinary Medical Officer in-plant position meets the medical qualification standards for the position approved by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The certificates of medical examination ensure accurate collection of the required data. The OPM-approved medical qualification standards apply only to positions in FSIS, not positions in other Federal agencies. When requesting that applicants for the