may be viewed at regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 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) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the regulations for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary treatment of imported fruits and vegetables, contact Mr. David Begley, National Policy Manager for Treatments, FPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Room 4D–04B, Riverdale, MD 20737; (470) 426–2412; david.begley@usda.gov. Information on the information collection reporting process, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS’ Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851–2483; joseph.moxey@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Irradiation Phytosanitary Treatment of Imported Fruits and Vegetables.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0155.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to regulate the importation of plants, plant products (including fruits and vegetables), and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests, diseases, and noxious weeds into the United States.

Regulations governing the importation of fruits and vegetables are set out in 7 CFR part 319. In accordance with the regulations, some fruits and vegetables from certain regions of the world must be treated for insect pests in order to be eligible for entry into the United States. The regulations in 7 CFR part 305, among other things, provide for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary treatment for some fruits and vegetables imported into the United States. Irradiation provides protection against all insect pests, including fruit flies, the mango seed weevil, and others.

Irradiation treatment may be used as an alternative to other approved treatments for pests in fruits and vegetables, such as fumigation, cold treatment, heat treatment, and other techniques.

The regulations concerning irradiation involve the collection of information, such as a compliance agreement, operational work plans (cooperative agreements), dosimetry agreement at the irradiation facility, request for dosimetry device approval, 30-day notification, labeling and packaging, recordkeeping, request for certification and inspection of facility, irradiation treatment workplan, facility preclearance workplan, trust fund agreement, phytosanitary certificate, and denial and withdrawal of certification.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, 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 burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.001 hours per response.

**Respondents:** National plant protection organizations of exporting countries, irradiation facility operators, and U.S. importers of fruits and vegetables.

**Estimated annual number of respondents:** 86.

**Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:** 71,334.

**Estimated annual number of responses:** 6,134,715.

**Estimated total annual burden on respondents:** 6,902 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.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Modernization of Swine Slaughter Inspection.

OMB Number: 0583–0171.

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.). This statute mandates that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is requesting a renewal of the approved information collection regarding swine slaughter inspection. The approval for this information collection will expire on January 31, 2023. FSIS is making no changes to the information collection.

FSIS requires that all swine slaughter establishments operating under the New Swine Slaughter Inspection System (NSIS) monitor their systems through microbial testing and recordkeeping. Swine slaughter establishments operating under NSIS must also maintain records to document the total number of animals and carcasses sorted and removed per day and the reasons for their removal. Swine Slaughter establishments may record their disposition data on FSIS Form 6200–3, Establishment Sorting Record, or provide the same information as requested on the form electronically if it is submitted in a format approved by FSIS.

FSIS also requires that each establishment operating under the NSIS submit an annual basis an attestation to the management member of the local FSIS circuit safety committee stating that it maintains a program to monitor and document any work-related conditions of establishment workers.

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

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .048 hours per response.

Estimated total number of respondents: 84.

Estimated annual number of responses: 91,078.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 4,348 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.

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