

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

SUPPORTING STATEMENT for

OMB Control Number: 0579-0015

Title: Restricted, Prohibited, and Controlled Importation of Animal and Poultry Products and Byproducts into the United States

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NOTE: This information collection combines OMB control numbers 0579-0015 (Restricted, Prohibited, and Controlled Importation of Animal and Poultry Products and Byproducts into the United States) and 0579-0214 (Importation of Pork-Filled Pasta). Upon approval, OMB Control Number 0579-0214 will be retired.

A. Justification

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.

This is a request for revision of a currently approved information collection request. This renewal will combine collections 0579-0015, Restricted, Prohibited, and Controlled Importation of Animal and Poultry Products and Byproducts into the United States and 0579-0214, Importation of Pork-Filled Pasta, into one collection addressing importation of animal products and byproducts. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve, for 3 years, its use of these information collection activities in connection with APHIS' efforts to prevent or control the spread of livestock diseases via the importation of restricted and controlled animal products into the United States.

The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The Secretary may also prohibit or restrict import or export of any animal or related material if necessary to prevent the spread of any livestock or poultry pest or disease. The AHPA is contained in Title X, Subtitle E, Sections 10401-18 of P.L. 107-171, May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 [7 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.].

Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and for enhancing APHIS' ability to bolster the United States' capability to compete globally in animal and animal product trade. In connection with this mission, APHIS enforces, through its Veterinary Service (VS) business unit, regulations regarding both the importation of controlled materials and the prevention of foreign animal disease incursions into the United States. These regulations can be found at title 9, chapter I, subchapter D, parts 94, 95, 96, and 122 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR). VS engages in several information collection activities to prevent or control the spread of livestock diseases via the importation of restricted and controlled animal products into the United States.

2. Indicate how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.

APHIS uses the following information activities to enforce regulations regarding both the importation of controlled animal products/materials and the prevention of animal disease incursions into the United States:

Certificate from Inspector Stating Conveyance Has Been Cleaned (9 CFR 94.5(c)(2)(ii)) (Foreign Government)

During pre-clearance at foreign ports of exit, garbage on or removed from a vehicle is considered regulated garbage if the vehicle has been in any port outside the United States and Canada within the previous 2 years. However, garbage on or removed from a vehicle (other than an aircraft) is exempt from APHIS restrictions if the vehicle is accompanied by a certificate from an inspector of the foreign government stating that the vehicle was cleared of all garbage, cleaned, and disinfected in the presence of said inspector. This is performed to provide APHIS assurances that there will be no introduction of exotic animal and plant pests. The certificate must physically accompany the shipment.

Approved Warehouse Request and Agreement to Handle Restricted Animal Byproducts (Hunting Trophies & Museum Specimens) (VS 16-28) (9 CFR 94.6(b)(2), 9 CFR 95.17) (Business/Not For Profit)

Restricted animal products, byproducts, and controlled materials, including carcasses or parts or products of carcasses of poultry, game birds, and other birds (for both nonprofit and business uses) may be imported for consignment to any museum, educational institution, or other establishment if, among other requirements, the establishment is inspected and approved by APHIS using the VS Form 16-28. The VS 16-28 serves as an inspection report to help ensure that approved establishments are handling restricted and controlled imports in compliance with APHIS regulations. The VS 16-28 is completed by a U.S. Federal animal health official who acquires this information from U.S. establishment operators.

Approved Establishment Request and Agreement to Handle Restricted Animal Byproducts (Hunting Trophies & Museum Specimens) (VS 16-29) (9 CFR 94.6(b)(2), 9 CFR 95.17) (Business)

Restricted animal products, byproducts, and controlled materials, including carcasses or parts or products of carcasses of poultry, game birds, and other birds, may be imported for consignment to any not-for-profit museum, educational institution, or other establishment if, among other requirements, the establishment officer signs the VS Form 16-29. The VS 16-29 gives APHIS evidence that the establishment officer has the equipment, facilities, and capabilities to store, handle, process, or disinfect such articles to prevent the introduction or dissemination of Newcastle disease (ND), foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), African swine fever (ASF), highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), classical swine fever (CSF), and rinderpest into the United States. The form also shows, by completion and endorsement by APHIS officials, that APHIS has approved the establishment.

Certificate of Importation of Eggs, other than Hatching Eggs (9 CFR 94.6(c)(1)) (Foreign Government)

Eggs, other than hatching eggs, from regions where ND or HPAI is considered to exist, may be imported into the United States only in accordance with 9 CFR 94.6(c). This regulation requires that the eggs be accompanied by a certificate endorsed by the government of the region of origin, or, if from Mexico, by a certificate issued by a veterinarian accredited by the national government of Mexico and endorsed by a full-time salaried veterinary officer of the national government of Mexico. The endorsement indicates that the veterinarian was authorized to issue the certificate.

The salaried veterinary officer of the national government of the region of origin must identify on the certificate the flock of origin, the region of origin, the port of embarkation, the port of arrival,

the name and address of the exporter and importer, the total number of eggs (and cases of eggs) shipped with the certificate, and the date the certificate was signed. The eggs qualify for importation in accordance with 9 CFR 94.6(c) if, no more than 90 days before the certificate was signed, a salaried veterinarian accredited by the national government inspected the flock of origin and found no evidence of communicable diseases of poultry; no ND or HPAI occurred on the premises of origin or on adjoining premises during the 90 days before the certificate was signed; there is no evidence that the flock of origin was exposed to ND or HPAI during the 90 days before the certificate was signed; the eggs are from a flock of origin found free of ND; and egg drop syndrome (EDS) is notifiable in the region of origin and there have been no reports of EDS in the flocks of origin of the eggs, or within a 50-kilometer radius of the flock of origin, for the 90 days before issuance of the certificate. The eggs must be washed and sanitized before import and the certificate must so state. The certificate must physically accompany the shipment.

Marking Requirements (for Eggs from Regions with ND or HPAI) (9 CFR 94.6(c) (1)(i)) (Foreign Government)

Eggs, other than hatching eggs from regions where ND or HPAI is considered to exist, may be imported into the United States only if they are in cases marked by an official of the government of the region of origin with the identity of the flock of origin.

Government Seals (9 CFR 94.6(c)(1)(1)) (Foreign Government)

Before leaving the premises of origin, the cases in which the eggs are packed must be sealed with the seal of the national government by the accredited veterinarian who signed the certificate. The seal is documented on the Certificate for Importation of Eggs and requires no other paperwork.

Certificate of Origin for Milk and Milk Products from Regions Free of FMD (9 CFR 94.16(d)) (Foreign Government)

Except for milk and milk products imported from Canada, milk or milk products imported from a region listed as free of FMD must be accompanied by a certificate endorsed by a full-time salaried veterinarian employed by the region of export. The certificate, which is completed by the foreign government, must state that the milk was produced and processed in a region recognized as free of FMD or that the milk product was processed in an FMD-free region from milk produced in an FMD-free region. The certificate must name the region where the milk was produced and the region where it was processed. Further, the certificate must state—except for movement that occurs under seal—that the milk or milk product has never been in any region where FMD exists.

Place Placards on Vehicles and Statements on Manifest, Bills of Lading, or Waybills (9 CFR 95.36(a)) (Business)

Transportation companies or operators of cars, trucks, or other vehicles carrying import products or materials moving under restriction, other than those in tight cases or casks, must affix to and maintain on both sides of all such vehicles durable placards not less than 5 ½ by 6 inches in size, on which must be printed with permanent black ink and in boldface letters not less than 1 ½ inch in height, the words: “Restricted Import Product, Clean and Disinfect Car or Truck.” Each of the waybills, conductors’ manifests, memoranda, and bills of lading for such shipments must have the words: “Restricted import product, clean and disinfect car or truck,” plainly written or stamped on its face.

Certification of a National Government for Gelatin Derived from Horses, Swine, or Non-bovine Ruminants (9 CFR 94.26) (Foreign Government)

Gelatin derived from horses or swine, or from non-bovine ruminants, must, at the time of entry into the United States, be accompanied by an official certificate issued by the government of the region of origin. The certificate must state the species of animal from which the gelatin is derived.

Certificate Issued by a National Government for Importation of Hides and Skins (9 CFR 95.16(a)(3)(ii)) (Foreign Government)

Governments of the regions of origin must complete a certificate bearing the seal of the proper department. The certificate ensures that abattoir hides or skins taken from animals slaughtered under government supervision were taken from animals slaughtered in the specified abattoir and found free from anthrax and FMD. The certificate must physically accompany the shipment.

Certificate of a National Government for Import of Wool, Hair, Bristles (9 CFR 95.18(c)) (Foreign Government)

Governments of the regions of origin must complete a certificate bearing the seal of the proper department. The certificate ensures that the described wool, hair, or bristles were taken from animals slaughtered in the specified abattoir and found free from anthrax and FMD. The certificate must physically accompany the shipment.

Certificate of a National Government for Import of Glue Stock (9 CFR 95.20(c)) (Foreign Government)

Glue stock originating in and shipped directly from a region recognized by APHIS as free of FMD may be imported into the United States without other restrictions, if, in addition to compliance with other APHIS regulations, the government of the region of origin provides a certificate bearing the seal of the proper department and signed by an official veterinary inspector. The certificate must show that the glue stock was taken from animals slaughtered in the specified abattoir and found free from anthrax and FMD. The certificate must physically accompany the shipment.

Report of Emergency Unloading of Restricted Import Products (9 CFR 95.36(b)) (Business)

If it is necessary to unload, enroute, any restricted material or products transported in a placarded car, truck, or other vehicle, the carrier must then clean and disinfect the vehicle and any part of a premises that may have had contact with the material or product during unloading or reloading. The carrier must report the unloading incident to the VS Deputy Administrator. This report must include such information as the nature of the emergency, the place where the material was unloaded, the original points of shipment and destination, the number and materials of the original vehicle, and the number and initials of the vehicle into which the material was reloaded in case the original vehicle was not used.

Certificate from a National Government for Importation of Foreign Animal Casings (9 CFR 96.3) (Foreign Government)

No animal casings can be imported into the United States from any foreign region unless they are accompanied by a certificate completed and signed by the government of the region where the animals were slaughtered and the casings collected, or by a non-government veterinarian authorized by the national government stating that the casings meet the criteria described in the Foreign Official Certificate for Animal Casings as shown in 9 CFR 96.3. A certificate issued by a non-government veterinarian is valid only if the certificate is endorsed by a veterinarian salaried by the national government of the region in which the animals were slaughtered and the casings were

collected. This document certifies that the animals from which casings were derived were healthy and underwent veterinary inspection. It also certifies that the casings were clean, sound, and handled in a sanitary manner, and describes the kind of casings, their weight, and their packaging. The certificate must physically accompany the shipment.

Compliance Agreement (Handling/Disposing of Regulated Garbage) (PPQ Form 519) (9 CFR 94.5(e)) (Business)

Any business engaged in handling or disposing of regulated garbage must first enter into a compliance agreement stating that the person agrees to comply with all APHIS regulations regarding this activity. Specifically, the business agrees to:

- Allow inspectors access to all records maintained by the person regarding handling or disposal of garbage, and to all areas where handling or disposal of garbage occurs.
- If the garbage is regulated under 9 CFR 94.5(c) (garbage generated onboard a conveyance), remove garbage from a means of conveyance only in tight, covered, leakproof receptacles.
- If the garbage is regulated under 9 CFR 94.5(d) (garbage generated in Hawaii), transport garbage interstate in sealed, leakproof packaging approved by the APHIS Administrator.
- Move the garbage only to a facility approved by the APHIS Administrator.
- At the approved facility, dispose of the garbage in a manner approved by the APHIS Administrator and described in the compliance agreement.

The compliance agreement helps APHIS ensure that regulated garbage is handled and disposed of in such a way as to prevent the dissemination of livestock or poultry diseases into or within the United States. Although APHIS requires the compliance agreement to be completed, the Agency does not complete, review, or receive these documents; Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Patrol receives them.

Appeal of Denial or Cancellation of Compliance Agreement or Request for a Hearing (9 CFR 94.5(e)(4)) (Business)

APHIS may initiate denial or cancellation of a compliance agreement at any time if APHIS determines the requirements set forth in the agreement are not being met. The owner or operator of the facility whose agreement has been canceled may appeal APHIS' decision, in writing, within 10 days of receiving written notification of the cancellation. The appeal must state all the facts and reasons on which the person relies to show that the compliance agreement was wrongfully canceled.

Inspection of Facilities (9 CFR 121.18) (Business; Not-for-Profit; State)

APHIS must be allowed to inspect any site at which activities regulated under the pertinent regulations are conducted and must be allowed to inspect and copy any records relating to the activities covered by APHIS' organism and vector regulations.

Additional Information for Cell Cultures and their Products (VS Form 16-7 or equivalent) (9 CFR 121.6; 9 CFR 112.2; 9 CFR 122.3) (Business)

This is a supplemental form to VS Form 16-3. It requests additional information concerning specific material that requires the use of cell cultures, including monoclonal antibodies, recombinant products, extracts, and viruses. This form asks for the cell line or reference number, the cell line's country of origin, the cell line's passage history or recombinant status, the type of culture media used for the cell line, the names of any animal pathogens studied in the laboratory where the cell

line originated, the address of the laboratory where the material originated, and the potential use of the imported cells or products.

Export Certificate (9 CFR 94.12(c)(10)) (Foreign Government)

Pork-filled pasta arriving in the United States from regions affected with SVD must be accompanied by an export certificate. An official of the national government of the pasta-producing region completes and signs the certificate. The certificate states that the product has been handled and processed according to the requirements of 9 CFR 94.12(c). The official records the origin of the meat used in the product, the name and location of the facility that processed the product, and the product's intended destination.

Collection of Information Regarding Pork Used in Pasta and Recordkeeping 9 CFR 94.12(c)(9) (Business)

Pork-filled pasta destined for the United States from a region affected with SVD must be processed in an establishment in which an individual, authorized by the veterinary service of the region's national government, maintains original records (to be kept for a minimum of 2 years) identifying the pork by the date it entered the facility (as well as the number of packages (and the number of hams or cooked pork products per package) and the weight of each package), the lot number or other identifying marks, the export health certificate that accompanied the pork from the slaughter/processing facility to the meat-filled pasta processing facility; and the date the pork began either dry-curing or cooking. These records will provide important information in any traceback investigation that may need to be conducted by officials of the region of origin, or by APHIS officials.

Cooperative Service Agreement (9 CFR 94.12(c)(2)) (Business)

Before receiving pork intended to be used in pork-filled pasta products destined for the United States, the operator of the foreign processing establishment must first enter into a cooperative service agreement with APHIS. Under this agreement, the establishment agrees to: (1) process its pork in accordance with 9 CFR 94.12(c) or 9 CFR 94.17 (which covers dry-cured pork products); (2) allow the unannounced entry into the establishment of APHIS representatives for the purpose of inspecting the facilities, operations, and records of the establishment; and (3) pay for the costs associated with these inspections.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.

APHIS makes every effort to comply with E-Government Act, 2002 (E-Gov) and to provide for alternative submission of information collections.

The VS Form16-28 and VS Form 16-29 are associated with a VS onsite facility inspection. The facility representative and VS inspector sign the form on site at the time of the inspection. The form is subsequently submitted electronically via the Veterinary Services Processes Streamlining (VSPS) system to approving officials within VS, who may electronically sign/approve the form.

The Report of Emergency Unloading of Restricted Import Products could be submitted by email or fax. However, at this time, restricted commodities typically move from the port in leakproof containers, so such reporting is not anticipated.

The Certificate from Inspector Stating Conveyance is Clean must physically accompany the conveyance; therefore, it is not a candidate for electronic submission.

The other certification statements used in this program must physically accompany the shipment to the United States and must contain an original signature of the foreign government official, owner, or importer to be valid. However, APHIS fully participates in the government-wide use of the International Trade Data System (ITDS) via the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), which allows respondents to electronically submit data on incoming shipments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and its partner government agencies (PGAs), such as APHIS, through a single window concept. Respondents may submit owner/importer statements and shipping documents electronically via the Document Image System (DIS) in ACE in lieu of paper documents. The other certification statements are:

- Certification of a National Government for Gelatin from Non-BSE Countries or from Non-Bovine Species
- Certificate of a National Government for Importation of Hides and Skins
- Certificate of a National Government for Import of Wool, Hair, or Bristles
- Certificate of a National Government for Import of Glue Stock
- Certificate of a National Government for Importation of Foreign Animal Casings
- Certificate of Importation of Eggs, other than Hatching Eggs

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purpose described in item 2 above.

The information that APHIS collects in connection with this effort is not available from any other source. APHIS is the only Federal Agency responsible for preventing diseases of animal, poultry products, and byproducts from entering the United States. Every effort has been made to avoid duplication.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.

APHIS estimates that no business respondents are small entities involved with this information collection. The information APHIS collects is the absolute minimum needed to protect the United States from the introduction and spread of animal diseases by importing foreign animal and poultry byproducts, organisms, and vectors.

6. Describe the consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

The information collection is mandatory and ongoing. If this information were collected less frequently or not collected, the United States would be at increased risk for the introduction of FMD, ASF, CSF, swine vesicular disease (SVD), ND, or HPAI. This would cause serious economic consequences to the United States' livestock industries and potentially serious health consequences for U.S. livestock.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the general information collection guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5.

- **requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly;**
- **requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;**

Appeal of Denial or Cancellation of Compliance Agreement or Request for a Hearing:
The owner or operator of the facility whose agreement has been canceled may appeal APHIS' decision, in writing, within 10 days of receiving written notification of the cancellation.

- **requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;**
- **requiring respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records for more than three years;**
- **in connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study;**
- **requiring the use of a statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;**
- **that includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use; or**
- **requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secret, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.**

No other special circumstances exist that would require this collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the general information collection guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5.

8. Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting form, and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the

Federal Register of the agency's notice, soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB.

APHIS engaged in productive consultations with the following individuals concerning the information collection activities associated with this program. We discussed with them how we and they obtain the necessary data and how frequently; how much data is available; and the convenience and clarity of reporting formats and other collection instruments. The respondents stated via email or phone that they had no concerns with any of these items and had no further recommendations.

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On Wednesday, January 7, 2026, APHIS published in the Federal Register (Vol. 91, NO. 4 Pages 494-495), a 60-day notice seeking public comments on its plans to request a 3-year approval of this collection of information. No comments were received.

9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than reenumeration of contractors or grantees.

This information collection activity involves no payments or gifts to respondents.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

No additional assurance of privacy, safeguards, or protections are provided with this information collection. Any and all information obtained in this collection shall not be disclosed except in

accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a. APHIS will comply with 5 U.S.C. 552a, Privacy Act of 1974. The APHIS Privacy Officer Tonya Woods, has reviewed this collection, and APHIS is working with the Privacy Office to provide Privacy Act statements for the included forms as appropriate.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior or attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

This information collection activity will ask no questions of a personal or sensitive nature.

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated.

A) Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated. If this request for approval covers more than one form, provide separate hour burden estimates for each form and aggregate the hour burdens in Item 13 of OMB Form 83-I.

APHIS is seeking approval for 25,806 respondents (affected public: 67 businesses, 15 non-for-profits, 64 state/tribal governments, and 25,660 foreign government respondents); 54,459 total annual responses, and 101,609 total annual burden hours.

Burden estimate breakouts were developed by discussions with Mexican government officials, Canadian government officials, foreign facilities that process restricted animal materials, farm managers, importers, exporters, and inspectors. See APHIS Form 71.

B) Provide estimates of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collections of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories.

APHIS estimates the total annualized cost to the respondents for this collection to be \$ 4,146,890.89. APHIS arrived at this figure by multiplying the estimated total burden hours (101,609 hours) by the estimated average hourly wage of the below respondents (\$28.56) and then multiplying the result (\$2,901,953.04) by 1.429 to capture benefit costs.

The average hourly rates used to calculate the estimates include the following:

SOCC Code	Average Salary	Occupation Description
None	\$14.82	Mexican government officials estimate the average hourly wage for foreign government officials, animal health officials, and inspectors.

None	\$25.86	This figure was arrived at by the average of the following contacts: The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (\$57.86); the APHIS contact in South Africa (\$4.38); and the Mexican government (\$12.39).
None	\$64.45	Industry contacts provided the hourly wage of managers of foreign facilities that process restricted animal materials.
45-1011	\$30.46	Importers and individuals transiting various commodities not eligible for importation into the United States (first-line supervisors of farming, fishing, and forestry workers occupations).
None	\$12.30	Laborsta International Web site indicates the average hourly wage for exporters for agriculture, meat, and foods, adjusted for inflation.
53-0000	\$23.44	Transportation companies, carriers, or operators of cars, trucks, or other vehicles (transportation and material moving occupations)
	\$28.56	Average Hourly Salary

The hourly rates for respondents of foreign countries were derived from Laborsta International Web site and consultations with foreign industry contacts. The rates for U.S. respondents were obtained from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics website https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_stru.htm

According to news release [USDL-25-02335](#), released March 14, 2025, benefits account for 30 percent of employee costs, and wages account for the remaining 70 percent. Mathematically, total costs can be calculated as a function of wages, resulting in a multiplier of 1.4286.

13. Provide estimates of the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information (do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in items 12 and 14). The cost estimates should be split into two components: (a) a total capital and start-up cost component annualized over its expected useful life; and (b) a total operation and maintenance and purchase of services component.

There is zero annual cost burden associated with capital and start-up costs, operation, maintenance costs, and purchase of services in connection with this program.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government. Provide a description of the method used to estimate cost and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.

See APHIS 79. The annualized cost to the Federal government is estimated at \$9,092,780.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB Form 83-1.

APHIS is seeking approval of a revision of a currently approved information collection request. The currently approved ICR is for 30,902 respondents, 64,405 total annual responses, and 113,354 total annual burden hours. This request is for 25,806 respondents, 54,375 estimated total responses and 101,504 estimated burden hours.

The third-party disclosure burden estimates are 2 hours.

	Requested	Program Change Due to New Statute	Program Change Due to Agency Discretion	Change Due to Adjustment in Agency Estimate	Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	Previously Approved
Annual Number of Responses	54,375	0	-9,836	-194	0	64,405
Annual Time Burden (Hr)	101,504	0	-11,685	-165	0	113,354

Change(s) in estimate due to Agency discretion include:

There is a program change decrease of -5106 respondents and -9,836 respondents resulting in a decrease of -11,685 annual total burden hours.

- APHIS has moved all uses of the VS forms 16-3 in this collection into a new universal “common forms” permit package. Uses of this form were formerly spread over four different collection packages, including this one. Removing the activities using VS Form 16-3 from this collection removed 5,106 respondents, 9,896 responses, and 11,695 burden hours from this collection.
- APHIS also added the activities under 9 CFR 94.12(c) for pork-filled pasta products, which were previously in their own information collection (0579-0214) to this collection, adding 10 respondents, 10 responses, and 10 burden hours to this collection.

Change(s) in estimate due to adjustments in estimate include:

There is an adjustment increase of +1 respondent, however there is an adjustment decrease of -194 responses and -165 total burden hours.

16. For collections of information whose results are planned to be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication.

APHIS has no plans to publish information it collects in connection with this program.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.

Not applicable. APHIS will display the expiration date.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in the "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act."

APHIS can certify compliance with all provisions under the Act.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

There are no statistical methods associated with the information collection activities used in this program.