

www.regulations.gov or to Ernest L. Allen, Director, Seed Regulatory and Testing Division (SRTD), Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, AMS, USDA, 801 Summit Crossing Place, Suite C, Gastonia, NC 28054-2193, or by facsimile to (704) 852-4109. All comments should reference docket number AMS-LPS-16-0023 and note the date and page number of this issue in the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and will be made available for public inspection at the above physical address during regular business hours.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Seed Service Testing Program.

OMB Number: 0581-0140.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2016.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This information collection is necessary to conduct voluntary seed testing on a fee-for-service basis. The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to inspect and certify the quality of agricultural products and collect such fees as are reasonable to cover the cost of service rendered. Regulations for inspection and certification of quality of agricultural and vegetable seeds are contained in 7 CFR part 75.

The purpose of the voluntary program is to promote efficient, orderly marketing of seeds, and assist in the development of new and expanding markets. Under the program, samples of agricultural and vegetable seeds submitted to AMS are tested for factors such as purity and germination at the request of the applicant for the service. In addition, grain samples, submitted at the applicant's request, are examined for the presence of certain weed and crop seed by the Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration. A Federal Seed Analysis Certificate or an ISTA Orange International Seed Lot Certificate is issued giving the test results. Most of the seeds tested under this program are scheduled for export. Many importing countries require a Federal Seed Analysis Certificate on U.S. seed.

The only information collected is information needed to provide the

service requested by the applicant. This includes information to identify the seed being tested, the seed treatment (if treated with a pesticide), the tests to be performed, and any other appropriate information required by the applicant to be on the Federal Seed Analysis Certificate or the ISTA Orange International Seed Lot Certificate.

The number of seed companies applying for the seed testing service has decreased from 76 to 55 during the past 3 years due to a decrease in the number of companies exporting seed. The total number of samples received for testing has also decreased. Therefore, the average burden for information collection has decreased for seed companies applying for the service.

The information in this collection is used only by authorized AMS employees to track, test, and report results to the applicant.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.25 hours per response.

Respondents: Applicants for seed testing service.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 22.92.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 315.25 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 20, 2016.

Elanor Starmer,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

April 21, 2016.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by May 26, 2016 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Agricultural Research Service

Title: Peer Review Related Forms for the Office of Scientific Quality Review.
OMB Control Number: 0518-0028.

Summary of Collection: The Office of Scientific Quality Review (OSQR) oversees peer review of Agricultural Research Service (ARS) research plans

in response to Congressional mandate in the Agricultural Research Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105–185, Section 103d). The ARS peer-review panels are comprised of scientists who review current scientific research projects and who have expert knowledge in the fields being reviewed.

Need and Use of the Information: ARS will collect the information using the following forms:

ARS–199A, Ad Hoc Peer Review of ARES Research Project
 ARS–200PA, Confidentiality Agreement
 ARS–202P, Chair & Panelist Information Form
 ARS–203PA, Suggested Peer Reviewer Form
 ARS–209P, OSQR Expense Report
 ARS–211P, Request for Honorarium
 ARS–223P Panel Recommendation on ARS Research Project Plan
 ARS–225P, Panelist Peer Review of ARS Research Project
 ARS–227P, Action Class Judgement
 ARS–231 Reviewer Comment Form

The information collected is used to manage the travel and stipend payments to panel reviewers and provide well-organized feedback to ARS's researchers about their projects. If information were not collected, ARS would not meet the administrative or legislative requirements of the Peer Review Process as mandated by Public Law 105–185; Section 103(d).

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 230.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly; Weekly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2,708.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Wooden Handicrafts from China.

Omb Control Number: 0579–0357.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests new to the United States or not known to be widely distributed throughout the United States. The regulations in “Subpart-Logs, Lumber, and Other Unmanufactured Wood Articles” (7 CFR 319.40–1 through 319.40–11, referred to as the regulations) govern the importation of various logs, lumber, and other unmanufactured wood products in the United States. APHIS' regulations provide for the importation of wooden handicrafts from China under certain conditions. Trade in these handicrafts has resumed while continuing to protect

the United States against the introduction of plant pests.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS uses the following information activities to allow for trade in Chinese wooden handicrafts while continuing to protect the United States: Merchandise tags, a fumigation certification, and an application for permit to import timber or timber products. Failure to collect this information would cause foreign countries to refuse any shipments from the United States that contained wooden handicrafts, a development that could cause a significant disruption in trade with foreign countries and result in serious economic consequences not only to U.S. exporters, but to many U.S. industries that export products to foreign countries.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 361.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 5,271.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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