For Further Information Contact: For information on the regulations for the importation of tomatoes with stems from the Republic of Korea, contact Dr. Robert Baca, Assistant Director, Permitting and Compliance Coordination, Compliance and Environmental Coordination Branch, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 150, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-2292. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS’ Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2483.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Importation of Tomatoes With Stems From the Republic of Korea.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0371.

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

Abstract: Under the Plant Protection Act (PPA, 7 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. As authorized by the PPA, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service regulates the importation of certain fruits and vegetables in accordance with the regulations contained in “Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56 through 319.56–76).

Under the regulations, tomatoes with stems from the Republic of Korea may be imported into the United States under certain conditions, as listed in 7 CFR 319.56–52, to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States. These regulations require information collection activities including inspection, registered pest-exclusionary structures, recordkeeping, trapping, and a phytosanitary certificate with an additional declaration stating that the tomatoes were produced in accordance with the regulations.

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 reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.589 hours per response.

Respondents: Growers, importers, and exporters of tomatoes with stems from the Republic of Korea; and the national plant protection organization of the Republic of Korea.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 3.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 31.7.

Estimated annual number of responses: 95.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 56 hours. (Due to rounding, 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 4th day of May 2017.

Michael C. Gregoire,
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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