To ensure the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent underrepresented groups (minorities, women, and persons with disabilities). At least one nominee from each of the three regions, as well as for the member-at-large, must be from an underrepresented group. The voting will be by secret ballot of official delegates, and the results will be recorded.

Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of December 2017.

Kevin Shea,
Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2017–0093]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Commercial Transportation of Equines for Slaughter

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations for the commercial transportation of equines to slaughtering facilities.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before February 12, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2017–0093, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail?D=APHIS-2017-0093 or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 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 on the regulations for the commercial transportation of equines for slaughter, contact Mr. Joseph Astling, Compliance & Outreach, Commercial Transport of Equines for Slaughter, Surveillance, Preparedness, and Response Services, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 46, Riverdale, MD 20737; (817) 247–3704. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS’ Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2843.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Commercial Transportation of Equines for Slaughter.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0332.

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

Abstract: Sections 901–905 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901) authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to issue guidelines for regulating the commercial transportation of equines for slaughter by persons regularly engaged in that activity within the United States. Specifically, the Secretary is authorized to regulate the food, water, and rest provided to these equines while the equines are in transit and to review related issues appropriate to ensuring that these animals are treated humanely. Based on that authority, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) established regulations in 9 CFR part 88, “Commercial Transportation of Equines for Slaughter.”

The regulations in part 88 provide minimum standards that cover, among other things, the food, water, and rest provided to such equines prior to transportation. The regulations also prohibit the commercial transportation for slaughter of equines considered to be unfit for travel, the use of electric prods for slaughter of equines considered to be unfit for travel, the use of electric prods for slaughter of equines considered to be unfit for travel, and the use of double-deck trailers for commercial transportation of equines for slaughter. APHIS’ regulations also require the application of backtags and the completion of owner/shipper certificates of fitness to travel to a slaughter facility that include identification of the animals, details of the transportation, and signatures attesting to compliance with the provision of food, rest, and water, and to the animal’s fitness to travel. In addition, any owner/shipper transporting equines to slaughtering facilities outside the United States must present the owner-shipper certificates to USDA representatives at the U.S. border.

Implementing these regulations entails the use of information collection activities, such as providing business information, completing owner/shipper certificates of fitness to travel to a slaughter facility, certificates of veterinary inspection, maintaining records of the owner-shipper certificate and continuation sheet, and applying backtags, as needed.

The information collection requirements above are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the commercial transportation of equines for slaughter under OMB control numbers 0579–0332 and 0579–0160. After OMB approves this combined information collection package (0579–0332), APHIS will retire OMB control number 0579–0160.

We are asking 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 0.465 hours per response.

Respondents: Owners and shippers of slaughter horses, owners or operators of slaughtering facilities, and drivers of the transport vehicles.
Estimated annual number of respondents: 302.
Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 61.
Estimated annual number of responses: 18,500.
Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 8,608 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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of December 2017.

Kevin Shea,
Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–53–2017]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 26—Atlanta, Georgia; Authorization of Production Activity; Nisshinbo Automotive Manufacturing, Inc. (Automotive Brake Linings, Pads, and Disc Pads); Covington, Georgia

On August 10, 2017, the Georgia Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 26, submitted a notification of proposed activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Nisshinbo Automotive Manufacturing, Inc., within FTZ 26, Site 33, in Covington, Georgia.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (82 FR 48481, October 18, 2017). On October 10, 2017, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board’s decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board’s regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: December 6, 2017.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–46–2017]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 106—Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Authorization of Production Activity, Eastman Kodak Company (Printing Flexographic Plates), Weatherford, Oklahoma

On June 12, 2017, the Port of Corpus Christi Authority, grantee of FTZ 122, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Voestalpine Texas, LLC, within Subzone 122T, in Portland, Texas.

On June 12, 2017, the Port of Corpus Christi Authority, grantee of FTZ 122, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Voestalpine Texas, LLC, within Subzone 122T, in Portland, Texas.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (82 FR 30821, July 3, 2017). On October 10, 2017, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board’s decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board’s regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: December 6, 2017.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–76–2017]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 82—Mobile, Alabama; Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Aker Solutions, Inc., (Undersea Umbilicals), Mobile, Alabama

On October 19, 2017, the Foreign-Trade Zones Board for its facility within Subzone 106F, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (82 FR 31554, July 7, 2017). On October 19, 2017, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board’s decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board’s regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: December 6, 2017.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–82–2017]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 280—Logan, Texas; Authorization of Production Activity; Voestalpine Texas, LLC; Subzone 122T (Hot Briquetted Iron By-Products); Portland, Texas

On June 12, 2017, the Port of Corpus Christi Authority, grantee of FTZ 122, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Voestalpine Texas, LLC, within Subzone 122T, in Portland, Texas.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (82 FR 30821, July 3, 2017). On October 10, 2017, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board’s decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board’s regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: December 5, 2017.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–42–2017]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 122—Corpus Christi, Texas; Authorization of Production Activity; Voestalpine Texas, LLC; Subzone 122T (Hot Briquetted Iron By-Products); Portland, Texas

On June 12, 2017, the Port of Corpus Christi Authority, grantee of FTZ 122, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Voestalpine Texas, LLC, within Subzone 122T, in Portland, Texas.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (82 FR 30821, July 3, 2017). On October 10, 2017, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board’s decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board’s regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: December 4, 2017, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13, and further subject to FTZ 280’s 2,000-acre activation limit.

Dated: December 5, 2017.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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