

approved under OMB Control No. 3206–0182. As such, burden associated with completing the OF–306 is not included in this ICR.

Estimate of Burden: The amount of time to complete the agreements and other paperwork that comprise ERS's security requirements will vary based on the confidential data assets requested and the access modality. To obtain access to ERS confidential data assets, it is estimated that the average time to complete and submit ERS data security agreements and other paperwork is 110 minutes. This estimate does not include the time needed to complete and submit an application within the SAP Portal. All efforts related to SAP Portal applications occur prior to and separate from ERS's effort to collect information related to data security requirements.

The expected number of applications in the SAP Portal that receive a positive determination from ERS in a given year may vary. Overall, per year, ERS estimates it will collect data security information for 20 application submissions that received a positive determination within the SAP Portal. ERS estimates that the total burden for the collection of information for data security requirements over the course of the three-year OMB clearance will be about 110 hours and, as a result, an average annual burden of 37 hours.

Below we provide projected average estimates for the next three years:

Total Requests: 20.

Frequency of Request: Once per request.

Average Minutes per Request: 110 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 37.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of ERS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of ERS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information for respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2026–0166]

Notice of Request To Renew an Approved Information Collection: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, FSIS is announcing its intention to request renewal of the approved information collection regarding qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback on service delivery by FSIS. There are no changes to the information collection. The current approval will expire on May 31, 2027.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this **Federal Register** notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

- **Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:** Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 350–E, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS–2026–0166. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov/>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 286–2255 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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; 202–720–5046.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

OMB Number: 0583–0151.

Type of Request: Renewal of an approved information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18 and 2.53), as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled.

FSIS is requesting renewal of the approved information collection regarding qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback on service delivery by FSIS. There are no changes to the existing information collection. The approval for this information collection will expire on May 31, 2027.

The proposed information collection provides a means for FSIS to obtain qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient and timely manner, consistent with the Agency's commitment to improving service delivery.

“Qualitative feedback,” refers to information that provides insights into perceptions and opinions but is not a statistical survey that yields quantitative results that can be generalized to the population studied. This feedback helps FSIS understand customer or stakeholder experiences and expectations, identify early concerns with service delivery, and highlight areas where better communication or operational changes may improve services. This collection supports ongoing, collaborative, and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders and directly informs improvements in program management.

The solicitation of qualitative feedback will target topics such as timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the

quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, valuable feedback from customers and stakeholders on the Agency's services would not be available.

FSIS will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collection is voluntary.
- The collection is low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden hours per respondent) and is low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government.
- The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies.
- The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have had experience with the program, or who may have experience with the program in the near future.
- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained; as a general matter, this information collection will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not involve questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, or other matters that are commonly considered private.
- Information gathered is intended for internal use to support general service improvement and program management; if released, FSIS would identify the qualitative nature of the information.
- Information gathered will not be used to substantially inform policy decisions.
- Information gathered will yield qualitative information and will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable or generalizable results.

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

Respondents: Individuals and households; businesses and organizations; State, local, or Tribal government.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 4,000.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 4,000.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 2,000 hours.

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 SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; (202) 720–5627. 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; 202–720–5046.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS' functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Washington, DC 20253.

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