Service information on USDA employee's tax information, to the Department of Interior information on USDA land data and funding to Native American Indians, to the USDA Risk Management Agency information on USDA data warehouse, data mining operation, and Comprehensive Information Management System, to the National Archives and Records Administration information on USDA records, to FSA employees personnel information, and to contractors information on working performance in certain USDA functions. New routine uses for disclosure of records to share FSA data as described in the system of records are compatible with the purpose of both FSA and RMA activities in using the information.


The Privacy Act system of records affects the privacy interests of individual producers whose information is contained in them. The privacy interests of the affected individual producers are more than "de minimis," because the Privacy Act system of records contains detailed information about their farming operations and assets. However, USDA has determined that the routine uses and maintenance of this information are warranted. The privacy interests of these producers are balanced with: (1) The benefits that the producers receive as program recipients and (2) the need of the Government to detect fraud and abuse as it administers USDA programs.

Records in this system of records are safeguarded in accordance with applicable rules and policies, including all applicable USDA automated systems security and access policies. Strict controls have been imposed to minimize the risk of compromising the information that is being stored. Access to the computer systems containing the records in this system of records is limited to those individuals who have a need to know the information for the performance of their official duties and who have appropriate clearances or permissions.

Additionally, records in this system of records are stored electronically on security measure protected (for example, e-authentication, password, restricted access protocol, etc.) databases, electronically on e-media devices (computer hard drive, magnetic disc, tape, digital media, CD, DVD, etc.), and on paper copy. Record storage is located within secure or locked facilities.

A new routine use for disclosure of record to share FSA data with RMA as described in the system of records is compatible with the purpose of both FSA and RMA activities in using the information.

The information collection requests associated with this system were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Paperwork Reduction Act in the following table, which contained each OMB control number with the expiration date.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2010–0105]

Privacy Act Systems of Records; APHIS Veterinary Services User Fee System

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a proposed new system of records; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) proposes to add a system of records to its inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. The system of records being proposed is the APHIS Veterinary Services User Fee System. This notice is necessary to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act to publish in the Federal Register notice of the existence and character of record systems maintained by the agency.

Although the Privacy Act requires only that the portion of the system that describes the "routine uses" of the system be published for comment, we invite comment on all portions of this notice.

DATES: This system will be adopted without further notice on April 23, 2012 unless modified to respond to comments received from the public and published in a subsequent notice.

Comments must be received in writing, on or before April 13, 2012.

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

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov/
#docketDetail;D=APHIS-2010-0105-0001.

• Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2010–0105, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, Maryland 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at http://www.regulations.gov/
#docketDetail;D=APHIS-2010-0105 or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building,
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
The Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), requires agencies to publish in the Federal Register a notice of new or revised systems of records maintained by the agency. A system of records is a group of any records under the control of any agency, from which information is retrieved by the name of an individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to an individual.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is proposing to add a new system of records, entitled APHIS Veterinary Services User Fee System (UFS). USDA–APHIS–18. It will be used to maintain a record of activities conducted by the agency pursuant to its responsibilities under the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (31 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.), the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 3711 et seq.), the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101–624), and the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.).

In order to ensure that animals and animal products do not introduce pests or diseases when imported into the United States, the Veterinary Services (VS) program of APHIS performs services related to the importation and exportation of animals, animal products, birds, germ plasm, organisms, and vectors. VS incurs costs associated with inspections and other services, such as the costs of maintaining import centers and quarantine facilities, diagnostic testing, inspectors’ salaries, supplies, and other miscellaneous expenses. Any person for whom a service is provided related to the importation, entry, or exportation of an animal is required to pay for the expenses of such services.

The UFS automates the tracking, collection, and processing of fees due to VS for its services provided at remote offices, import centers, port offices, or the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, IA.

Payment of fees due to VS for its services must take place at the location of service at the time the service is provided. The UFS generates an invoice for the fees and provides a receipt for the user. Users may also request approval for an APHIS credit account. The UFS tracks the accuracy of expenditures and collections transactions of credit accounts. Information obtained in the credit account application is entered into the Foundation Financial Information System (FFIS), the official APHIS financial system.

The UFS database contains personally identifiable information about VS customers. It contains the name; the social security number of an individual or taxpayer identification number of a business; the address, including city, county, State, and postal code; the name of the business or organization and its telephone and fax numbers; and an email address. The UFS also contains information about the user’s credit account, including charges and payments made, date(s) and type of service, and APHIS credit account information. Routine uses of records maintained in the system include categories of users and the purposes of such uses.

APHIS may routinely share data in the UFS with certain Federal agencies, including the Department of the Treasury, to obtain assistance in identifying and locating individuals who are delinquent in their payments of debt owed to the Federal Government while receiving Federal salary or benefit payments, for the purpose of collecting debts. Data may also be shared with a debt collection agency or a consumer reporting agency when APHIS determines that such referral is appropriate for collecting the debtor’s account.

Other routine uses of this information include releases related to investigations pertaining to violations of law or related to litigation. A complete listing of the routine uses for this system is included in the accompanying document that is published along with this notice.

The proposed information collection requests associated with the UFS system have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Report on New System
A report on the new system of records, required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), as implemented by Office of Management and Budget Circular A–130, was sent to the Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, United States Senate; the Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, United States Senate; the Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, House of Representatives; the Ranking Member, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, House of Representatives; and the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Dated: March 6, 2012.

Thomas J. Vilsack,
Secretary.

USDA–APHIS–18

SYSTEM NAME:
APHIS Veterinary Services User Fee System (UFS).

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:
None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:
The UFS is physically located in a secured room in APHIS–VS offices in Fort Collins, CO, and a backup of the system is maintained in APHIS offices in Riverdale, MD.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:
Individuals covered by the system include any person for whom a service is provided related to the importation and exportation of animals, animal products, birds, germ plasm, organisms, and vectors.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:
The system contains information such as the name; the social security number of an individual or taxpayer identification number of a business; the address, including city, county, State, postal code; the name of business or organization and its telephone and fax numbers; and an email address. The UFS also contains information about the user’s credit account, including charges and payments made, date(s) and type of service, and APHIS credit account information.

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:
The UFS automates the collection and processing of fees due to VS for its services provided at remote offices, import centers, port offices, or the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, IA.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:
has agreed to represent the employee or the United States, where the agency determines that litigation is likely to affect the agency or any of its components, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and the agency determines that use of such records is relevant and necessary to the litigation; provided, however, that in each case, the agency determines that disclosure of the records to the court is a use of the information contained in the records that is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected;

(6) To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when the agency suspects or has confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; the agency has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise there is a risk of harm to economic or property interests, a risk of identity theft or fraud, or a risk of harm to the security or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the agency or another agency or entity) that rely upon the records that is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected;

(7) To contractors and other parties engaged to assist in administering the program. Such contractors and other parties will be bound by the nondisclosure provisions of the Privacy Act. This routine use assists the agency in carrying out the program, and thus is compatible with the purpose for which the records are created and maintained;

(8) To USDA contractors, partner agency employees or contractors, or private industry employed to identify patterns, trends, or anomalies indicative of fraud, waste, or abuse; and

(9) To the National Archives and Records Administration or to the General Services Administration for records management inspections conducted under 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Information in the UFS may be disclosed to a consumer reporting agency when USDA determines that such referral is appropriate in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3711(f).

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Policies and official guidelines for storing, retrieving, accessing, retaining, and disposing of records are outlined in the APHIS Records Management Handbook and are summarized below.

STORAGE:

Records are maintained on magnetic tape, optical disk, and mainframe. Paper records are maintained in offices that are locked during non-business hours and require the presentation of employee identification for admittance at all times. Backup media is taken weekly to an offsite storage facility and stored on tape.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records in the UFS database are retrieved by name; social security number; taxpayer identification number; address; telephone and fax numbers; email address; claim number; date of service; type of service provided; payments made; and APHIS credit account numbers.

SAFEGUARDS:

Numerous inherent safeguards exist to protect the data in the UFS system. These safeguards include required login and authentication for network access, data encryption in transmission, physical and environmental protections, configuration management, and role-based access given on a need-to-know basis.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Electronic data is maintained in the database and on the file server for 7 years. Archived data is maintained indefinitely in a table with read-only access. Paper records are maintained for 6 years, 3 months.

SYSTEM MANAGERS(S) AND ADDRESS:

The Office of the Chief Information Officer-Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, 4700 River Road Unit 58, Riverdale, MD 20737.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Any individual may request general information regarding this system of records or information as to whether the system contains records pertaining to him/her from the system manager at the address above. All inquiries pertaining to this system should be in writing, must name the system of records as set forth in the system notice, and must contain the individual’s name, telephone number, address, and email address.
The purpose of this new system of records, entitled Veterinary Services User Fee System (UFS), is to support activities and maintain records conducted by the agency pursuant to its mission and responsibilities under the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (31 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.), the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 3711 et seq.), the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–624), and the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.).

Within this area of responsibility, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) program uses the Veterinary Services User Fee System to automate the tracking, collection, and processing of fees due to VS for its services provided at remote offices, import centers, port offices, or the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, IA.

In order to ensure that animals and animal products do not introduce pests or diseases when imported into the United States, the VS program of APHIS performs services related to the importation and exportation of animals, animal products, birds, germ plasm, organisms, and vectors. VS incurs costs associated with inspections and other services, such as the costs of maintaining import centers and quarantine facilities, diagnostic testing, inspectors’ salaries, supplies, and other miscellaneous expenses. Any person for whom a service is provided related to the importation, entry, or exportation of an animal is required to pay for the expenses of such services.

The UFS generates an invoice for the fees, provides a receipt for the user, and tracks the accuracy of expenditures and collections transactions.

The UFS database contains personally identifiable information about VS customers. It contains name; social security number of an individual or taxpayer identification number of a business; address, including city, county, State, postal code; name of business or organization, telephone and fax numbers; and email address. The UFS also contains information about the user’s credit account, including charges and payments made, date(s) and type of service, and APHIS credit account information.

The UFS is physically located in a secured room in APHIS–VS offices in Fort Collins, Colorado, and a backup of the system is maintained in APHIS offices in Riverdale, MD.

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, records maintained in this system may be disclosed outside the Department of Agriculture (USDA) for 9 routine uses. These routine uses may be described as functional and housekeeping uses.

The housekeeping routine uses include release of information to the appropriate agency charged with investigating a violation or potential violation of law; to the Department of Justice for the purpose of defending the United States in litigation, for use in a judicial or administrative proceeding; to appropriate entities or parties where there is a suspected or confirmed breach of security and the release is reasonably necessary to protect program interests or the interests of members of the public to prevent identity theft and fraud; to contractors or partner agencies for the purpose of seeking out fraud, waste, or abuse; and to the National Archives and Records Administration or to the General Services Administration.

The functional routine uses of the information being collected include release of information to contractors and other parties engaged to assist in administering the program; to certain Federal agencies, including the Department of the Treasury, to obtain assistance in identifying and locating individuals who are delinquent in their payments of debt owed to the Federal Government while receiving Federal salary, tax refunds, or benefit payments, for the purpose of collecting debts; and to a debt collection agency when the Department of Agriculture (USDA) determines that such referral is appropriate for collecting the debtor’s account as provided for in 31 U.S.C. 3718.

While these routine uses allow disclosures outside USDA, and so have some impact on privacy of individuals, they are either necessary for carrying the agency mission and minimizing waste, fraud and abuse, are required by law, or benefit the subjects of the records. On balance, the needs of the agency and the benefits to the individuals of these disclosures justify the minimal impact on privacy.

Use of this system, as established, should not result in undue infringement on any individual’s right to privacy. VS personnel will use the information in this system to automate the tracking, collection, and processing of fees due to VS for its services. All individuals about whom information in this system is maintained will voluntarily submit the information for the express purpose of utilizing VS services associated with the importation, entry, or exportation of an animal or animal product. These individuals or the industry in which they participate will receive benefits equal to or greater than any potential impact on their privacy.

To address privacy issues and ensure protection of information provided by employees and customers, VS has completed and received USDA approval of a privacy impact assessment (PIA), which has been posted on the USDA Privacy Policy Web site. The PIA provides detailed information about steps taken by the agency to minimize the risk of unauthorized access to the system. These steps include the use of required login and authentication for network access, data encryption in transmission, physical and environmental protections,
configuration management, and role-based security and access rights.

The following information collection devices associated with this system have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act. They have been assigned control numbers, which are listed here with their expiration dates: 0579–0094 (exp. March 2012) and 0579–0055 (exp. March 2014).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Special Nutrition Program Operations Study (SNPOS)

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This collection is a revision of a currently approved information collection for the Special Nutrition Program Operations Study (SNPOS). A

DURATION: Written comments on this notice must be received by May 14, 2012.

ADDRESS: Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were 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 on those who are to respond, including use of

adequate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to: John Endahl, Senior Program Analyst, Office of Research and Analysis, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1004, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of John Endahl at 703–305–2576 or via email to john.endahl@fns.usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to http://www.regulations.gov, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans, contact John Endahl, Senior Program Analyst, Office of Research and Analysis, Food and Nutrition Service/USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1004, Alexandria, VA 22302; Fax: 703–305–2576; Email: john.endahl@fns.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Special Nutrition Program Operations Study (SNPOS).

OMB Number: 0584–0562.

Expiration Date of Approval: 09/30/2014.

Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The objective of the Special Nutrition Program Operations Study is to collect timely data on policies, administrative, and operational issues on the Child Nutrition Programs. The ultimate goal is to analyze these data and provide input for new legislation on Child Nutrition Programs as well as to provide pertinent technical assistance and training to program implementation staff.

The Special Nutrition Program Operation Study (SNPOS) will help the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) better understand and address current policy issues related to Special Nutrition Programs (SNP) operations. The policy and operational issues include, but are not limited to, the preparation of the program budget, development and implementation of program policy and regulations, and identification of areas for technical assistance and training. Specifically, this study will help FNS obtain:

- General descriptive data on the Child Nutrition (CN) program characteristics to help FNS respond to questions about the nutrition programs in schools;

- Data related to program administration for designing and revising program regulations, managing resources, and reporting requirements; and

- Data related to program operations to help FNS develop and provide training and technical assistance for School Food Authorities (SFAs) and State Agencies responsible for administering the CN programs.

The activities to be undertaken subject to this notice include:

- Conducting a multi-modal (e.g. paper, Web, and telephone) survey of approximately 1,500 School Food Authority (SFA) Directors.

- Conducting a paper survey of all 56 State Agency Child Nutrition Directors.

- On-site data collection at 125 School Food Authorities from the School Foodservice Managers.

AFFECTED PUBLIC: State, Local and Tribal Governments.

Type of Respondents: 1,500 School Food Authority (SFA) Directors, 125 School Foodservice Managers, and 56 State Child Nutrition Program Directors.

Estimated Total Number of Respondents: 1,681.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Annual Responses: 1,681.

Estimate of Time Per Respondent and Annual Burden:

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average sixty (60) minutes per Self Administered Survey for the SFA Directors and the State Agency Child Nutrition Directors (this includes 30 minutes for data gathering and 30 minutes to respond to the questionnaire). Respondents in the SNOPS include 1,500 School Food Service Directors, 125 School Foodservice Managers involved in the on-site data collection, and 56 State Child Nutrition Program Directors. The annual reporting burden is estimated at 1,681 hours (see table below).

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