

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
Domestic Quarantines
OMB Number: 0579-0088

JUSTIFICATION

November 2011

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), is responsible for preventing plant pests and noxious weeds from entering the United States, preventing the spread of plant pests and noxious weeds not widely distributed in the United States, and eradicating those imported pests when eradication is feasible.

Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 – et.seq.), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or movement of plants and plant pests to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States.

Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) is responsible for implementing this Act and does so through the enforcement of its domestic quarantine regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 301.

APHIS' implementation of these domestic quarantines often requires APHIS to collect information from a variety of individuals who are involved in growing, packing, handling, transporting, and importing plant products. The information APHIS collects serves as the supporting documentation required for the issuance of PPQ forms and documents that authorize the movement of regulated articles, and are vital in helping APHIS ensure that injurious plant diseases and insect pests do not spread within the United States.

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.

Information is collected from growers, packers, and shippers of regulated articles to ensure that the articles, when moved from a quarantined area, do not harbor injurious plant diseases and insect pests.

PPQ officials, State plant health authorities, and other cooperators conducting regulatory activities in connection with various quarantines, collect information in various ways.

Information is collected by interviewing growers and shippers at the time the inspections are conducted and by having growers and shippers of plants and plant products for export complete an application for a transit permit. The information obtained is used to determine compliance with regulations and for issuance of forms, permits, certificates, and other required documents.

For the Gypsy Moth Program, PPQ officials deliver training (via workshops) to State cooperators as well as movers of logs, pulpwood, rootless trees, and other commodities to enable them to become qualified certified applicators. A qualified certified applicator inspects articles and issues outdoor household article documents and certificates to allow the movement of articles regulated for gypsy moth.

Certificates - Certificates are used to facilitate the movement of regulated articles that are certifiable under the provisions of the various domestic plant quarantines. The certificates are issued at the point of origin. Certificates issued under these regulations are:

PPQ Form 537 (Limited Permit of Movement of Noncertified Articles (Business, Farms, and State) – A pressure-sensitive permit applied to containers of articles that do not necessarily require inspection at destination. The State plant protection official in the host State may elect not to inspect based on the size of the shipment and the date the regulated article was treated. This form is used in the Black Stem Rust, Gypsy Moth, Pine Shoot Beetle, Pink Bollworm, Witch weed, Imported Fire Ant, Golden Nemotode, Sugarcane Disease, European Larch Canker, Oriental Fruit Fly, Mediterranean Fruit Fly and Asian Long-horned Beetle information collections.

PPQ Form 540 (Federal Certificate) (State, Farms, Business, and Individual) – A paper document (three copies) used to certify bulk shipments of regulated articles. PPQ officials and State cooperators review forms issued to ensure regulated articles are in compliance with Federal or State regulations. This form is used in the BSR, GM, PSB, ALB, Med FF, WW, IFA, GN, Sugarcane, ELC, Oriental FF, and P. ramorum information collections.

PPQ Form 527 (Sticky Back Certificate) (Farms and Business) – A pressure-sensitive certificate used to certify individuals articles. These certificates may be applied by the package owner. This form is used in the GM, PSB, ALB, Med FF, IFA, GN, Sugarcane, ELC, Oriental FF and Emerald Ash Borer information collections.

PPQ Form 530 (Limited Permit) (State, Farms, Business, and Individual) - Limited permits are used to authorize movement of regulated articles that are not certifiable to specified destinations for processing, treatment, or utilization.

A paper document (four parts) used to authorize the movement of regulated articles to a specified destination and allows further inspection at destination. The decision to perform further inspections will be made by the State plant protection official in the host

State. The decision to inspect is prompted by date of issuance and results of inspection prior to transport. This form is used in the BSR, PSB, Pinkbw, CC, IFA, GN, ELC, OFF, ALB and EAB information collections.

PPQ Form 543 (Black Stem Rust Inspector's Report (State)) - Used during inspection to record the source of stock purchased during the year and to assist in the inspection for rust resistance. If the stock is questionable, it is recorded as such as the specimen is forwarded to the Federal Rust Laboratory for a rust susceptibility test. The inspector also uses the form to recommend whether the establishment should be included on the eligibility list for permits and interstate shipping. This is used for the Black Stem Rust information collection.

PPQ Form 523 Emergency Action Notification (Business) - Used when an emergency action must be taken on a shipment which allows CBPAI and/or PPQ to communicate the need for specific action on a shipment to interested parties.

PPQ Form 518 Report of Violation (Business and Farms) - as relates to CITES is used to report violations of 7CFR 355, 50CFR 23, and 50CFR 24, and becomes part of the total case file together with the Officer's Statement. This is used in the Imported Fire Ant information collection.

PPQ Form 519 (Compliance Agreements) (Farms, State, and Business) - The compliance agreement specifies procedures and precautions that the grower, handler, or mover must follow to prevent the spread of insect pests and diseases from spreading to non-infested areas of the United States. By signing a compliance agreement with APHIS, the applicant agrees to comply with the prescribed regulations and stipulations when moving or treated regulated items. The stipulations vary from program to program and by type of establishment and are usually written prior to contact with the establishments. The time involved with the respondent depends upon the number and complexity of the stipulations written for the specific type of establishment. This form is used in the P.Ramorum and ALB information collections.

Documents Sent to State Plant Regulatory Official (Individual and Not for Profit) - Any qualified certified applicator who issues a certificate or outdoor household article document must, at the time of issuance, send a copy of the certificate or outdoor household article document to the State Plant Regulatory Official for both the originating State and the destination State.

Inspections – Inspections are conducted by PPQ inspectors and State inspectors as part of enforcing domestic quarantines. These inspections ensure that:

- The article has been treated under the direction of an inspector to destroy the pest in accordance with the treatment manual; or

- The article has been grown, produced, manufactured, stored, or handled in such a manner that it will not transmit infestation as determined by an inspector. Based upon the results of these inspections, an inspector may issue certificates or other required documents.

Specifically for gypsy moth, a qualified certified applicator will issue certificates for the interstate movement of any outdoor household articles or mobile homes, if it is determined that the articles are inspected and found free from any life stage of the gypsy moth, or the articles have been treated by or under the direct supervision of a qualified certified applicator. This individual must provide the originating State and the destination State with copies of all certificates and outdoor household article documents issued.

An outdoor household article document may be issued by the person moving the outdoor household articles for the interstate movement of the articles if that person has inspected the outdoor household articles and has found them to be free of any life stage of gypsy moth. A signed statement must accompany the shipment stating the articles were inspected in accordance with the Gypsy Moth Program Manual. The mover must provide the originating State and the destination State with a copy.

Inspections of Outdoor Household Articles (Business) - Persons who desire to move interstate a regulated article which must be accompanied by a certificate or permit shall, at least 7 days before the desired movement, request an inspector to examine the article prior to movement. Persons who desire to move interstate an outdoor household article accompanied by a certificate issued in accordance with §301.45–9, shall, at least 14 days before the desired movement, request an inspector to examine the article prior to movement.

Assembly and Inspection of Regulated Articles: Issuance and Cancellation of Certificates (Business and Farms) - Any person, other than a person authorized to issue certificates under paragraph (c) of this section, who desires to move interstate a regulated article that must be accompanied by a certificate under §301.38–5(d), shall, as far in advance of the desired interstate movement as possible (and no less than 48 hours before the desired interstate movement), request an inspector⁵ to issue a certificate.

Assembly and Inspection of Regulated Articles and Outdoor Household Articles (State) - Persons who desire to move interstate a regulated article which must be accompanied by a certificate or permit shall, at least 7 days before the desired movement, request an inspector to examine the article prior to movement. Persons who desire to move interstate an outdoor household article accompanied by a certificate issued in accordance with §301.45–7, shall, at least 14 days before the desired movement, request an inspector to examine the article prior to movement.

Assembly and Inspection of Regulated Articles (Farms, State, and Business) –

Any person (other than a person authorized to issue certificates or limited permits), who desires to move a regulated article interstate accompanied by a certificate or limited permit, must notify an inspector at least 48 hours in advance of the desired interstate movement.

Conditions Governing the Interstate Movement of Regulated Articles and Outdoor Household Articles from Generally Infested Areas (Farms and Business) -

Is moved with a tag or label securely attached to the outside of the container containing the article or securely attached to the article itself if not in a container, and with such tag or label bearing a permit number corresponding to the number of the permit issued for such article.

Attachment and Disposition of Certificates and Permits (Farms) - If a certificate or permit is required for the interstate movement of regulated articles, the certificate or permit shall be securely attached to the outside of the container in which such articles are moved.

Treatment Records (Business and Farms) – Aircraft treatment records must be maintained by the applicator completing or supervising the treatment for a period of 2 years. These records must be provided upon request for review by an inspection. Treatment records shall include the pesticide used, the date of application, the location where the pesticide was applied (airport and aircraft), the amount of pesticide applied, and the name of the applicator.

Notification of Unscheduled Flights (Business and Farms) – Notification of unscheduled commercial flights and of all military flights must be given at least 1 hour before departure to the appropriate person in the destination airport of any of the States listed in the Japanese Beetle regulations (7 CFR 301.48(b)).

Certificates and Limited Permits (Business) - Attachment and disposition. (1) Except as provided in §301.75–6(b)(8) for kumquat plants, certificates and limited permits accompanying regulated articles interstate must be attached during the interstate movement to one of the following: (i) The outside of the regulated article, if the regulated article is not packed in a container, or (ii) The outside of the container in which the regulated article is packed.

Protected Areas (Statement) (State) – Each State that is a protected area or that encompasses a protected area must submit annually to the Administrator a written statement, signed by an inspector, assuring APHIS that all nursery inspections have been performed in accordance with this section. The statement must be submitted by January 1st of each year, and must include a list of the nurseries inspected and found free of rust-susceptible plants.

Qualified Certified Applicator (QCA) Attend Workshop (Business) – Qualified Certified Applicator who has attended and completed a workshop approved by the Administrator on the identification and treatment of gypsy moth life stages on outdoor household articles and mobile homes; and who has entered into a compliance agreement in accordance with §301.45–6 for the purpose of inspecting, treating, and issuing certificates for the movement of outdoor household articles and mobile homes.

Temporary Designation of Generally Infested Areas (State) – An inspector may temporarily designate any area in any State as a generally infested area. The inspector will give written notice of the designation to the owner or person in possession of the area. Thereafter, the interstate movement of any regulated articles from such areas will be restricted. The designation will be terminated by an authorized inspector, and notice will be given to the owner or person in possession of the areas.

Conditions Governing the Interstate Movement of Regulated Articles and Outdoor Household Articles from Generally Infested Areas (Signed Statement) (Individual and Business) – Is moved with a tag or label securely attached to the outside of the container containing the article or securely attached to the article itself if not in a container, and with such tag or label bearing a permit number corresponding to the number of the permit issued for such article.

Other Forms or Documents – During the conduct of regulatory activities for one or more of the domestic quarantines, special reports, documents, or forms are used. These documents or forms are:

Attachment and Disposition of Certificates, Limited Permits, and Outdoor Household Article Documents (Individual) – A certificate, limited permit, or OHA document required for the interstate movement of a regulated article or outdoor household article must at all times during such movement be securely attached to the outside of the container containing the regulated article or outdoor household article, securely attached to the article itself if not in a container, or securely attached to the consignee's copy of the waybill or other shipping document.

Documents Sent to State Plant Regulatory Official (Business and Farms) – Any qualified certified applicator who issues a certificate or outdoor household article document must, at the time of issuance, send a copy of the certificate or outdoor household article document to the State Plant Regulatory Official for both the originating State and the destination State.

Assembly and Inspection of Regulated Articles and Outdoor Household Articles (Farms and For Profit) – Any person (other than a person authorized to issue certificates or limited permits under §301.50–5(c)), who desires to move a regulated article interstate accompanied by a certificate or limited permit must notify an inspector,⁷ at least 48 hours in advance of the desired interstate movement.

Protected Areas (Business and Farms) – Each State that is a protected area or that encompasses a protected area must submit annually to the Administrator a written statement, signed by an inspector, assuring APHIS that all nursery inspections have been performed in accordance with this section. The statement must be submitted by January 1st of each year, and must include a list of the nurseries inspected and found free of rust-susceptible plants.

Inspection and Disposal of Regulated Articles and Pests (Business and Farms) - Any properly identified inspector is authorized to stop and inspect, and to seize, destroy, or otherwise dispose of or require disposal of regulated articles and Japanese beetles.

Assembly and Inspection of Regulated Articles (Business and Farms) - Any person (other than a person authorized to issue certificates or limited permits), who desires to move a regulated article interstate accompanied by a certificate or limited permit must notify an inspector,⁷ at least 48 hours in advance of the desired interstate movement

Interstate Movement of Regulated Articles from Quarantined Areas (phone call to local PPQ office) (Non Profit, State, and For Profit) - Any regulated article may be moved interstate from a quarantined area into or through an area that is not quarantined only if moved under the following conditions: Criteria that laboratories must meet to become approved to process, test, or analyze soil, and the list of currently approved laboratories, may be obtained from the APHIS, PPQ.

Cancellation of a Certificate, Limited Permit, or Compliance Agreement (Farms) - Any certificate, limited permit, or compliance agreement may be cancelled, either orally or in writing, by an inspector when the inspector finds that the person who has entered into the compliance agreement has failed to comply with APHIS regulations. If the cancellation is oral, the cancellation and the reasons for the cancellation will be confirmed in writing as promptly as circumstances allow.

Imported Fire Ant Detection, Control, Exclusion, and Enforcement Program (written appeal, enforcement recordkeeping, written warning) (Business, State, and Farms) - Any person whose issuance of certificates has been suspended may appeal the decision, in writing, within 10 days after receiving the written suspension notice. (1) The nursery owner must maintain records of the nursery's surveys and treatments for the imported fire ant. These records must be made available to State and Federal inspectors upon request.

Issuance and Cancellation of Certificates (Farms, State, and Business) - Movements from quarantined areas. (1) An inspector may issue a certificate for the interstate movement of regulated articles, associated articles, or non-host nursery stock from a quarantined area if the inspector determines cause.

Treatments – soil, greenery, debarking (Farms, State, and Business) - Reserved section for soil, greenery, debarking burden._

Attachment and Disposition of Certificates and Recordkeeping (Farms, State, and Business).- All nurseries that are operating under compliance agreements must maintain records of all incoming shipments of plants for a minimum of 24 months and must make them available to inspectors upon request. In addition, all nurseries that are operating under compliance agreements, except retail dealers, must maintain records of outgoing shipments for a minimum of 24 months and must make them available to inspectors upon request.

Compliance Agreement and Cancellation (Written Appeal) – Any person whose certificate or permit has been withdrawn may appeal the decision, in writing, to the Administrator within 10 days after receiving the written notification of the withdrawal. The appeal letter must state all of the facts and reasons concerning why the certificate or permit should not be withdrawn.

Black Stem Rust Report (Farms, State, and Business) - Each State that is either protected from or encompasses a protected area for Black Stem Rust must submit a signed annual written statement ensuring compliance with the regulations. This statement must be submitted by January 1st and must contain a listing of inspected nurseries.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.

PPQ Form 537 (Limited Permit Sticker) is pressure sensitive and is not practicable for automation.

PPQ Form 540 (Certificate of Federal/State Domestic Quarantine) This form is an accountable form that must be issued by a PPQ employee, or a person under Compliance Agreement with PPQ. Strict control is needed for the issuance of this form, as it allows the movement of regulated products that are subject to restrictions, and it can only be issued after an inspection proves that the shipment meets the requirements for movement. Movement may also require a treatment, which has to be determined by an inspector. The form must accompany the shipment throughout transport from the inspection until destination.

PPQ Form 527 (Certificate) and PPQ Form 537 (Limited Permit Sticker) is pressure sensitive and is not practicable for automation.

PPQ Form 530 (Limited Permit) This form is an accountable form that must be issued by a PPQ employee, or a person under Compliance Agreement with PPQ. Strict control is needed for the issuance of this form, as it allows the movement of regulated products that are subject to restrictions, and it can only be issued after an inspection proves that the

shipment meets the requirements for movement. Movement may also require a treatment, which has to be determined by an inspector. The form must accompany the shipment throughout transport from the inspection until destination.

PPQ Form 543 (Black Stem Rust Inspector's Report) – Due to low usage of this form, it is not practicable for automation at this time. If APHIS decides in the future to have this form automated, it will be in collaboration with the Canadian Government.

PPQ Form 523 (Emergency Action Notification) is automated and posted at: www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms

PPQ Form 518 (Report of Violation) was previously automated as a Lotus Notes document, but is no longer available in that software. PPQ Form 518 will be added to the Investigate and Enforcement Services violation database in the future, but there is no timeframe for this to be done.

PPQ Form 519 (Compliance Agreement) is automated and posted at www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/ppq519.pdf. This form can be printed and manually completed.

A statement written by a person requesting movement of a regulated article or outdoor household article can be generated on a computer and printed for signature if the respondent has access to one.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purpose described in item 2 above.

APHIS is the only Federal agency responsible for preventing the incursion or interstate spread of plant pests, diseases, and noxious weeds. The information APHIS is collecting is its only source for the information and is not being collected through other forms or reports.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.

The information APHIS collects is the minimum needed to protect growers nationwide from the interstate spread of plant pests and diseases. APHIS has determined that 90 percent of the total respondents are small entities.

6. Describe the consequences to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

If APHIS did not collect this information or collected it less frequently, the effectiveness of APHIS' domestic quarantine program would be severely compromised, likely resulting in the interstate spread of a number of destructive (and economically damaging) agricultural pests. The spread of such pests as the Japanese beetle or gypsy moth would result in millions of dollars in damage to American agriculture.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the general information collection guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5.

- **requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly;**
- **requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;**

Notification of unscheduled commercial flights and of all military flights must be given at least 1 hour before departure to the appropriate person in the destination airport of any of the States listed in the Japanese Beetle regulations (7 CFR 301.48(b)).

Any person whose certificate or permit has been withdrawn may appeal the decision, in writing, to the Administrator within 10 days after receiving the written notification of the withdrawal. The appeal letter must state all of the facts and reasons concerning why the certificate or permit should not be withdrawn.

Persons who desire to move interstate a regulated article which must be accompanied by a certificate or permit shall, at least 7 days before the desired movement, request an inspector to examine the article prior to movement. Persons who desire to move interstate an outdoor household article accompanied by a certificate issued in accordance with §301.45-5 shall, at least 14 days before the desired movement, request an inspector to examine the article prior to movement.

Any person whose certificate, limited permit, or compliance agreement has been canceled may appeal the decision, in writing, within 10 days after receiving the written cancellation notice.

- **requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;**
- **requiring respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records for more than three years;**

- **in connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study;**
- **requiring the use of a statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;**
- **that includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use; or**
- **requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secret, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.**

There are no other special circumstances associated with this information collection.

8. Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting form, and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB.

The following individuals were consulted during 2010:

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California Dept. of Food & Agriculture
Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services
Permits and Regulations Program
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Marc Teffeu
American Nursery and Landscape Association
1250 I Street SW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20005
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Steven Callaham
Florida Citrus Packers Association
302 S Mass Avenue # 203
Lakeland, FL 33801-5091

On, Tuesday, July 12, 2011, APHIS published in the Federal Register a 60-day notice seeking public comments on its plans to request a 3-year renewal of this collection of information. No comments from the public were received.

9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than reenumeration of contractors or grantees.

This information collection activity involves no payments or gifts to respondents.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

No additional assurance of confidentiality is provided with this information collection. Any and all information obtained in this collection shall not be disclosed except in accordance with 5 U.S.C.552a.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and others that are considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

This information collection activity asks no questions of a personal or sensitive nature.

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated.

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See APHIS Form 71 for hour burden estimates.

. Provide estimates of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collections of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories.

512,147 X 31.11 = \$15,932,893

\$31.11 is based on the average salaries of businesses, State, and farmers derived from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics May 2009 Report: Occupational Wages in the United States. <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t03.htm>

13. Provide estimates of the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information, (do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in items 12 and 14). The cost estimates should be split

into two components: (a) a total capital and start-up cost component annualized over its expected useful life; and (b) a total operation and maintenance and purchase of services component.

There is zero annual cost burden associated with capital and start-up, operation and maintenance, and purchase of services in connection with this program.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government. Provide a description of the method used to estimate cost and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.

The estimated cost to the Federal Government is \$ 7,061,626.00. (See APHIS Form 79)

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB Form 83-I.

ICR Summary of Burden:

| | Requested | Program Change Due to New Statute | Program Change Due to Agency Discretion | Change Due to Adjustment in Agency Estimate | Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA | Previously Approved |
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| Annual Number of Responses | 1,640,224 | 0 | 0 | 437,588 | 0 | 1,202,636 |
| Annual Time Burden (Hr) | 512,147 | 0 | 0 | 377,661 | 0 | 134,486 |
| Annual Cost Burden (\$) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

There is an adjustment of 437,588 annual responses and 377,661 burden hours because of increased activity in eight areas: protected areas requiring an annual written statement; qualified certified applicators attending workshops; temporary designation of generally infested areas; movement of regulated articles and outdoor household articles from generally infested areas; attachment and disposition of certificates, limited permits, and outdoor household article documents; documents sent to State Plant Regulatory Officials; and assembly and inspection of regulated articles and outdoor household articles.

The number of respondents has decreased to 28,244 because the number of respondents completing the information activities was estimated too high because of double counting the same respondents. However, this did not impact the burden hours. This has been corrected in this submission.

16. For collections of information whose results are planned to be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication.

APHIS has no plans to tabulate or publish the information it collects.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.

PPQ 540 is used in 6 collections, PPQ 519 is used in 12 collections, and PPQ 530 is used in 7 collections; therefore, it is not practical to include an OMB expiration date because of the various expiration dates for each collection. APHIS is seeking approval to not display the OMB expiration date on these forms.

APHIS will display the OMB expiration date on PPQ Forms 527, 537, 543, 523, and 518.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in the “Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act.”

APHIS certifies compliance with all the provisions under the Act.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

Statistical methods are not used in this information collection.