SUPPORTING STATEMENT Foreign Quarantine Notices OMB NO. 0579-0049

JUSTIFICATION

November 2012

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) is responsible for preventing plant diseases or insect pests from entering the United States, preventing the spread of 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 (PPA) (Title IV, Pub. L. 106-224, 114 Stat. 438, 7 U.S.C. 7701-<u>et seq</u>), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, exportation, or movement in interstate commerce of plant pests and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. Regulations authorized by the PPA concerning the importation of nursery stock, plants, roots, bulbs, seeds, and other plant products to include logs, lumber, and other unmanufactured wood articles are contained in Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 319.

Implementing the laws described above is necessary in order to prevent injurious plant and insect pests from entering the United States, a situation that could produce serious consequences for USDA. The regulations Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has devised to implement these laws often requires APHIS to collect information from a variety of individuals, both within and outside of the United States, who are involved in growing, packing, handling, transporting, and importing foreign plants, roots, bulbs, seeds, importing foreign logs, lumber, other unmanufactured wood articles, and other plant products.

APHIS is asking the Office of Management and Budget OMB to approve its use of the following information activities, associated with its effort to prevent the spread of plant pests and diseases from entering the continental United States for an additional 3 years.

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.

APHIS uses the following information activities to implement laws that would require collecting information from a variety of individuals from within and outside the United

States who are responsible for growing, packing, handling, transporting, and importing foreign plants, roots, bulbs, seeds, importing foreign logs, lumber, and other unmanufactured wood articles.

PPQ Form 587 - (Application for Permit to Import Plants or Plant Products) (individuals and business) - Is submitted to APHIS by United States importers in order to request a permit to import plants or plant products. On this form the requester lists the country of origin, the quantity and names of the plants or plant products, and their port of arrival in the United States. APHIS uses this information to determine if a permit can be issued.

PPQ Form 368 (Notice of Arrival) (business) - Contains information that PPQ inspectors need to locate shipments that are en route, and also to schedule inspections and treatments at the appropriate port of entry. Obtaining this information in a timely manner helps to avoid unexpected arrivals, and aids PPQ officers in the scheduling of inspections. Not having this information can result in significant delays when an unexpected shipment arrives in port. This action was previously performed by PPQ but is now being performed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

PPQ Form 526 (Application for Permit to Move Live Plant Pests or Noxious Weeds) (business) – Anyone wishing to import honeybee, honeybee semen, or any restricted articles (such as beekeeping equipment) that could potentially harbor exotic bee diseases or parasites, must apply to APHIS for an import permit. This application must be submitted at least 30 days before the honeybees, honeybee semen, or restricted articles arrive at its port of entry in the United States.

PPQ FORM 586 (Application for Permit to Transfer Plants and/or Plant Products Through the United States) (business) - Is provided to the grower/shipper/exporter for completion. The application requests the name of specific types of plants and/or plant products that the applicant plans to transit the United States.

Phytosanitary Certificates (foreign government) - APHIS requires that some plants or plant products be accompanied by a phytosanitary inspection certificate that is completed by plant health officials in the originating or transiting country. APHIS uses the information on this certificate to determine the pest condition of the shipment at the time of inspection in the foreign country. This information is used as a guide to the intensity of the inspection that APHIS must conduct when the shipment arrives. Without this information, all shipments would need to be inspected very thoroughly, thereby requiring considerably more time. This would slow the clearance of international shipments.

Administrative Instructions for Certain Oranges, Tangerines and Grapefruit from **Mexico (business)** – No activity is expected for the next 3 years.

Seals (business) - APHIS may require that boxes of specified commodities destined for the United States be placed in a refrigerated truck or refrigerated container and remain there until the shipment reaches the port of first arrival in the United States. Before

leaving the packinghouse in the originating country, an APHIS inspector must secure the truck or container with a seal that must remain unbroken until arriving in the United States.

<u>30-Day Article Notification (business)</u> - To notify an inspector, orally or in writing, within 30 days of the time the importer or the person in charge of the growing site finds any abnormality or if the article dies or is killed by the importer, the person in charge of the growing site, or any other person; to return the abnormal or dead article for at least 60 days following that date of notification; and to give the abnormal or dead article to an inspector upon request.

Other Documents (including Service Agreement, Advance Reservations for Cold Treatment Space, and Request for Approval of Vacuum Fumigation Chambers (business) - No activity is expected for the next 3 years.

Importer Documents for Logs, Lumber, and Wood Mulch (business) - No regulated article may be imported unless it is accompanied by an importer document stating the following information. A certificate that contains this information may be used in lieu of an importer document at the option of the importer: the genus and species of the tree from which the regulated article was derived; the country, and locality if known, where the tree from which the regulated article was derived and harvested; the quantity of the regulated article to be imported; the use for which the regulated article is imported; and any treatments or handling of the regulated article that were performed prior to arrival at the port of first arrival.

PPQ Form 585 (business and individual) - (Application for Permit to Import Timber and Timber Products) – Is given to an importer who wishes to import timber and timber products. APHIS uses the information collected on this form to determine whether a permit should be issued for timber or timber products that would otherwise be prohibited entry.

Accompanying Certification from Chile or New Zealand (foreign government) -Monterey or Radiata Pine (Pinus Radiata) logs from Chile or New Zealand and Douglas Fir (Pseudotsuga Menziesii) logs from New Zealand that are accompanied by a certificate stating that logs meet the requirements may be imported into the United States in accordance with 319.40-5(b) and 319.40-8, paragraphs (b)(1)(i)(A) through (b)(l)(iii) of this section.

Marking HT for Heat Treated (Logs and Lumber) (business) - No activity is expected for the next 3 years.

PPQ 368 (Notice of Arrival Logs and Lumber (business) - The permittee or his/her agent must notify the APHIS Officer in Charge at the port of arrival of the date of expected arrival. The address and telephone number of the APHIS Officer in Charge will be specified in any specific permit issued by APHIS. This notice may be in writing or by telephone. The notice must include the number of any specific permit issued for the

regulated articles; the name, if any, of the means of conveyance carrying the regulated articles; the type and quantity of the regulated articles; the expected date of arrival; the country of origin of the regulated articles; the name and the number, if any, of the dock or area where the regulated articles are to be unloaded; and the name of the importer or broker at the port of arrival.

Marking Identity of Contents on Containers or Accompanying Document (business) The Bill of Lading or invoice may be used as an accompanying document which is part

The Bill of Lading or invoice may be used as an accompanying document which is part of the normal business documentation. This is part of the normal business practice and requires no additional burden.

Trust Fund Agreements (business) - In certain situations, plants or plant products from a foreign country can only be imported into the United States after certain requirements (such as fumigation or other pest mitigation procedures) are implemented.

If these procedures must be done in the presence of PPQ personnel, then the plant health protection service of the exporting country (or another appropriate organization, such as an industry association) must complete a trust fund agreement with APHIS for that shipping season.

In this document, appropriate authorities in the exporting country agree to pay, in advance, for all estimated costs (such as salaries and travel expenses) that APHIS expects to incur via its participation in this program.

Marking Requirements for Foreign Cotton and Covers (foreign government) -

Imported cotton and covers require treatment by vacuum fumigation. Immediately following the fumigation, and under the supervision of a State inspector, the containers must be marked. The product may then be distributed, forwarded, or shipped without further entry restrictions.

Marking Requirements for Corn Diseases, Citrus Fruit and Nursery Stock (foreign government) - The shipment labeling requirements or marking of containers are used by PPQ inspectors to locate shipments subject to APHIS regulations and to verify that the shipments match their accompanying documentation. Lack of this information on the packages would make it very difficult for PPQ inspectors to locate and check those shipments (especially mail shipments) that are subject to APHIS regulations.

This identification system also helps to facilitate any traceback investigations APHIS may need to conduct. When necessary, the container must also be labeled with a statement that the items will be distributed only in specific States within the United States. This ensures that the fruit or plants are distributed only in States where climatic conditions will preclude the establishment of any exotic plant pests.

Post-Entry Growing Agreement (Nursery Stock) – Postentry quarantine agreement forms are available, without charge, from the APHIS, PPQ, Port Operations, Permit Unit from the Permit Unit in Riverdale, MD or local offices of the PPQ programs which are listed in the phone directories.

PPQ Form 588 - (Application for Departmental Permit to Import Plants for Experimental (business) - Is given to an importer who wishes to import plants or plant products for experimental purposes only. APHIS uses the information collected on this form to determine whether a permit should be issued for a plant or plant product that would otherwise be prohibited entry.

Written Appeal of Withdrawal of Permit and Request for Hearing (business) - If APHIS chooses to withdraw an importer's permit, the importer may appeal the withdrawal by submitting a letter to APHIS explaining why the permit should not be withdrawn.

Submission of Evidence (cotton and covers) (business) – Cotton and covers grown, produced, or handled in the United States and exported there and from in the original bales or containers that the material was exported, may be imported into the United States at any port under permit, without vacuum fumigation or other treatment or restriction upon compliance, with the satisfaction of evidence to the inspector as to where the material was grown and produced in the United States.

Labeling on Boxes (business) - Each box of fruit or vegetables imported into the United States in accordance with § 319.56-2(e) (3) or (4) and §319.56-2(f) must be clearly labeled with:

- (1) The name of the orchard or grove of origin, or the name of the grower, and
- (2) The name of the municipality and State in which it was produced, and
- (3) The type and amount of fruit it contains.

In certain situations, APHIS requires packinghouse personnel in the originating country to label each vegetable or piece of fruit destined for the United States with a sticker that bears the registration number of the packinghouse. This identification system will facilitate any traceback investigations APHIS may need to conduct.

<u>Written Condition of Entry (business)</u> - In certain situations, the phytosanitary certificate must be accompanied by a written statement specifying that certain conditions were met before the commodity was sent to the United States.

Request for Emergency Trans-Shipment or Diversion (business) - Prohibited and restricted articles entering the United States are subject to inspection at their first port of entry. If an unauthorized change or diversion occurs in the Customs entry, the inspector at the original port must endorse Customs documents to show that fact. However, the

inspector at the United States port of export may approve a diversion or change of Customs entry to permit movement to a different foreign country or entry into the United States. If a diversion or change is desired where there is no inspector available, the owner may apply to PPQ for information as to applicable conditions. If the diversion or change is approved, PPQ will confirm this to the appropriate inspectors and Customs officers.

PPQ Form 546 (Request for Additional Mailing Labels) (business) - (Agreement for Post-entry Quarantine-State Screening Notice) Is submitted to APHIS by importers requesting a permit to import plants or plant products that require post-entry growing. This agreement specifies the means under which the growing and screening must take place, the plant name, country of origin, and the location where the material will be grown. APHIS uses this information to determine if an import permit can be issued.

Phytosanitary Certificates for Honeydew Melons and Hass Avocados (foreign

government) – Must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the National Plant Protection Oorganization (NNPO) from the country of origin declaring that all damaged and diseased fruit was removed prior to export by the NPPO

PPQ Form 564 - (Request for Additional Mailing Labels) (individuals and business) Indian Corn, rice, wheat diseases, Khapra beetle) - Certain commodities are enterable by mail only if they are accompanied by a permit and a special mailing tag that will direct the package to a PPQ inspection station for inspection before release to the mail service for delivery to the importer. These special mailing tags are furnished to the importer upon request.

For plants that require post-entry growing, a copy of PPQ Form 546 (Agreement for Postentry Quarantine) is also supplied.

NOTE: If sufficient information is provided by letter, APHIS will issue a permit based on the letter, except in the case of plants that must be grown in post-entry quarantine. This form is supplied by the Permit Unit at PPQ Headquarters.

Written Agreement Between PPQ and Foreign Plant Health Officials (foreign

government) - APHIS requires that any restricted article destined for importation into the United States must be free of sand, soil, earth, and other growing media, except if a written agreement exists between PPQ and the plant protecttion service of the country in which the article is grown. In this document, foreign plant health officials agree to implement a program of compliance with specific PPQ growing conditions.

Written Agreement Between Foreign Growers and Plant Health Officials of Their

Country (business) - APHIS requires that any restricted article destined for importation into the United States must be free of sand, soil, earth, and other growing media, except if a written agreement exists between the grower of the article and plant protection service of the country where the article is grown. In this document, the grower agrees to allow

an inspector access to the growing facility to monitor compliance with specific PPQ growing conditions.

<u>Recordkeeping</u>–**Greenhouses (nursery stock) (business)** – Participants must maintain records of program activities, including corrective measures, for a minimum of 3 years.

Temperature Recordings of Foreign Plants (foreign government) - Certain fruits entering the United States have requirements for refrigeration during transport. In order to maintain these temperature requirements, an inspector of the country of origin must sample fruit temperatures from all refrigerator compartments during the transfer of the fruit from a dockside refrigeration plant to the vessel. Once this inspector determines that the pre-cooling has been accomplished, he/she must prepare a record of the temperature recordings to accompany the certificate.

Trapping and Survey Procedures (business) - Any other commodity not listed in APHIS' regulations must meet certain criteria before it can be imported into the United States. The country of origin must provide APHIS with written detailed procedures for carrying out surveys and enforcing requirements to prevent injurious insects from being introduced into the United States. The criteria must be applied to all injurious insects that attack the commodity, and must be specific concerning those particular insects from which an area or district is to be considered free.

Foreign Trapping Records (foreign government) - The national Ministry of Agriculture keeps records of fruit fly finds for each trap, updates the records each time the traps are checked, and makes the records available to APHIS inspectors upon request. The records are maintained for 1 year.

<u>**Cold Treatment Plant Approval (fruits and vegetables) (foreign government)** – Fruits and vegetables intended for in-transit cold treatment must be precooled to no more than the highest temperature of the treatment schedule. An APHIS official must approve the loading of the fruits and vegetables in the treatment enclosure as adequate to allow temperatures to be taken prior to the beginning treatment.</u>

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.

Phytosanitary Certificate (foreign) – APHIS has no control or influence over when foreign countries will automate these certificates.

PPQ Form 368 – APHIS has automated this form and it can be found as a PDF file at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/permits/ppq_epermits.shtml

PPQ Form 526 – APHIS has automated this form and it can be found as a PDF file at: <u>http://www.aphis.usda.gov/permits/ppq_epermits.shtml</u>

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Written appeal of withdrawal of permit – This process can be automated by using the computer to write a letter.

Written Condition of Entry (Additional Declaration) – This process can be automated by writing a statement using a computer.

Annual Workplan – This action can be completed on a computer.

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 implementing laws that would require collecting information from a variety of individuals from within and outside the United States who are responsible for growing, packing, handling, transporting, and importing foreign plants, roots, bulbs, seeds, importing foreign logs, lumber, and other unmanufactured wood articles. 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.

APHIS estimates that eleven percent of the 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.

This information collection is critical to APHIS' mission of preventing exotic plant pests from entering the United States. An incursion of an exotic plant or insect pest could cause millions of dollars in damage to United States 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;

Before moving live plant pests or noxious weeds, APHIS must apply for an import permit at least 30 days before the restricted articles arrive at their port of entry in the United States.

Notification is given to an inspector, orally or in writing, within 30 days of the time the importer or the person in charge of the growing site finds any abnormality or if the article dies or is killed by the importer, the person in charge of the growing site, or any other person; to return the abnormal or dead article for at least 60 days following that date of notification; and to give the abnormal or dead article to an inspector upon request.

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

Greenhouses (nursery stock) – Participants must maintain records of program activities, including corrective measures, for a minimum of 3 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 statue 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.

No other special circumstances exist that would require this collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the general information collection gujidelines in 5 CFR 1320 5.

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.

Consultations concerning information collection activities were made with the following individuals during 2012:

Catherine Phillips Vice President, Sustainable Forestry Weyerhaeuser 33637 Weyerhaeuser Way South Federal Way, WA 98001 (253) 924-3111

Marc Teffeau Director of Research and Regulatory Affairs American Nursery and Landscape Association 1250 I Street NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20005 (202) 789-5980

Marybel Balendonck The National Bonsai Foundation 1775 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20006 202-862-1040 On Thursday, August 23, 2012, pages 50982-50983, 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. During that time, APHIS received one comment from an interested member of the public. This comment did not address the information being collected in this collection. Instead, the writer talked about the meat packing company in California and accused them of not having any regard to the handling of cows before they are slaughtered.

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.

The cost to the public was determined by multiplying the total number of burden hours (95,815) times the wage per hour rate. APHIS estimates that the average hourly wage is 26.01. $95,815 \times 26.01 = 2,492,148.10$

\$26.01 is the hourly rate derived from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics May 2011 Report - Occupational Employment and Wages in the United States. See http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/ocwage.pdf

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 startup 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 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 for the Federal Government is \$ 1,152,177. See APHIS Form 79.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB Form 83-1.

	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
Annual Number of Responses	303,936	0	0	2,086	0	301,850
Annual Time Burden (Hr)	95,253	0	0	-235	0	95,488
Annual Cost Burden (\$)	0	0	0	0	0	0

ICR Summary of Burden:

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Overall, the number of respondents increased by 210 from 92,250 to 92,730 (adjustment). Also, the annual responses increased by 2,086 responses from 301,850 to 303,936 (adjustment). The total burden hours decreased 235 hours from 95,488 to 95,253 (adjustment). The explanation of changes are below.

Increases because of change in hours per response:

PPQ 526 and 586 hours per response increased from .17 to .5 hour per response thus increasing the total burden hours 109 hours. Based on our experience, this is a more accurate estimate of the time needed to respond.

Labeling of Boxes' hours per response increased from .016 to .02 resulting in the total burden hours increasing 2 hours. Based on our experience, this is a more accurate estimate of the time needed to respond.

<u>Decrease – general adjustment:</u>

Phytosanity Certificate from Foreign country (foreign inspection certificate) (Nursery Stock) both the respondents and the responses decreased 105 thus decreasing the total burden hours by 126 hours. The decrease is a result of fewer importations of Nursery Stock.

Increase- general adjustments:

Phytosanity Certificates for Honey dew Melons and Hass Avocados' respondents and responses both increased by 105 thus increasing the total burden hours by 126 hours. The increase in burden is due to increased importation.

Written Agreement between Foreign Growers and Plant Officials of their Country's responses increased by 300 thus increasing the total burden hours by 51 hours. The increase in burden is due to increased importation.

Trapping and Survey Procedure (Fruit and Vegetable)'s responses increased 14,070 thus increasing the total burden hours by 3,518 hours. The increase in burden is due to increased importation.

Items with No Activity:

Marking Requirements "other" commodity and 319.56-2 (c) (d) Fruit and Vegetable decreased the responses by 12,284 and the total burden hours by 3,915 hours. There was no activity in the last 3 years nor does APHIS foresee activity for these commodities in the near future. As a result, APHIS is not accounting for them as burden.

PPQ 546 businesses and farms were combined (numbers stayed the same).

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 APHIS 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 Form 368 (Notice of Arrival) - APHIS has no plans to seek approval for not displaying the OMB expiration date on its form.

PPQ Form 526 (Application for Permit to Move Live Plant Pests or Noxious Weeds) -This form is used in three 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 this form.

PPQ Form 546 (Agreement for Post-entry Quarantine-State Screening Notice) - APHIS has no plans to seek approval for not displaying the OMB expiration date on its form.

PPQ Form 564 (Mailing Labels) APHIS has no plans to seek approval for not displaying the OMB expiration date on its form.

PPQ Form 585 (Application for Permit to Import Timber and Timber Products) - APHIS has no plans to seek approval for not displaying the OM B expiration date on its form

PPQ FORM 586 (Application for Permit to Transit Plants and/or Plant Products through the United States) This form is used in four collections; therefore, it is not practical to include an OMB expiration date because of the various expiration dates for each collection. APHIS has no plans to seek approval for not displaying the OMB expiration date on its form.

PPQ Form 587 (Application for Permit to Import Plants or Plant Products) - This form is used in seven 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 this form.

.**PPQ Form 588** (Application for Permit to Import Plants for Experimental Purposes) - APHIS has no plans to seek approval for not displaying the OMB expiration date on its form.

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

APHIS is able to certify compliance with all the provisions under the Act.