

Justification for Nonsubstantive Change 1  
ICR 0579-0256  
VS Form 16-4, VS Form 16-4A

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VS Form 16-4

APHIS requests that the pre-printed standard declaration “This is to certify that rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the United States of America” be removed from the basic VS Form 16-4 and instead be added by APHIS or the preparer as a declaration only when needed.

APHIS already provides preparers the exact declarations that must be added to the VS Form 16-4 and preparers copy the declaration text into the “Additional Declarations” section of the form. Preparers are accustomed to these declarations changing as new requirements are negotiated.

This change brings the form in alignment with our policies and the current World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) recommendations regarding WOAHA listed diseases, and allows APHIS to take preemptive measures to ensure continuity of trade in the unlikely event of a disease outbreak within the United States. Industry requested and supports the removal of this pre-printed statement.

Other changes include changing the caption “TYPED NAME” to “NAME OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL”. This ensures the data cells are consistent in style.

Preparation time is unaffected by these changes. There is no change of burden on the public generated by removal of this pre-printed statement.

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In the 2020 renewal packet, the OMB public burden statements on the VS 16-4 and 16-4A forms were accidentally transposed when the statements were updated from a previous submission.

The OMB statement for VS Form 16-4 is corrected to point to 0579-0256 and the burden estimate corrected to 20 minutes as reported on the APHIS 71. The form submitted in the previous renewal action erroneously pointed to 0579-0020 which was from an older, previously associated ICR. The OMB statement for the continuation sheet, VS Form 16-4A, is corrected to 10 minutes as reported on the APHIS 71.