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Notice Title:

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Importation of Poultry Meat and Other Poultry Products From Sinaloa and Sonora, Mexico; Poultry and Pork Transiting the United States

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Comment:

To Whom It May Concern,

I submit this comment in response to the USDA APHIS notice regarding the revision and extension of information collection for the importation and transit of poultry and pork from Sinaloa and Sonora, Mexico.

While this notice is primarily administrative in nature, it raises broader considerations regarding the carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions associated with international agricultural product transport and inspection systems. As such, I encourage APHIS to include climate-relevant data in future iterations of its information collection and operational frameworks.

Key recommendations:

Estimate CO₂ Emissions from Cross-Border Transit: The transboundary movement of animal products involves refrigerated transport, inspection infrastructure, and often longer logistical chains than domestic

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sources. These operations are not climate-neutral, and tracking even basic emissions metrics could inform future improvements in route efficiency and policy design.

Promote Transparency in Emission-Intensive Processes: As international trade in animal protein grows, U.S. regulatory frameworks should evolve to reflect concerns over the climate impacts of global meat supply chains, including emissions from production, processing, and transport.

Enable CO₂-Informed Risk Assessment: If risk-based inspection criteria are used to manage animal health concerns, integrating CO₂ cost as a parallel consideration could help guide decisions toward lower-impact alternatives.

Future-Proof Regulatory Collection: Information collected under this program can lay the groundwork for future policy tools that reward or prioritize lower-emission trade partners, cold chain technologies, or transport routes—enhancing both climate mitigation and public trust.

This comment is not intended to disrupt necessary cross-border commerce or undermine animal health protocols. Rather, it seeks to highlight the opportunity to embed climate accountability and emissions awareness into the administrative tools that govern food system infrastructure.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued service in protecting U.S. agriculture and public health.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen
Submitted Anonymously
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