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directly to the review of transactions undertaken by the exporter in connection with the payment guarantee.

(2) The exporter must maintain the proof of entry required by §1493.100(b), and must provide access to such documentation if requested by the Secretary of Agriculture or his authorized representative for the five-year period specified in paragraph (e)(1) of this section.

(f) *Responsibility of program participants.* It is the responsibility of all program participants to review, and fully acquaint themselves with, all regulations, Program Announcements, and Notices to Participants relating to the GSM-102 or GSM-103 program, as applicable. Applicants for payment guarantees under these programs are hereby on notice that they will be bound by any terms contained in applicable Program Announcements or Notices to Participants issued prior to the date of approval of a payment guarantee.

(g) *Submission of documents by principal officers.* All required submissions, including certifications, applications, reports, or requests (*i.e.*, requests for amendments), by exporters or exporters' assignees under this subpart must be signed by a principal or officer of the exporter or exporter's assignee or their authorized designee(s). In cases where the designee is acting on behalf of the principal or the officer, the signature must be accompanied by: wording indicating the delegation of authority or, in the alternative, by a certified copy of the delegation of authority; and the name and title of the authorized person or officer. Further, the exporter or exporter's assignee must ensure that all information/reports required under these regulations are submitted within the required time limits. If requested in writing, CCC will acknowledge receipt of a submission by the exporter or the exporter's assignee. If acknowledgment of receipt is requested, the exporter or exporter's assignee must submit an extra copy of each document and a stamped self-addressed envelope for return by U.S. mail. If courier services are desired for the return receipt, the exporter or exporter's assignee must also submit a self-addressed courier service order

which includes the recipient's billing code for such service.

(h) *Officials not to benefit.* No member of or delegate to Congress, or Resident Commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of the payment guarantee or to any benefit that may arise therefrom, but this provision shall not be construed to extend to the payment guarantee if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

(i) *OMB control number assigned pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.* The information collection requirements contained in this part (7 CFR part 1493) have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 and have been assigned OMB Control Number 0551-0004.

Subpart C—CCC Facility Guarantee Program (FGP) Operations

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§ 1493.200 General statement.

This subpart governs the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) Facility Guarantee Program (FGP). CCC will issue facility payment guarantees for project applications meeting the terms and conditions of the Facility Guarantee Program (FGP) and where private sector financing is otherwise not available. This subpart describes the criteria and procedures for applying for a facility payment guarantee, and contains the general terms and conditions of such a guarantee. These general terms and conditions may be supplemented by special terms and conditions specified in program announcements or notices to participants published prior to the issuance of a facility payment guarantee and, if so, will be incorporated by reference on the face of the facility payment guarantee issued by CCC.

§ 1493.210 Definition of terms.

Terms set forth in this subpart will have the following meaning:

Assignee. A financial institution in the United States which, for adequate

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consideration given, has obtained the legal rights to receive payment under the facility payment guarantee.

CCC. The Commodity Credit Corporation, an agency and instrumentality of the United States within the U.S. Department of Agriculture, authorized pursuant to the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act of 1948, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 714 *et seq.*, and subject to the general supervision and direction of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Contacts P/R. A notice issued by Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (FAS/USDA) by public press release which contains specific names, addresses, and telephone and facsimile numbers of contacts within FAS/USDA and CCC. The Contacts P/R also contains details about where to submit information required to qualify for program participation, to apply for payment guarantees, to request amendments of facility payment guarantees, to submit evidence of export reports, and to give notices of default and file claims for loss.

Contract value. The total negotiated dollar amount for the export sale of goods and services to emerging markets.

Date of export for goods. The on-board date of an ocean bill of lading or an airway bill, the on-board ocean carrier date of an intermodal bill of lading; or, if exported by rail or truck, the date of entry shown on an entry certificate or similar document issued and signed by an official of the government of the importing country.

Date of export for services. The date interest begins to accrue on credit extended to cover payment for services, except for freight and marine insurance where the date of export is the same date as for the goods exported.

Discounts and allowances. Any consideration provided directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of an exporter, to an importer in connection with a sale of goods or services, in excess of the value of such goods or services. Discounts or allowances include, but are not limited to, the provision of additional goods, services or benefits; the promise to provide additional goods, services or benefits in the future; financial rebates; the assumption of any financial or contractual obligation; or the whole or partial

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release of the importer from any financial or contractual obligation.

Facility. An opportunity or project that improves the handling, marketing, processing, storage, or distribution of imported agricultural commodities or products.

GSM. The General Sales Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, acting in his capacity as Vice President, CCC; or his designee.

U.S. goods. Goods that are assembled, processed or manufactured in, and exported from, the United States including goods which contain imported raw materials or imported components.

U.S. services. Services performed by citizens or legal residents of the United States, including those temporarily residing outside the United States.

§ 1493.220 Exporter eligibility.

An exporter may apply for a facility payment guarantee if such exporter:

- (a) Is a citizen or legal resident of the United States or is a business organized under the laws of any state of the United States or the District of Columbia;
- (b) Has an established place of business in the United States;
- (c) Has a registered agent for service of process in the United States; and
- (d) Is not suspended or debarred, or owned or controlled by a person who is suspended or debarred, from contracting with, or participating in programs administered by, a U.S. Government agency.

§ 1493.230 Eligible transactions.

(a) *Program announcements.* From time to time CCC will issue program announcements indicating the availability of facility payment guarantees in connection with sales of goods or services to emerging markets. The announcements will specify the emerging markets, the maximum amount, in U.S. dollars, of guarantee exposure that CCC will undertake, and may specify special terms or conditions that will be applicable.

(b) *Sale requirements.* CCC will issue facility payment guarantees only in connection with projects that CCC determines will benefit primarily exports of U.S. agricultural commodities and