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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

7 CFR Parts 1487, 1491, 1492 and 1495

Regulatory Reform Initiative

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: In response to the President's Regulatory Reform Initiative, the Commodity Credit Corporation is proposing to amend its regulations to eliminate the following programs: Noncommercial Risk Assurance Program (GSM-101); CCC Intermediate Credit Export Sales Program for Breeding Animals (GSM-201); CCC Intermediate Credit Export Sales Program for Foreign Market Development Facilities (GSM-301); and Disposition of Agricultural Commodities under the CCC Barter Program (Barter Program).

These programs are inactive or obsolete and have not been used in 15 years or more.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning these proposed regulations should be addressed to L.T. McElvain, Director, CCC Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AG Box 1035, Washington, D.C., 20250-1035; FAX (202) 720-2949. All comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: L.T. McElvain, Director, CCC Operations Division, at the address stated above. Telephone (202) 720-6211. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs and marital or familial status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (braille, large print, audiotape, etc.)

should contact the USDA Office of Communications at (202) 720-5881 (voice) or (202) 720-7808 (TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This proposed rule is issued in conformance with Executive Order 12866. It has been determined to be neither significant nor economically significant for the purposes of E.O. 12866 and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

It has been determined that the Regulatory Flexibility Act is not applicable to this proposed rule since CCC is not required by 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other provision of law to publish a notice of rulemaking with respect to the subject matter of this rule.

Executive Order 12372

These programs are not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. See notice related to 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, published at 48 FR 29115 (June 24, 1983).

Environmental Evaluation

It has been determined by an environmental evaluation that this action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is needed.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The amendment to 7 CFR parts 1487, 1491, 1492 and 1495 set forth in this proposed rule does not contain information collections that require clearance by the OMB under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 35.

Executive Order 12778

This proposed rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform. The proposed rule would not have preemptive effect with respect to any state or local laws, regulations, or policies which conflict with such provisions or which otherwise impede their full implementation. The rule would not have retroactive effect.

The Department of Agriculture is committed to carrying out its statutory and regulatory mandates in a manner that best serves the public interest. Therefore, where legal discretion permits, the Department actively seeks to promulgate regulations that promote economic growth, create jobs, are minimally burdensome, and are easy for the public to understand, use or comply with. In short, the Department is committed to issuing regulations that maximize net benefits to society and minimize costs imposed by those regulations.

Request for Public Comment

Comments are requested with respect to this proposed rule and such comments shall be considered in developing the final rule.

Background

In response to the President's Regulatory Reform Initiative, the Commodity Credit Corporation is proposing to amend Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations to remove the following parts:

- Part 1487—Noncommercial Risk Assurance Program (GSM-101);
- Part 1491—CCC Intermediate Credit Export Sales Program for Breeding Animals (GSM-201);
- Part 1492—CCC Intermediate Credit Export Sales Program for Foreign Market Development Facilities (GSM-301); and
- Part 1495—Disposition of Agricultural Commodities under the CCC Barter Program (Barter Program).

Reasons for Removal

CCC proposes to remove these parts for the following reasons:

- GSM-101—This risk assurance program, implemented in 1979, covered only non-commercial or political risk and became obsolete when the CCC Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102) was introduced in 1980 to cover political and commercial risk. The GSM-101 program was last used in 1981.
- GSM-201—This direct credit program has been used only once (a transaction for livestock exports to Spain in 1979). The terms available under the program—3 to 10 year direct credits—could be made available under a modified GSM-5 Program (7 CFR Part 1488) Financing of Sales of Agricultural Commodities Program.

- GSM-301—This direct credit program was intended to facilitate commodity exports which would be sold to generate funds to finance the construction of a market development project. The program was used only once (in connection with a bulk grain discharge and storage facility developed at Ashdod, Israel). That project began in 1978 and was completed in the early 1980's. For a number of years, funding has not been made available for this program.

- Barter Program—From 1950 through 1973, CCC exchanged CCC-owned agricultural commodities for strategic and critical materials for the National Defense Stockpile. The program could also be used to obtain foreign-produced supplies and services used in Department of Defense construction projects and Agency for International Development projects. The program was terminated in 1973 when CCC stocks were depleted. The National Defense Stockpile is now liquidating many strategic materials. Also, CCC has authority, which it has at times used, to enter into direct barter arrangements under the CCC Charter Act in order to obtain strategic materials for defense stock piles.

List of Subjects

7 CFR Part 1487

Agricultural commodities, Exports, Insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

7 CFR Parts 1491 and 1492

Exports, Livestock, Loan programs-agriculture, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

7 CFR Part 1495

Agricultural commodities, Exports, Government procurement, Strategic and critical materials.

PARTS 1487, 1491, 1492, 1495— [REMOVED]

For the reasons set out in the preamble under the authority at 5 U.S.C. Section 552(a)(1)(E), it is proposed to amend 7 CFR Chapter XIV by removing parts 1487, 1491, 1492 and 1495.

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 1, 1995.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 20

RIN 3150-AF31

Constraint Level for Air Emissions of Radionuclides

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to establish a constraint of 10 mrem/yr total effective dose equivalent (TEDE) for dose to members of the public from air emissions of radionuclides from NRC licensed facilities other than power reactors. This proposed rule is necessary to provide assurance to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that future emissions from NRC licensees will not exceed levels that will provide an ample margin of safety. This action is expected to be the final step in providing EPA with a basis upon which to rescind its Clean Air Act (CAA) regulations for NRC licensed facilities (other than power reactors) and Agreement State licensees, thereby relieving these licensees from unnecessary dual regulations.

DATES: Submit comments by March 12, 1996. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Docketing and Services Branch. Hand deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays.

Comments may be submitted electronically, in either ASCII text or Wordperfect format (version 5.1 or later), by calling the NRC Electronic Rulemaking Bulletin Board (BBS) on FEDWORLD.

The BBS is an electronic information system operated by the National Technical Information Service of the Department of Commerce. The purpose of this bulletin board BBS is to facilitate public participation in the NRC regulatory process, particularly rulemakings. With publication of this notice, proposed rulemakings and appropriate supporting documents will be available for review and comment on the BBS. These same documents are also available for review and comment at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW. (Lower Level), Washington,

DC. The BBS may be accessed using a personal computer, a modem, and one of the commonly available communications software packages, or directly via Internet.

The NRC rulemaking bulletin board (rulemaking subsystem) on FEDWORLD can be accessed directly by using a personal computer and modem, dialing the toll free number at 1-800-303-9672. Communication software parameters should be set as follows: parity to none, data bits to 8, and stop bits to 1 (N,8,1). Using ANSI or VT-100 terminal emulation, the NRC rulemaking subsystem can then be accessed by selecting the "Rules Menu" option from the "NRC Main Menu." For further information about options available for NRC at FEDWORLD consult the "Help/Information Center" from the "NRC Main Menu." Users will find the "FEDWORLD Online User's Guides" particularly helpful. Many NRC subsystems and databases also have a "Help/Information Center" option that is tailored to the particular subsystem.

The NRC subsystem on FEDWORLD also can be accessed by a direct dial phone number for the main FEDWORLD BBS at 703-321-3339; or by using Telnet via Internet: fedworld.gov. Using the 703 number to contact FEDWORLD, the NRC subsystem will be accessed from the main FEDWORLD menu by selecting the "Regulatory, Government Administration and State Systems," then selecting "Regulatory Information Mall." At that point, a menu will be displayed that has the option "U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission" that will take you to the NRC Online main menu. The NRC Online area also can be accessed directly by typing "/go nrc" at a FEDWORLD command line. If you access NRC from FEDWORLD's main menu, then you may return to FEDWORLD by selecting the "Return to FEDWORLD" option from the NRC Online Main Menu. However, if you access NRC at FEDWORLD by using NRC's toll-free number, then you will have full access to all NRC systems, but you will not have access to the main FEDWORLD system.

If you contact FEDWORLD using Telnet, you will see the NRC area and menus, including the "Rules Menu". Although you will be able to download documents and leave messages, you will not be able to write comments or upload files. If you contact FEDWORLD using FTP, all files can be accessed and downloaded, but uploads are not allowed, and all you will see is a list of files without descriptions (normal Gopher look). An index file listing all files within a subdirectory, with