Marketing Order Administration Branch within two days of receipt of the exempt lot, that such lot has been received and will be utilized in the exempt outlet.

(c) It is the responsibility of the importer to notify the Marketing Order Administration Branch of any lot of exempt commodity rejected by a receiver, shipped to an alternative exempt receiver, exported, or otherwise disposed of. In such cases, a second ''Importer's Exempt Commodity Form'' must be filed by the importer providing sufficient information to determine ultimate disposition of the exempt lot and such disposition shall be so certified by the final receiver.

(d) All FV–6 forms and other correspondence regarding entry of 8e commodities must be mailed to the Marketing Order Administration Branch, USDA, AMS, P.O. Box 96456, room 2523–S, Washington, D.C. 20090–6456, telephone (202) 720–4607. FV–6 forms submitted by fax must be followed by a mailed, original copy of the FV–6. Fax transmissions may be sent to the MOAB at (202) 720–5698.

Dated: February 23, 1996.

Sharon Bomer Lauritsen,

Deputy Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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[No. LS–96–002]

Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Program

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service; USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Referendum Results

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing that sheep producers, sheep feeders, and importers of sheep and sheep products voting in a national referendum on February 6, 1996, have approved the Sheep and Wool Promotion, Research, Education, and Information Order (Order).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph L. Tapp, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, Livestock and Seed Division, AMS, USDA, Room 2606–S; P.O. Box 96456; Washington, D.C. 20090–6456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1994, 7 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.* (Act), the Department of Agriculture conducted a referendum on February 6, 1996, among eligible sheep producers, sheep feeders, and importers of sheep and sheep products to determine if an Order would become effective.

Of the 19,801 valid ballots cast, 10,707 (54.1 percent) favored and 9,094 (45.9 percent) opposed the implementation of the Order. Additionally, of those persons who cast valid ballots in the referendum, those who favored the Order account for 40 percent of the total production voted, and those opposed account for 60 percent of the total production voted. The Order could have been approved by either a majority of the producers, feeders, and importers voting in the referendum or by those voting in the referendum who accounted for at least two-thirds of the production represented.

Therefore, based on the referendum results, the Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the required majority of eligible producers, feeders, and importers who voted absentee or in person in the February 6, 1996, national referendum voted to implement the Order. As a result, a promotion, research, education, and information program will be funded by a mandatory assessment on domestic sheep producers, lamb feeders, and exporters of live sheep and greasy wool of 1 cent per pound on live sheep sold and 2 cents per pound on greasy wool sold. Importers will be assessed (1) 1 cent per pound on live sheep; (2) the equivalent of 1 cent per pound of live sheep for sheep products; and (3) 2 cents per pound of degreased wool or the equivalent of degreased wool for wool and wool products. Imported raw wool will be exempt from assessments. Each person who processes or causes to be processed sheep or sheep products of that person's own production and markets the processed products, will be assessed the equivalent of 1 cent per pound of live sheep sold or 2 cents per pound of greasy wool sold. All assessments may be adjusted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Act. The date when assessments will begin will be announced at a later date.

Dated: March 20, 1996.

Lon Hatamiya,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

8 CFR Parts 103, 204, 205 and 216

[INS No. 1705–95]

RIN 1115–AE04

Petition to Classify Alien as Immediate Relative of a United States Citizen or as a Preference Immigrant; Self-Petitioning for Certain Battered or Abused Spouses and Children

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: This interim rule amends the Immigration and Naturalization Service (''the Service'') regulations to allow a spouse or child to seek immigrant classification if he or she has been battered by, or subjected to extreme cruelty committed by, the citizen or lawful permanent resident spouse or parent. It also permits a spouse to seek classification if his or her child has been battered by, or subjected to extreme cruelty committed by, the citizen or lawful permanent resident spouse. A qualified spouse or child who is living in the United States but is not a permanent resident may use the procedures established by this rule to self-petition for immigrant classification. The self-petition may be filed without the abuser's knowledge or consent, and may include the children of a self-petitioning spouse. A person who is granted immigrant classification under this provision may become eligible for lawful permanent resident status. A lawful permanent resident of the United States has legal permission to live and work in this country, and may later qualify for U.S. citizenship through naturalization.

DATES: This interim rule is effective March 26, 1996. Written comments must be received on or before May 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments, in triplicate, to the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street NW., Room 5307, Washington, DC 20536, Attn: Public Comment Clerk. To ensure proper handling, please reference the INS number 1705–95 on your correspondence. Comments are available for public inspection at this location by calling (202) 514–3048 to arrange an appointment.