B. New Business
- Registration of Loan Originators Under the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008

C. Reports
- OE Quarterly Report

Closed Session *
- Update on OE Oversight Activities

Dated: January 5, 2009.
Roland E. Smith,
Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notices

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:
- Correction and Approval of Minutes.
- Management and Administrative Matters.

Individuals who plan to attend and require special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Mary Dove, Commission Secretary, at (202) 694–1040, at least 72 hours prior to the hearing date.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 9, 2009, at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:
- Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.
- Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.
- Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.
- Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

* Session Closed—Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6) and (9).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice Regarding Revisions to the Laboratory Protocol To Measure the Quantity of Nicotine Contained in Smokeless Tobacco Products Manufactured, Imported, or Packaged in the United States

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice and Summary of Public Comments.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the uniform protocol for the analysis of nicotine, total moisture, and pH in smokeless tobacco products (“Protocol”). The Protocol, originally published in the Federal Register in 1999 (64 FR 14086) and revised in the Federal Register on March 14, 2008 (73 FR 13903), implements the requirement of the Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Education Act (CSTHEA) of 1986 (15 U.S.C. 4401 et seq., Pub. L. 99–252) that each person manufacturing, packaging, or importing smokeless tobacco products shall annually provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) with a specification of the quantity of nicotine contained in each smokeless tobacco product. CDC re-published the notice in the Federal Register on June 23, 2008 (73 FR 35395) concerning the revision of the Protocol (1) To make a technical change to correct the date when the first report of information under the revised Protocol is due and (2) to solicit public comments concerning a change in the Protocol that increased the volume of deionized, distilled water to facilitate measurement of pH values. After evaluating information that was brought to the attention of CDC regarding low moisture smokeless tobacco products packaged in portion pouches, CDC conducted an independent comparison of pH measurements in a wide variety of low and high moisture smokeless tobacco products. The results of the comparison indicated an acceptable (less than 2%) level of change in pH values when measurements were taken with 20 mL deionized, distilled water compared to the volume of deionized, distilled water specified in the previous Protocol. Increasing the volume of water in the mixture ensured that the matrix was sufficiently fluid to facilitate ease of measure. Thus, it is anticipated that the change in the volume of liquid for pH determination will facilitate the ease of measure of smokeless tobacco pH for all currently marketed smokeless tobacco categories (i.e., plug, twist, moist snuff, dry snuff, snus, low moisture snuff sold in portion pouches, and smokeless tobacco sold in a compressed, pellet form. Some of the new smokeless tobacco product categories differ physically from previous smokeless tobacco categories, prompting a revision to the Protocol to reflect the current state of the marketplace.

Through its review of the Protocol, CDC also determined that an increase in volume of deionized, distilled water would facilitate measurements of pH values. After evaluating information that was brought to the attention of CDC regarding low moisture smokeless tobacco products packaged in portion pouches, CDC conducted an independent comparison of pH measurements in a wide variety of low and high moisture smokeless tobacco products. The results of the comparison indicated an acceptable (less than 2%) level of change in pH values when measurements were taken with 20 mL deionized, distilled water compared to the volume of deionized, distilled water specified in the previous Protocol. Increasing the volume of water in the mixture ensured that the matrix was sufficiently fluid to facilitate ease of measure. Thus, it is anticipated that the change in the volume of liquid for pH determination will facilitate the ease of measure of smokeless tobacco pH for all currently marketed smokeless tobacco categories (i.e., plug, twist, moist snuff, dry snuff, snus, low moisture snuff sold in portion pouches, and smokeless tobacco sold in a compressed, pellet form). Some of the new smokeless tobacco product categories differ physically from previous smokeless tobacco categories, prompting a revision to the Protocol to reflect the current state of the marketplace.

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Darlene Harris, Deputy Secretary of the Commission. [FR Doc. E8–31465 Filed 1–6–09; 8:45 am]
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since the implementation of the Protocol in 1999, several smokeless tobacco product categories have entered the U.S. smokeless tobacco market including snus, low moisture snuff sold in portion pouches, and smokeless tobacco sold in a compressed, pellet form. Some of the new smokeless tobacco product categories differ physically from previous smokeless tobacco categories, prompting a revision to the Protocol to reflect the current state of the marketplace.