Alternatives to This Proposed Rule

The committee discussed alternatives to this change. One option considered was using one of the three prior year's domestic shipments to compute trade demand, pursuant to §989.54(a) of the order. However, the order permits this only if the prior year's domestic shipments were limited due to crop conditions. Since 2009–10 shipments have increased, the committee concluded this option was not viable.

Another alternative considered was utilizing the computed trade demand formula in the order and using all available funds to support the ERO. However, the committee estimates that the funds remaining from the 2009–10 reserve pool would only support the ERO through August 2010, which would leave the industry without assets to support an ERO for eleven months of the season.

A third alternative considered was to maintain the existing language from §989.154(b) and making it applicable to the 2010–11 crop year. (Section 989.154(b) currently authorizes the committee to use an estimated trade demand for the 2008–09 season only.) However, merely making a recommendation to change the applicable crop year did not address the potential needs of the industry. The existing language limited the committee by mandating that no reserve would be established if the 2010–11 crop estimate was less than 215,000 natural condition tons. After a series of discussions from two subcommittees, the committee determined that a more appropriate lower threshold for utilizing estimated trade demand would be 110 percent of the prior year’s domestic shipments rather than a fixed quantity of 215,000 tons.

This proposed rule provides parameters for implementing volume regulation, if necessary, for 2010–11 crop NS raisins for the purposes of stabilizing the domestic market and maintaining a portion of the industry’s export markets.

Accordingly, this action would not impose any additional reporting or recordkeeping requirements on either small or large raisin handlers. As with all Federal marketing order programs, reports and forms are periodically reviewed to reduce information requirements and duplication by industry and public sector agencies.

AMS is committed to complying with the E-Government Act, to promote the use of the Internet and other information technologies to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

USDA has not identified any relevant Federal rules that duplicate, overlap or conflict with this proposed rule.

In addition, the committee’s Rulemaking Work Group and the Administrative Issues Subcommittee each deliberated this issue at their meetings on May 11 and May 13, 2010, respectively, prior to the committee’s meeting on May 13, 2010. All three meetings were widely publicized throughout the raisin industry, and all interested persons were invited to attend the meetings and encouraged to participate in subcommittee and committee deliberations on all issues. Like all subcommittee and committee meetings, the May 11 and 13, 2010, meetings were public meetings; and all entities, both large and small, were able to express their views on this issue. Finally, interested persons are invited to submit comments on this proposed rule, including the regulatory and informational impacts of this action on small businesses.

A small business guide on complying with fruit, vegetable, and specialty crop marketing agreements and orders may be viewed at: http://www.ams.usda.gov/MarketingOrdersSmallBusinessGuide.

Any questions about the compliance guide should be sent to Antoinette Carter at the previously mentioned address in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

A 15-day comment period is provided to allow interested persons to respond to this proposal. Fifteen days is deemed appropriate because this action, if adopted, should be in place by the beginning of the 2010–11 crop year, August 1. All written comments timely received will be considered before a final determination is made on this matter.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 989

Grapes, Marketing agreements, Raisins, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 989 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 989—RAISINS PRODUCED FROM GRAPES GROWN IN CALIFORNIA

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 989 continues to read as follows:


2. In §989.154, paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

§989.154 Marketing policy computations.

(b) Estimated trade demand. Pursuant to §989.54(o)(4), estimated trade demand is a figure different than the trade demand computed according to the formula in §989.54(a). The Committee shall use an estimated trade demand to compute preliminary and interim free and reserve percentages, or determine such final percentages for recommendation to the Secretary for the 2010–11 crop year of Natural (sun-dried) Seedless (NS) raisins if the crop estimate is equal to, less than, or no more than 10 percent greater than the computed trade demand: Provided, That the final reserve percentage computed using such estimated trade demand shall be no more than 10 percent, and no reserve shall be established if the final 2010–11 NS raisin crop estimate is less than 110 percent of the previous crop year’s domestic shipments.

Dated: August 2, 2010.

David R. Shipman,
Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Austin, Texas. The second meeting will be held at the NRC in Rockville, Maryland. During the comment period, comments may also be mailed to the NRC or submitted via fax.

DATES: September 1, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Austin, Texas and September 20, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Rockville, Maryland.

ADDRESSES: The September 1st meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 6505 Interstate Highway 35 North, Austin, Texas. The September 20th meeting will be held at the NRC Auditorium, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of these meetings is to obtain stakeholder comments on the draft implementation guidance for proposed 10 CFR part 37 Physical Protection of Byproduct Material. The proposed rule to which the guidance applies was published on June 15, 2010 (75 FR 33902) and the public comment period ends October 13, 2010. Documents related to the proposed rule can be found at http://www.regulations.gov by searching on Docket ID NRC–2008–0120.

The availability of implementation guidance was noticed on July 14, 2010 (75 FR 40756) and the public comment period ends November 12, 2010. The implementation document provides guidance to a licensee or applicant for implementation of proposed 10 CFR part 37, Physical Protection of Byproduct Material, specifically Category 1 and Category 2 quantities of radioactive material. It is intended for use by applicants, licensees, Agreement States, and NRC staff. The document describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing proposed 10 CFR part 37. The approaches and methods described in the document are provided for information only. Methods and solutions different from those described in the document are acceptable if they meet the requirements in proposed 10 CFR part 37. The guidance is provided in the form of questions and answers on the provisions of the proposed rule. The draft implementation guidance document for proposed 10 CFR part 37 is available electronically under ADAMS Accession Number ML101470684, and can also be found at http://www.regulations.gov by searching on Docket ID: NRC–2010–0194.

AGENDA: Registration—8 a.m.–4:45 p.m.; Welcome and Introduction—8:30 a.m.; Meeting Ground Rules—8:45 a.m.; Discussion on Subpart B—8:50 a.m.; Discussion on Subpart C—10:45 a.m.; Discussion on Subpart D—1:30 p.m.; Part 37 Open Discussion—3:15 p.m.; Summary and Next Steps—4:45 p.m.

Attendees are encouraged to notify Amanda Noonan, telephone (301) 415–2551, e-mail Amanda.Noonan@nrc.gov to pre-register for the meetings. You will be able to register at the meetings, as well. To ensure that everyone who wishes has the chance to speak, we may impose a time limit on speakers.

Both oral and written comments on the implementation guidance will be accepted at the meetings. In addition, the staff will accept written comments on the proposed rule.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of July 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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