DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Marketing Service

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United States Standards for Grades of Eggplant

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), of the Department of Agriculture (USDA), is revising the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Eggplant. AMS has reviewed the fresh fruit and vegetable grade standards for usefulness in serving the industry. As a result, AMS will amend the similar varietal characteristic requirement in the U.S. Fancy and No. 1 grades to allow mixed colors and/or type packs when designated as a mixed or specialty pack. In addition, AMS will remove the “Unclassified” category from the standards.

DATES: Effective Date: February 4, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Horner, Standardization Branch, Specialty Crops Inspection Division, (540) 361–1128. The United States Standards for Grades of Eggplant are available through the Specialty Crops Inspection Division Web site at http://www.ams.usda.gov/freshinspection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture “to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices.” AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables not connected with Federal Marketing Orders or U.S. Import Requirements, no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations, but are maintained by USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, and are available on the internet at www.ams.usda.gov/freshinspection.

AMS is revising the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Eggplant procedures that appear in Part 36, Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36).

Background and Comments

On February 9, 2012, AMS published a notice in the Federal Register (77 FR 6774), soliciting comments regarding amending the varietal characteristic requirement in the U.S. Fancy and No. 1 grades, removing the unclassified section, and any other possible revision to the United States Standards for Grades of Eggplant. The public comment period closed on April 9, 2012, with no responses.

Based on the information gathered, AMS believes that permitting mixed colors and/or type packs will facilitate the marketing of eggplant by providing the industry with more flexibility that reflects current marketing practices and consumer demand. Therefore, AMS will revise provisions concerning the “U.S. Fancy” and “U.S. No. 1” grades by adding “except when specified as a mixed or specialty pack” to the similar varietal characteristics requirement. In addition, AMS will remove the “Unclassified” category from the standards.

The official grade of a lot of eggplant covered by these standards will be determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification, and Standards of Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (Sec. 51.1 to 51.61).

The United States Standards for Grades of Eggplant will be effective 30 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register.


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annual rates, publish the rates in \textit{Federal Register} notices prior to the start of each calendar year, and apply the rates on the first FSIS pay period at the beginning of the calendar year.

This notice provides the 2013 rates, which will be applied starting on January 13, 2013.

\textbf{2013 Rates and Calculations}

The following table lists the 2013 Rates per hour, per employee, by type of service:

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FSIS determined the 2013 rates using the following calculations:

\textit{Basetime Rate} = The quotient of dividing the Office of Field Operations (OFO) plus Office of International Affairs (OIA) inspection program personnel’s previous fiscal year’s regular direct pay by the previous fiscal year’s regular hours, plus the quotient multiplied by the calendar year’s percentage of cost of living increase, plus the benefits rate, plus the travel and operating rate, plus the overhead rate, plus the allowance for bad debt rate.

The calculation for the 2013 basetime rate per hour per program employee is:

\[\text{[FY 2012 OFO and OIA Regular Direct Pay divided by the previous fiscal year’s Regular Hours ($463,760,597 / 16,663,724) = $27.83 + ($27.83 * 1.9\% (calendar year 2013 Cost of Living Increase) = $28.36 * 1.5 = $42.54 + $8.96 (benefits rate) + $7.0 (travel and operating rate) + $17.15 (overhead rate) + $0.01 (bad debt allowance rate) = $69.36.} \]

\textit{Holiday Rate} = The quotient of dividing the Office of Field Operations (OFO) plus Office of International Affairs (OIA) inspection program personnel’s previous fiscal year’s regular direct pay by the previous fiscal year’s regular hours, plus that quotient multiplied by the calendar year’s percentage of cost of living increase, multiplied by 2, plus the benefits rate, plus the travel and operating rate, plus the overhead rate, plus the allowance for bad debt rate.

The calculation for the 2013 holiday rate per hour per program employee is:

\[\text{[FY 2012 Direct Benefits/(Total Regular hours + Total Overtime hours + Total Holiday hours)($171,649,295 / 19,514,555) = $8.80 + ($8.80 * 1.9\% (calendar year 2013 Cost of Living Increase) = $8.96.} \]

\textit{Travel and Operating Rate} = The quotient of dividing the previous fiscal year’s total direct travel and operating costs by the previous fiscal year’s total hours (regular, overtime, and holiday), plus that quotient multiplied by the calendar year’s percentage of inflation.

The calculation for the 2013 travel and operating rate per hour per program employee is:

\[\text{[FY 2012 Total Direct Travel and Operating Costs/(Total Regular hours + Total Overtime hours + Total Holiday hours)($13,351,831 / 19,514,555) = $6.88 + ($6.88 * 1.6\% (2013 Inflation) = $7.0.} \]

\textit{Laboratory Services Rate} = The quotient of dividing the Office of Public Health Science (OPHS) previous fiscal year’s regular direct pay by the OPHS previous fiscal year’s regular hours, plus that quotient multiplied by the calendar year’s percentage of cost of living increase, plus the benefits rate, plus the travel and operating rate, plus the overhead rate, plus the allowance for bad debt rate.

The calculation for the 2013 laboratory services rate per hour per program employee is:

\[\text{[FY 2012 OPHS Regular Direct Pay/ OPHS Regular Hours ($22,908,043 / 19,514,555) = $16.88 + ($16.88 * 1.9\% (calendar year 2013 Cost of Living Increase) = $17.15.} \]

\textit{Allowance for Bad Debt Rate} = Previous fiscal year’s total allowance for bad debt (for example, debt owed that is not paid in full by plants and establishments that declare bankruptcy) divided by the previous fiscal year’s total hours (regular, overtime, and holiday) worked.

The calculation for the 2013 overhead rate per hour per program employee is:

\[\text{[FY 2012 Total Overhead/(Total Regular hours + Total Overtime hours + Total Holiday hours)($329,449,845 / 19,514,555) = $16.88 + ($16.88 * 1.6\% (2013 Inflation) = $17.15.} \]

\textit{Calculations for the Benefits, Travel and Operating, Overhead, and Allowance for Bad Debt Rates}

These rates are components of the basetime, overtime, holiday, and laboratory services rates formulas.

\textit{Benefits Rate} = The quotient of dividing the previous fiscal year’s direct benefits costs by the previous fiscal year’s total hours (regular, overtime, and holiday), plus that quotient multiplied by the calendar year’s percentage cost of living increase. Some examples of direct benefits are health insurance, retirement, life insurance, and Thrift Savings Plan basic and matching contributions.

The calculation for the 2013 benefits rate per hour per program employee is:

\[\text{[FY 2012 Direct Benefits/(Total Regular hours + Total Overtime hours + Total Holiday hours)($171,649,295 / 19,514,555) = $8.80 + ($8.80 * 1.9\% (calendar year 2013 Cost of Living Increase) = $8.96.} \]
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement for Healy Power Generation Unit #2, Healy, AK

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), intends to prepare a supplemental final environmental impact statement (SFEIS) to update information in the Department of Energy's (DOE's) "Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Healy Clean Coal Project" (FEIS), completed in 1993. The FEIS evaluated potential impacts to the human environment from DOE's proposal to partially fund the Healy Clean Coal Project (HCCP) in cooperation with the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA). The DOE published a Record of Decision for HCCP in 1994, and in 1997 Healy Unit #2 was constructed as a major modification to the existing Healy power plant, now known as Healy Unit #1. Healy Unit #1 is a 25 megawatt (MW) coal-fired boiler that has been owned and operated by Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) since 1967. Healy Unit #2 is a 50 MW coal-fired steam generator owned by AIDEA, which underwent test operation for two years as part of DOE's Clean Coal Technology Program. Unit #2 has been in warm layup since late 1999.

DATES: The Draft SFEIS is scheduled for publication in February 2013. A notice of availability will be published in the Federal Register announcing the review period of the SFEIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the SFEIS by any of the following methods: Mail: Deirdre M. Remley, Environmental Protection Specialist, RUS, Water and Environmental Programs, Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 2022, Washington, DC 20250–9410 or call 202–720–5964 (voice and TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Done at Washington, DC, on: December 26, 2012.

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Administrator.

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