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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

2 CFR Parts 180 and 200

Guidance for Reporting and Use of Information Concerning Recipient Integrity and Performance

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Final rule; change in effective date.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget is advancing the effective date for the Guidance for Reporting and Use of Information Concerning Recipient Integrity and Performance final rule which published on July 22, 2015. The new effective date will be July 30, 2015, and the applicability date will remain January 1, 2016.

DATES: The effective date for the final guidance published July 22, 2015 (80 FR 43301), is changed from January 1, 2016, to July 30, 2015. The applicability date of the final guidance remains January 1, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Rhea Hubbard, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, *rhubbard@omb.eop.gov,* telephone (202) 395–2743.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 22, 2015 (80 FR 43301), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a number of changes to Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR 180 and 2 CFR 200). These changes provided guidance to Federal agencies to implement Section 872 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009. As section 872 required, OMB and the General Services Administration (GSA) have established an integrity and performance system that includes governmentwide data with specified information related to the integrity and performance of entities awarded Federal grants and contracts. This document is to advance the effective date to July 30, 2015 for the Guidance for Reporting and Use of Information Concerning Recipient Integrity and Performance final rule.

Mark Reger,

Deputy Controller.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 900

[Docket No. AMS–FV–14–0072; FV14–900–2 FR]

Clarification of United States Antitrust Laws, Immunity, and Liability Under Marketing Order Programs

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule implements an amendment to the general regulations for federal fruit, vegetable, and specialty crop marketing agreements and marketing orders that would accentuate the applicability of U.S. antitrust laws to marketing order programs' domestic and foreign activities. This action advises marketing order board and committee members and personnel of the restrictions, limitations, and liabilities imposed by those laws.

DATES: Effective July 31, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Geronimo Quinones, Marketing Specialist, or Michelle P. Sharrow, Rulemaking Branch Chief, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Fruit and Vegetable Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; Telephone: (202) 720–2491, Fax: (202) 720–8938, or Email: *Geronimo.Quinones@ams.usda.gov* or *Michelle.Sharrow@ams.usda.gov.*

Small businesses may request information on complying with this regulation by contacting Jeffrey Smutny, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Fruit and Vegetable Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; Telephone: (202) 720–2491, Fax: (202) 720–8938, or Email: *Jeffrey.Smutny@ams.usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This final rule is issued under the general regulations for federal marketing agreements and orders (7 CFR part 900), effective under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674), hereinafter referred to as the ''Act.'' This action adds a new § 900.202 (Restrictions applicable to Committee personnel) under ''Subpart—Miscellaneous Regulations'' to accentuate the applicability of U.S. antitrust laws to marketing order program activities.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing this final rule in conformance with Executive Orders 12866, 13563, and 13175.

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule is not intended to have retroactive effect.

The Act provides that administrative proceedings must be exhausted before parties may file suit in court. Under section 608c(15)(A) of the Act, any handler subject to an order may file with USDA a petition stating that the order, any provision of the order, or any obligation imposed in connection with the order is not in accordance with law and request a modification of the order or to be exempted therefrom. A handler is afforded the opportunity for a hearing on the petition. After the hearing, USDA would rule on the petition. The Act provides that the district court of the United States in any district in which the handler is an inhabitant, or has his or her principal place of business, has jurisdiction to review USDA's ruling on the petition, provided an action is filed not later than 20 days after the date of the entry of the ruling.

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Federal marketing order boards and committees have always been subject to U.S. antitrust laws. These boards and committees work with USDA in