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AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: This agenda provides summary descriptions of significant and not-significant regulations being developed in agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in conformance with Executive Order 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review." The agenda also describes regulations affecting small entities as required by section 602 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Public Law 96-354.

USDA has attempted to list all regulations and regulatory reviews pending at the time of publication except for minor and routine or repetitive actions, but some may have been inadvertently missed. There is no legal significance to the omission of an

item from this listing. Also, the dates shown for the steps of each action are estimated and are not commitments to act on or by the date shown.

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Agricultural Marketing Service—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1	National Organic Program	0581-AA40

Agricultural Marketing Service—Long-Term Actions

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3	Regulations Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act	0581-AB28
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7	Salmonella Recognized Laboratory Program	0581-AB38
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11	Terms for the Collection of 1995 Advance Deficiency Overpayments	0560-AE53
12	Implementation of Five-Year Direct Line of Credit Program	0560-AE58

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14	Farmer Program Account Servicing Policies for Section 1816 and Other Related Sections for the "1990 FACT Act"	0560-AE02
15	Implement Section 1818 (Borrower Training) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (FACT Act)	0560-AE04
16	Guaranteed Loan Programs; Monitoring Liquid Accounts	0560-AE05
17	Insured and Guaranteed Operating and Farm Ownership Loan and Related Instructions To Implement Sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 19 of the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992	0560-AE09
18	Implement Sections 11 and 13 of the Agriculture Credit Improvement Act 1993 (Application Processing Time-frame)	0560-AE14
19	Acquisition and Management of Real and Chattel Property	0560-AE15
20	Small Farmer Outreach Training and Technical Assistance Program	0560-AE17
21	Disaster Assistance	0560-AE22
22	Revisions to the Direct Farm Ownership Loan Regulation (1943-A) Outreach Program for Members of Socially Disadvantaged Groups	0560-AE23
23	Amendment to Conservation Program Appeal Regulations Regarding Jurisdiction	0560-AE30
24	Permit CFSA To Sell or Assign Farm Loan Mortgages and Notes	0560-AE35
25	1996 Upland Cotton Program	0560-AE40
26	1996-Crop Peanuts National Poundage Quota	0560-AE45
27	1996-Crop Marketing Quotas and Price Support Levels for Six Kinds of Tobacco	0560-AE46
28	1996-Crop Marketing Quota and Price Support Level for Burley Tobacco	0560-AE47
29	1996-Crop Marketing Quotas and Price Support Level for Flue-Cured Tobacco	0560-AE48
30	Deletion of FSA Regulations Regarding Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program	0560-AE54
31	Amendment to the Conservation Reserve Program Regarding Early Contract Terminations	0560-AE56
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34	Amendment to the Highly Erodible Land and Wetlands Conservation Program Regulations—Person Determinations	0560-AC86
35	Amendments to the Wetlands Regulations Regarding Abandoned Acreage and Drainage by Drainage Districts	0560-AC92
36	Amendments to CCC Debt Settlement Regulations Regarding Waiver of Restriction on Program Eligibility and Collection of Judgments by Administrative Offset	0560-AD09
37	Conservation Environmental Programs Regulations Regarding Water Quality Incentives Project, Cost Share Provisions of the Emergency Conservation Program, and Other Revisions	0560-AD16
38	Amendment to the Acreage Conservation Reserve and the Conserving Use Acreage Regulations for Producers Affected by Excessive Rainfall and Flooding	0560-AD50
39	Program Ineligibility for Noncompliance With Boll Weevil Eradication Program	0560-AD57
40	Regulations for Conservation Compliance Crop Acreage Base (CAB) Adjustments	0560-AD80
41	Amendment to the Emergency Livestock Assistance Regulations Regarding Feed Allowance and Approval of Counties for Assistance	0560-AD84
42	Farm Facility Loan Program Regulations	0560-AD85
43	Common Provisions for 1995 Wheat, Feed Grain, Cotton, and Rice Programs	0560-AD86
44	Sugar and Crystalline Fructose Information and Recordkeeping Requirements	0560-AD88
45	Amendments to the Payment Limitation Regulations for 1995	0560-AD89
46	Amendment to the Warehouse Regulations Regarding Auction Tobacco Warehouses	0560-AD92
47	Amendment to the Tobacco Loan Program Regulations—Budget Deficit Marketing Assessments	0560-AD93
48	Measure-All Pilot Project	0560-AD98
49	Implementation of Certified Lender Program	0560-AE07
50	Loans to Indian Tribes and Tribal Corporations	0560-AE10
51	Section 14 of the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992, (Graduation) and Sections 1819 (Loan Assessment) and 1821 (Market Placement) of the Fact Act	0560-AE11
52	The Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992	0560-AE13
53	Decision to Liquidate	0560-AE19
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58	Technical Corrections to Wheat, Feed Grain, Cotton, and Rice Program Regulations	0560-AE29
59	Selection and Functions of Farm Service Agency State and County Committees	0560-AE33
60	End-Use Certificate Program—Providing Notification of Origin to Buyers	0560-AE37
61	Implementation Procedures for Highly Erodible Land and Wetlands Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act	0560-AE38
62	Amendment to the Tobacco Regulations Regarding Nested Tobacco	0560-AE41
63	Amendments to the Farmer Account Servicing Policies	0560-AE42
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65	1996 Rice Price Support Program	0560-AE55

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68	Amendment to the Tobacco Loan Program Regulations—Requirement for Crop Insurance	0560-AD91
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72	Amendments to the Disaster Payment Program Regulations for 1990 and Subsequent Crops	0560-AE31
73	1995-Crop Sugar Beet and Sugarcane Price Support Loan Rates	0560-AE44
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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—Prerule Stage

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—Proposed Rule Stage

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78	Proposed Revision of the Federal Seed Act Regulations for Imported Seed	0579-AA64
79	Definition of “Biological Products” and “Guidelines”	0579-AA65
80	User Fees, Veterinary Diagnostics	0579-AA70
81	Importation of Animals and Animal Products	0579-AA71
82	Humane Treatment of Dogs and Cats; Tethering and Temperature Requirements	0579-AA74
83	Accreditation of Private Seed Laboratories	0579-AA75
84	Humane Treatment of Dogs and Cats; Wire Flooring	0579-AA78
85	Humane Treatment of Dogs and Cats; Licensing and Consignment Requirements	0579-AA79

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88	Import/Export User Fees	0579-AA67
89	User Fees—Commercial Aircraft and Vessels; Phytosanitary Certificates	0579-AA68
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98	Export Certification	0579-AA54

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service—Proposed Rule Stage

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103	Small Business Innovation Research Program Administrative Provisions	0524-AA08
104	Administrative Manual for Federal Excess Personal Property Loaned to State Cooperative Research Activities	0524-AA13
105	Rangeland Research Grants Program; Administrative Provisions	0524-AA15

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service—Long-Term Actions

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Rural Housing and Community Development Service—Prerule Stage

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111	Community Programs Guaranteed Loans	0575-AB48
112	Debt Settlement	0575-AB80
113	Escrow of Taxes and Insurance and Changing Agency Processes and Techniques To Conform With the Private Sector	0575-AB99
114	Require All Single-Family Housing Borrowers and Nonprogram Borrowers Who Have Purchased Single-Family Residence To Pay One-Time Tax Service Fee	0575-AC00
115	Provide Information Regarding Lease Write-Off and Annual Lease Statements	0575-AC01

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117	Housing Preservation Grants for Replacement of Housing	0575-AB43
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120	Community Facility Loans: Internal Revenue Service Taxpayers Identification Number	0575-AB77
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128	Offsets of Federal Payments to FmHA Borrowers	0575-AB55
129	Planning and Performing Construction and Other Development and Related Construction Seismic Safety	0575-AB59
130	Section 515 Nonprofit Set-Aside Funds	0575-AB60
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Federal Crop Insurance Corporation—Proposed Rule Stage

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138	Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Northern Potato Crop Insurance Provisions	0563-AA89
139	Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Sugarbeet Crop Insurance Provisions	0563-AA93
140	Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Canning and Processing Tomato Crop Insurance Provisions	0563-AA94
141	Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Fresh Market Tomato (Guaranteed Production) Crop Insurance Provisions	0563-AA95
142	Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Dry Bean Crop Insurance Provisions	0563-AB02
143	Group Risk Plan Crop Insurance Provisions; Part 407	0563-AB06

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Federal Crop Insurance Corporation—Long-Term Actions

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147	General Administrative Regulations; Subpart D; Application for Crop Insurance	0563-AB00
148	General Administrative Regulations; Subpart U; Ineligible File - Crop Insurance Ineligibility	0563-AB01
149	Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Rice, Fig, Almond, Raisin, Forage Production, Hybrid Sorghum Seed, Pear, Apple, Canning and Processing Sweet Corn, Dollar Plan Fresh Market Tomato,	0563-AB03
150	General Administrative Regulations; Nonstandard Classification System; Subpart O	0563-AB05
151	General Administrative Regulations; Subpart S; Regulations for Insurance Coverage by Written Agreement	0563-AB07
152	Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement; Part 402	0563-AB09
153	General Administrative Regulations: Subpart T; Federal Crop Insurance Reform Act of 1994; Regulations for Implementation	0563-AB11
154	Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, Part 404	0563-AB13
155	General Administrative Regulations; Subpart V; Supplemental and Alternative Crop Insurance Policy Approval Process	0563-AB15
156	General Administrative Regulations; Subpart J; Appeal Procedure Regulations	0563-AB17
157	General Administrative Regulations; Federal Jurisdiction and Statute of Limitation for Suits Based Upon Denial of Claims for Indemnity	0563-AB21
158	General Administrative Regulations; Actual Production History Coverage Program; Transitional Yields for Producers of Feed or Forage	0563-AB23
159	Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Small Grains (Including Malting Barley), Cotton, ELS Cotton, and Coarse Grains Crop Insurance Provisions	0563-AB24
160	General Administrative Regulations: Subpart Q: Collection and Storage of Social Security Account Numbers and Employer Identification Numbers	0563-AB26
161	1996 Crop Year Plantain and Banana Insurance Program and Banana Crop Intensive Cultivation Insurance Program for Puerto Rico	0563-AB30
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168	Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Sunflower Seed Crop Insurance Provisions	0563-AB42
169	General Administrative Regulations; Reinsurance Agreement Standards for Approval	0563-AB44
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171	Popcorn Corn Insurance Regulations	0563-AB48
172	Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Texas Citrus Tree Crop Insurance Provisions	0563-AB50
173	Common Crop Insurance Regulations: Florida Citrus Fruit Crop Insurance Provisions	0563-AB51

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176	Common Crop Insurance Regulations: Small Grains, Coarse Grains, Cotton and Extra Long Staple Cotton	0563-AB27
177	General Crop Insurance Regulations, Various Endorsements; Hybrid Seed Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Sunflower Seed Crop Insurance Provisions	0563-AB28
178	General Crop Insurance Regulations; Florida Citrus Endorsement	0563-AB29
179	Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Various Crop Provisions (Coarse Grains, Cotton, ELS Cotton, and Sunflower Seed); General Crop Insurance Regulations, Various Endorsements	0563-AB43
180	General Crop Insurance Regulations; Various Endorsements; Hybrid Seed; Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Sunflower Seed	0563-AB46
181	Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Various Crop Provisions (Coarse Grains, Small Grains, Sunflower Seed, Cotton and ELS Cotton); General Crop Insurance Regulations	0563-AB49

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Food and Consumer Service—Prerule Stage

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194	Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Miscellaneous Provisions	0584-AB10
195	Food Distribution Programs—Paperwork Reduction	0584-AB27
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197	Commodity Supplemental Food Program: Elderly-Only Sites, Administrative Funding, Referrals to Health and Social Services, Caseload Allocation Process, Priority System, and Miscellaneous	0584-AB37
198	Food Stamp Program: 1995 Quality Control Technical Amendments	0584-AB38
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200	Food Stamp Program: Anticipating Income and Reporting Changes	0584-AB57
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206	Amendment To Remove Formulated Grain—Fruit Product Section	0584-AC09
207	Consolidation of National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program Into Comprehensive School Meal Program	0584-AC10
208	FSP: Retailer Delinquent Debt Collection: Offsetting Federal Income Tax Refund	0584-AC11
209	Crediting of Yogurt in the School Meals Programs	0584-AC15
210	Modification of the "Vegetable Protein Products" Portion of Appendix A of 7 CFR Parts 210, 225, and 226	0584-AC18
211	Child and Adult Care Food Program: Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act Amendments and Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994	0584-AC20
212	Release of Free and Reduced Price School Meal Eligibility Information	0584-AC21
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222	Food Stamp Program: Payment of Certain Administrative Costs of State Agencies	0584-AB66
223	Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: Definition of Indian Tribal Household	0584-AB67
224	Food Stamp Program: Quality Control Provisions of the Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act	0584-AB75
225	Food Stamp Program: Certification Provisions of the Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act	0584-AB76
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227	Food Stamp Program: Revisions in Use and Disclosure of Information Provided by Retail Food Stores and Wholesale Food Concerns	0584-AB87
228	Food Stamp Program Automated Data Processing Equipment and Services; Reduction in Reporting Requirements	0584-AB92
229	Monthly Reporting on Indian Reservations Provision of Food Stamp Program Improvements Act of 1994	0584-AB98
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234	Failure To Comply With Federal, State, or Local Work Program Requirements	0584-AC08
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USDA**Food Safety and Inspection Service—Prerule Stage**

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Food Safety and Inspection Service—Proposed Rule Stage

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262	Substances Approved for Use in the Preparation of Meat Food and Poultry Products	0583-AB02
263	Nutrition Labeling: Health Claims on Meat and Poultry Products	0583-AB64
264	Trisodium Phosphate as a Post-Chill Antimicrobial Treatment for Raw Poultry	0583-AB65
265	Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) Systems	0583-AB69
266	Sodium Citrate Buffered with Citric Acid Used as an Antimicrobial Agent in Cured and Noncured Meat and Poultry Products	0583-AB97

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
267	Food Standards: Requirements for Processed Meat and Poultry Products Named by Use of an Expressed Nutrient Content Claim and a Standardized Term	0583-AB51
268	Nutrition Labeling of Ground Beef and Hamburger	0583-AB74
269	Use of Soy Protein Concentrate and Food Starch—Modified as Binders in Cured Pork Products	0583-AB82
270	FSIS Agenda for Change: Regulatory Review; Food Standards	0583-AB89
271	Refrigeration and Labeling Requirements for Shell Eggs	0583-AC04

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
272	Prior Labeling Approval System	0583-AB92
273	Use of the Fast Antimicrobial Screen Test for Bob Veal Calves	0583-AC03

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
274	Emerging Democracies Agricultural Facilities Guarantee Program	0551-AA35
275	Sugar Import Licensing	0551-AA39
276	Regulation Governing the Financing of Commercial Sales of Agricultural Commodities (PL 480, Title I)	0551-AA42
277	Export Sales Reporting Requirements	0551-AA44

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
278	Regulations Governing Implementation of the Market Promotion Program (MPP) Overseas	0551-AA24
279	Dairy Tariff Rate Import Quota Licensing	0551-AA27
280	CCC Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102) and CCC Intermediate Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-103)	0551-AA30
281	Regulations Governing the Financing of Commercial Sales of Agricultural Commodities (P.L. 480, Title I)	0551-AA43
282	Limitation on Imports of Meat	0551-AA45
283	Section 22 Import Fees	0551-AA46
284	Reentry of Cotton Into the United States	0551-AA48
285	Calculation of Market Stabilization Price	0551-AA49

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
286	Proposed Regulations Governing Implementation of the Cooperator Market Development Program Overseas	0551-AA26
287	Program Criteria for the Sunflowerseed Oil Assistance Program (SOAP) and the Cottonseed Oil Assistance Program (COAP)	0551-AA31
288	Reporting Requirements Related to Tobacco Exports	0551-AA32
289	Sunflowerseed Oil Assistance Program Operations (SOAP) and Cottonseed Oil Assistance Program Operations (COAP)	0551-AA33
290	Foreign Donation of Agricultural Commodities	0551-AA38
291	Reform of Export Bonus Program	0551-AA41

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
292	Direct Credit Programs (GSM-201 and GSM-301) Risk Assurance Program (GSM-101) CCC Barter Program	0551-AA34
293	Regulations Governing the Financing of Commercial Sales of Agricultural Commodities (P.L. 480 Title I Program)	0551-AA36

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
294	Small Tracts Act Regulations	0596-AA79
295	Isolated Cabin Policy	0596-AA85
296	Solid Waste Disposal Policy	0596-AA92
297	Timber Sale Performance and Payment Bond Form Revision	0596-AA94
298	Disposal of National Forest Timber; Cancellation of Timber Sale Contracts	0596-AB21
299	Species Surplus to Domestic Manufacturing Needs	0596-AB27
300	Retention of Downpayment on Timber Sale Contracts	0596-AB28
301	National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning Forest Service Manual Chapter 1920	0596-AB31

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
302	Use of Fixed Anchors for Rock Climbing in Wilderness	0596-AB33
303	Collection of Reimbursable Costs for Processing Special-Use Applications and Administration of Special-Use Authorizations	0596-AB36
304	Market-Related Term Additions	0596-AB41
305	Appeal of Decisions Relating to Occupancy and Use of National Forest System Lands	0596-AB45
306	Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Extension of Timber Sale Contracts To Permit Urgent Removal of Other Timber	0596-AB48
307	Disposal of National Forest Timber: Timber Sale Contract Revisions	0596-AB52
308	National Environmental Policy Act; Revised Policy and Procedures	0596-AB54
309	36 CFR 223 Subpart C-Suspension and Debarment of Timber Purchasers	0596-AB55
310	Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska	0596-AB56
311	Preference for Visitor Service; Alaska National Forest Conservation System Units	0596-AB57

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
312	Hydropower Applications	0596-AA47
313	Indian Allotments on National Forest System Lands	0596-AA52
314	National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning	0596-AB20
315	Timber Sale Contracts; Appraisal Procedures for Determining Fair Market Value	0596-AB26
316	State and Private Forestry Assistance Stewardship Incentive Program	0596-AB32
317	Special-Use Applications and Administration of Special-Use Authorizations	0596-AB35
318	Smith River National Recreation Area	0596-AB39
319	Ski Area Permit Fee System	0596-AB49

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
320	Management of Grazing Use Within Rangeland Ecosystems	0596-AA35
321	National Forest Prohibitions; Law Enforcement Support Activities	0596-AA75

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
322	Irrevocable Letter of Credit	0596-AA93
323	Federal Timber Export and Substitution Restrictions (Comprehensive Revision)	0596-AB22
324	Exercise of Outstanding Mineral Rights	0596-AB38
325	Occupancy and Use of Developed Sites and Areas of Concentrated Public Use	0596-AB43
326	Private Sale of Golden Eagle Passports	0596-AB44
327	Fee Schedules for Communication Uses on National Forest System Lands	0596-AB51

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
328	Audits of State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments	0505-AA09

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
329	Nondiscrimination in USDA Conducted Programs and Activities	0503-AA15

Office of the Secretary—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
330	Grants and Agreements With Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations	0503-AA10

Office of the Secretary—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
331	Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of Agriculture	0503-AA05

Office of the Secretary—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
332	Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension	0503-AA12
333	Expiration of the Replenishment Agricultural Worker Program	0503-AA13
334	Expiration of the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program	0503-AA14

Rural Business-Cooperative Service—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
335	Rural Business Enterprise Grants and Television Demonstration Grants	0570-AA08
336	Intermediary Relending Program Rewrite	0570-AA15
337	Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program	0570-AA19

Rural Business-Cooperative Service—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
338	Local Technical Assistance and Planning Grants	0570-AA05
339	Rural Business Loan Streamlining	0570-AA09

Rural Business-Cooperative Service—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
340	Rural Technology Development Grants	0570-AA02
341	1980-E Business and Industrial Loan Program—Audit Requirements	0570-AA11
342	Business and Industrial Interest Buydown	0570-AA13
343	Community Facility Loans: Recreation and Tourism	0570-AA14

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
344	Electric System Planning and Design—Policies and Procedures	0572-AA48
345	Electric Standards and Specifications for Materials and Construction	0572-AA67
346	Post-Loan Policies and Procedures Common to Insured and Guaranteed Electric Loans	0572-AA71
347	Electric Systems Operations and Maintenance	0572-AA74
348	Civil Rights Policies Applicable to RUS Borrowers	0572-AA75
349	RUS Fidelity and Insurance Requirements for Electric and Telecommunications Borrowers	0572-AA86
350	Use of General Funds Investments, Loan Guarantees, and Retirement of Capital Credits by Electric Borrowers	0572-AB01
351	RUS Approval of Sale of Capital Assets by Electric Borrowers	0572-AB02
352	Loan Deferments for Energy Resources Conservation - Electric Program	0572-AB03
353	Power Requirement Studies	0572-AB05
354	Streamlining the Rural Utilities Service's Water and Waste Program Regulations	0572-AB20
355	Establish Water and Waste Disposal Regulations Within the Rural Utilities Service	0572-AB21
356	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program	0572-AB22
357	Water and Waste Loan and Grant Servicing	0572-AB23
358	RUS Policies and Procedures for Mergers and Consolidations of Electric Borrowers	0572-AB24

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
359	Loan Account Computations, Policies, and Procedures	0572-AA65
360	Long-Range Financial Forecasts of Electric Borrowers	0572-AA89
361	Accounting Requirements for RUS Telecommunications Borrowers	0572-AB10
362	Use of Consultants Funded by Borrowers	0572-AB17

Rural Utilities Service—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
363	Loan Security Documents—Telecommunications Program	0572-AA30
364	Wholesale Contracts for the Purchase and Sale of Electric Power and Energy	0572-AA41
365	Margin Stabilization Plans and Revenue and Expense Deferrals	0572-AA50
366	Loan Documents—Bank Program	0572-AA76
367	Depreciation Rates and Procedures	0572-AA80
368	Preservation of Records Accounting Requirements for RUS Electric Borrowers	0572-AA92
369	Community Facility Loans - Timber-Dependent Communities	0572-AB11
370	Liquidation of Loans and Acquisition, Management and Disposal of Security Property	0572-AB13
371	Solid Waste Management Grants	0572-AB14
372	Technical Assistance and Training Grants	0572-AB15

Rural Utilities Service—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
373	Rescission of RUS Bulletins 345-13, 345-29, 345-75, and 345-168 —Telephone Program Regulations	0572-AA66
374	Policy on Audits of RUS Borrowers	0572-AB19

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Office of Operations—Prerule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
375	Agriculture Acquisition Regulation	0599-AA00

Office of Operations—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
376	New Restrictions on Lobbying	0599-AA03

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)**

Proposed Rule Stage

1. NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 101-624, sec 2101 to 2123; 7 USC 6501 to 6522

CFR Citation: None

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, May 28, 1992. Final, Statutory, October 1, 1993. Other, Statutory, May 28, 1991. The Organic Foods Production Act calls for the Secretary to appoint the National Organic Standards Board 180 days after enactment and convene it within 60 days thereafter.

Abstract: The Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA) states that the Secretary shall establish an organic certification program for producers and handlers of agricultural products that have been produced using organic methods. The OFPA provides for three proposed actions by the Department of Agriculture: (a) the

accreditation of State and private certifying agents for the Secretary, which includes provision for the collection of reasonable fees from producers, certifying agents, and handlers who participate in the program; (b) the establishment of a national list of natural substances prohibited, and synthetic substances allowed in organic production and handling; and (c) the development of national standards and procedures to be used in organic production, processing and handling, with the requirement that any product labeled as organically produced will have to be certified once the program is implemented (except for producers with less than \$5,000 gross sales). The OFPA also calls for establishment of a National Organic Standards Board (NOSB), notices of meetings, and notices of hearings for standards for livestock products.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Organic Livestock Hearings	12/30/93	58 FR 69315
Notice - Procedure to Submit Names of Substances for National List	03/27/95	60 FR 15744
NPRM	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)**

Long-Term Actions

2. REVISION OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE INSPECTION AND GRADING SERVICES OF MANUFACTURED OR PROCESSED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 58

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/10/92	57 FR 35492

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	10/09/92	
Next Action	Undetermined	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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3. REGULATIONS UNDER THE PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 46

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/12/94	59 FR 35487
NPRM Comment Period End	08/11/94	

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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period Extended to Next Action Undetermined	10/12/94	59 FR 46772

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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4. • REVISION OF PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 499o

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 46

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The majority of the proposed revisions to the regulations are needed to implement changes to the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) as a result of the enactment of H.R. 1103, the PACA Amendments of 1995. The Legislation which was signed by President Clinton on November 15, 1995 (Public Law 104-48), restructures and strengthens the PACA. The changes in the regulations are necessary to update them to conform with the requirements of Public Law 104-48. The proposed revisions which specifically relate to sections 46.27 and 46.28, are

made in response to directions received from the House Agriculture Committee to accurately reflect the increased role of fruit and vegetable brokers as agent of purchasers.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0581-AB41

5. • NATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 138 to 138i

CFR Citation: None

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The 1990 Farm Bill authorized the creation of a National Laboratory Accreditation Program (NLAP) for laboratories that request accreditation and conduct residue testing of agricultural products concerning chemical residue levels on agricultural products. The program is designed to protect human health by ensuring that laboratories which make

claims to the public concerning pesticide residue levels meet minimum quality and reliability standards. The standards for the NLAP will be provided by the Food and Drug Administration with the operation of the program under the Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA. The program costs will be offset by a fee schedule. The one-time appropriation was used to provide for a fully equipped pesticide laboratory to verify the findings of those laboratories applying for accreditation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/20/92	57 FR 54727
ANPRM Comment Period End Next Action Undetermined	01/19/93	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

Completed Actions

6. REFRIGERATION AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR SHELL EGGS

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Transfer Development to RIN 0583-AC04	02/06/96	

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7. SALMONELLA RECOGNIZED LABORATORY PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 93

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Program Has Been Transferred to FSIS.	02/22/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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8. REGULATIONS AND RULES OF PRACTICE UNDER THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 97.1 to 97.3; 7 CFR 97.5 to 97.7; 7 CFR 97.9; 7 CFR

97.11 to 97.12; 7 CFR 97.14 to 97.15; 7 CFR 97.19 to 97.21; 7 CFR 97.23; 7 CFR 97.1000; 7 CFR 97.104 to 97.106; 7 CFR 97.120; 7 CFR 97.130; 7 CFR 97.40 to 97.143; 7 CFR 97.175; 7 CFR 97.201; 7 CFR 97.205 to 97.222; ...

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/04/96	61 FR 247

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Farm Service Agency (FSA)

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9. NATIONAL AVERAGE LOAN RATES FOR 1996-CROP QUOTA AND ADDITIONAL PEANUTS AND MINIMUM COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION (CCC) EXPORT- EDIBLE SALES PRICE FOR ADDITIONAL PEANUTS
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 1445c-3**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1421; 7 CFR 1446**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, February 15, 1996.

For price support levels only.

Abstract: This action is needed to implement the peanut price support program, as required by statute. The price support levels provide a domestic price floor for quota and additional peanuts. The price support level for quota peanuts is set by statutory formula to be equal to last year's level plus any increase in production costs, but may increase by no more than 5 percent above the previous year. The support level for additional peanuts must be set at a level that ensures that CCC incurs no losses from the price support program. The minimum export-edible sales price is set at the Secretary's discretion, and has been set at \$400 per ton for each of the previous 8 years. The Peanut Program, which also includes the poundage quota program, will result in a net realized loss of about \$87 million.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0560-AE43
10. • UPLAND COTTON USER MARKETING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
Priority: Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 1444-2**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1427**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action will amend the regulations to change the date of the payment rate for exporters participating in the upland cotton user marketing certificate program from the date of the sales contract to the date the cotton was shipped. A net savings to the Government of about \$25 to \$65 million will result.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/13/96	61 FR 10289
NPRM Comment Period End	04/12/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0560-AE51
11. • TERMS FOR THE COLLECTION OF 1995 ADVANCE DEFICIENCY OVERPAYMENTS
Priority: Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 714b; 15 USC 714c**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1403**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action will provide a new policy for the collection of 1995 advance deficiency payment overpayments and the calculation of late payment interest. Producers who must repay overpayments will be offered more lenient interest rates to ease financial burdens resulting from adverse weather or other conditions. Specifically, CCC 1) will not assess the 3 percent late payment interest normally required for price support loans that remain unpaid 60 days after the date the claim is established, 2) may waive all or part of the late payment interest for installment payment plans, 3) offer producers an option to repay by offset of future program payments, and 4) calculate

interest from the date on which the claim is established. This action will increase expenditures by about \$90 million.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0560-AE53
12. • IMPLEMENTATION OF FIVE-YEAR DIRECT LINE OF CREDIT PROGRAM
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 1941 et seq**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1941, subpart A**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action will implement a five-year direct line of credit program. A direct line of credit will allow applicants to be eligible to continue to receive advances for up to five years without submitting subsequent applications. Savings in administrative costs will offset slightly higher loan costs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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Farm Service Agency (FSA)**13. FARMER PROGRAMS
GUARANTEED INTEREST
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 1989; 42 USC 1480; 5 USC 301**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1980 subpart A; 7 CFR 1980 subpart B; 7 CFR 1980 subpart D; 7 CFR 1980 subpart E; 7 CFR 1980 subpart G**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This regulation will provide for a government subsidy to lenders for interest rates for guaranteed Farmer Programs loans so the borrower will be paying interest rates for guaranteed loans that are similar to insured loans. This should provide an incentive for using the guaranteed loan program. The potential cost to the Government will be reduced as the Government will only pay a lender up to 90 percent of the losses on loans and only part of the interest rate rather than loaning a borrower the full amount of the loan and paying an investor the full cost of the Government borrowing the money for an insured loan. The benefit is that the borrower will be paying an interest rate for guaranteed loans that is comparable to that for insured loans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	02/28/91	56 FR 8258
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Additional Information:** This entry was reported as RIN 0575-AA80 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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RIN: 0560-AE01**14. FARMER PROGRAM ACCOUNT
SERVICING POLICIES FOR SECTION
1816 AND OTHER RELATED
SECTIONS FOR THE "1990 FACT
ACT"****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 101-624, sec 1816; 7 USC 1989; 42 USC 1480; 5 USC 301; PL 102-554, sec 10; PL 102-554, sec 23**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1900 subpart B; 7 CFR 1924 subpart B; 7 CFR 1951 subpart S**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action will implement provisions of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990, as they affect the Farmers Home Administration's Farmer Programs, plus relevant provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990. In addition, the Agricultural Credit Act of 1992 provided that in extraordinary circumstances, the State Director could extend the 60-day time period for submitting an application for Farmer Programs Loan Servicing (RIN 0575-AB42, published as an interim rule, March 23, 1993, 58 FR 15417). RIN 0575-AB42 will be combined into RIN 0575-AA91; and one final rule will be published.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/23/91	56 FR 54970
NPRM Comment Period End	11/22/91	
Interim Final Rule	04/30/92	57 FR 18612
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Analysis:** Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Additional Information:** This entry was reported as RIN 0575-AA91 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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RIN: 0560-AE02**15. IMPLEMENT SECTION 1818
(BORROWER TRAINING) OF THE
FOOD, AGRICULTURE,
CONSERVATION, AND TRADE ACT
OF 1990 (FACT ACT)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 101-624, sec 1818**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1910 subpart A; 7 CFR 1943 subpart B; 7 CFR 1924 subpart B; 7 CFR 1941 subpart A; 7 CFR 1945 subpart D; 7 CFR 1943 subpart A; 7 CFR 1951 subpart S; 7 CFR 1980 subpart B; 7 CFR 1962 subpart A; 7 CFR 1965 subpart A**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Regulations are needed to set forth the curriculum and process to train Farm Service Agency borrowers.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/25/92	57 FR 55473
NPRM Comment Period End	12/28/92	
Interim Final Rule	12/30/93	58 FR 69190
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Additional Information:** This entry was reported as RIN 0575-AB13 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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RIN: 0560-AE04**16. GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAMS;
MONITORING LIQUID ACCOUNTS****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 1989; 42 USC 1480; 5 USC 301**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1980 subpart A; 7 CFR 1980 subpart B**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Lenders are currently required to monitor liquidated accounts for five years. This regulation will reduce that period of time to three years. This regulation change only affects the monitoring of guaranteed loan accounts in which a final loss claim has been paid. These accounts

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will be monitored by lenders for three years following the liquidation for potential future recoveries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/05/94	59 FR 23173
NPRM Comment Period End	07/05/94	
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

Additional Information: This entry was reported as RIN 0575-AB29 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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17. INSURED AND GUARANTEED OPERATING AND FARM OWNERSHIP LOAN AND RELATED INSTRUCTIONS TO IMPLEMENT SECTIONS 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, AND 19 OF THE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1992

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 102-554

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1910; 7 CFR 1924; 7 CFR 1941; 7 CFR 1943; 7 CFR 1945; 7 CFR 1980; 7 CFR 1955

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, October 1, 1993. Other, Statutory, April 28, 1993.

Sec 23 of Pub. L. 102-554 requires that interim regulations be published by April 28, 1993, and final regulations published by October 1, 1993.

Abstract: The law was enacted to assist beginning farmers and ranchers in getting started in agriculture. The 1987 Census of Agriculture indicated an increase of 20.7 percent in the number of farmers in the 65 and over age group between 1978 and 1987. During the same period the number of farmers less than 25 years of age declined by 46.2 percent and the number of farmers between 25 and 34 years of age declined by 15 percent. The impact and cost on the farm ownership (FO) loan program should be minimal in view of the required 10 percent cash down

payment by beginning farmer applicants. The impact on the operating loan (OL) program should be minimal in view of FO loan restrictions during the first 5 years of participation in this program. Applicants have a choice of applying for FO and OL assistance under the new programs or under the existing FO and OL programs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/30/93	58 FR 48275
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Additional Information: This entry was reported as RIN 0575-AB41 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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18. IMPLEMENT SECTIONS 11 AND 13 OF THE AGRICULTURE CREDIT IMPROVEMENT ACT 1993 (APPLICATION PROCESSING TIMEFRAME)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 102-554

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1910; 7 CFR 1980

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, October 1, 1993. Other, Statutory, April 28, 1993.

Sec 23 of Pub. L. 102-554 requires interim regulations to be published by April 28, 1993, and final regulations to be published by October 1, 1993.

Abstract: The Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992 requires the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to change its procedures for notifying applicants for farmer program loans and loan guarantees when information is needed to complete an application. In addition, County Offices will now be required to report applications that remain pending 45 days after receipt, and the reasons they remain pending. The Agency is also required to report to the Congress every month each application pending more than 50 days after its receipt. In addition, County Committees are

required under the Act to review all applications for direct and guaranteed farmer programs loans not later than 5 days after receipt if there is more than one other complete application pending, and not later than 15 days if there are no other complete applications pending. These changes will ensure more timely and consistent processing of applications. Otherwise, their impact on the Agency should be minimal. Impact on applicants and participating lenders should be favorable, regarding timeliness in processing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/29/93	58 FR 68717
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Additional Information: This entry was reported as RIN 0575-AB56 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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RIN: 0560-AE14

19. ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT OF REAL AND CHATTEL PROPERTY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989; 42 USC 1480; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 2.23; 7 CFR 2.70; 7 CFR 1955A; 7 CFR 1955C

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, April 28, 1993.

Abstract: Provide additional notice to Native Americans to convey property prior to foreclosure, notify tribe of properties value and inform them of the amount of the Government's bid at a foreclosure sale. Allow surplus property to be leased with or without an option to purchase to eligible program applicants. Will implement changes required by the Agricultural Improvement Act of 1992, H.R. 6129, which was signed on October 28, 1992. Will also regulate how properties can be transferred to Indian tribes.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/29/93	58 FR 68722
Final Action	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

Sectors Affected: None

Additional Information: This entry was reported as RIN 0575-AB63 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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RIN: 0560-AE15

20. SMALL FARMER OUTREACH TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 101-624; 7 USC 2279; 7 USC 1989; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1943 subpart C

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The subpart is being added to meet the objectives of the Small Farmer Outreach Training and Technical Assistance Program which will allow the Farm Service Agency to fund cooperative and other agreements or enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with 1890 or other eligible educational institutions or community-based organizations. (1890 Colleges and Universities - Black Land Grant Colleges established under the 1890 Morrill Act.)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/27/94	59 FR 66441
Final Action	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State

Additional Information: This entry was reported as RIN 0575-AB74 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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21. DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989; 5 USC 301; 42 USC 1980

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1945 subpart A

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will amend the regulations to improve and expedite the disaster designation process that will make emergency loan (EM) assistance available in a more expeditious manner in declared/designated disaster areas to assist family farmers whose operations have sustained qualifying losses as a result of a major or natural disaster, and who wish to apply for such loan assistance. The regulation would also continue to be out of date with the current policy of basing countywide production losses on a major single enterprise only, in lieu of requiring a determination of countywide production losses in all crops. To change the regulation will bring the designation process in line with the current policy of eliminating the requirement for determining a 30 percent countywide reduction in the normal year's dollar value of all crops in a county(ies). This action will update and improve the process of current policy if there is a 30 percent or greater countywide reduction in the normal year's dollar value of a single enterprise (single crop), which is considered a major enterprise or crop in the county, or a determination that extenuating circumstances exist and warrant a designation under the Secretary of Agriculture's discretionary authority. This change will permit CFSA to automatically gather information for consideration of the Secretary's discretionary authority, and allow the Secretary to expeditiously designate the affected counties and make EM loans available to eligible family farmers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal

Additional Information: This entry was reported as RIN 0575-AB87 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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RIN: 0560-AE22

22. REVISIONS TO THE DIRECT FARM OWNERSHIP LOAN REGULATION (1943-A) OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED GROUPS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1943 subpart A

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Farm Service Agency proposes to amend its direct farm ownership (FO) regulation to: (1) change and clarify the Agency's existing procedures on outreach provided to applicants/ borrowers who are members of socially disadvantaged groups, and to reference the policies and operating procedures for doing outreach as found in the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) Handbook for the socially disadvantaged outreach program; (2) explain the Agency's policy pertaining to financing alternative agricultural enterprises; (3) revise Exhibit B on Target Participation Rates (TPRs) to remove the obsolete State TPRs and to provide for refinancing real estate debts, in justifiable cases, to prevent foreclosure action on farmland owned by socially disadvantaged applicants/borrowers; and (4) add a new section on the guidelines used in developing State and County TPRs, and to make reference to the FmHA Handbook which contains the policies and procedures for targeting FO loan funds in accordance with the TPRs. This action is necessary in order to reach more socially disadvantaged individuals and make them aware of the statutory targeted FO loan assistance available to them under this program. Also, this action will result in better coordination of the outreach program at the Agency's County Office level.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Additional Information: This entry was reported as RIN 0575-AB88 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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RIN: 0560-AE23

23. AMENDMENT TO CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPEAL REGULATIONS REGARDING JURISDICTION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 6932

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 780

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (the Act) change the appeals procedures applicable to producers affected by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) determinations on the conservation programs authorized by Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985. The Act provides that CFSA shall have initial jurisdiction over administrative appeals resulting from an adverse determination, including those involving technical determinations by NRCS. Producers will no longer appeal separately to NRCS. The Act requires CFSA to issue a rule with the concurrence of NRCS establishing procedures for review by NRCS of the technical determinations involved. Technical criteria used by NRCS shall be used by CFSA as the basis for any decisions regarding technical determinations. If no review is requested, NRCS technical determinations shall be the technical basis for decisions rendered by county or area committees. No additional cost to USDA. Producers may save some money by being able to avoid the costs of separate appeals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/29/95	60 FR 67298
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0560-AE30

24. PERMIT CFSA TO SELL OR ASSIGN FARM LOAN MORTGAGES AND NOTES

Priority: Economically Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1962; 7 CFR 1965

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: FSA is proposing to amend its regulations to establish a procedure for the sale and assignment of farmer program notes and mortgages. This will assist the Agency in resolving loan accounts with greater dispatch and less loss to the Government. Borrowers can benefit by receiving more generous repayment terms from the purchaser/assignee than the Agency is authorized to provide.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0560-AE35

25. 1996 UPLAND COTTON PROGRAM

Priority: Economically Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1444-2

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1413; 7 CFR 1427

Legal Deadline:

Final, Statutory, January 1, 1995, Final ARP level.

NPRM, Statutory, November 1, 1995, Preliminary ARP level.

Final, Statutory, November 1, 1995, Loan rate.

Abstract: This action is needed to implement the 1996 Upland Cotton Program as required by legislation. The primary determinations are the loan rate and the Acreage Reduction Program level. The cost to Government is estimated to range from \$0.5 to \$1.5 billion.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/10/95	60 FR 52634
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0560-AE40

26. 1996-CROP PEANUTS NATIONAL POUNDAGE QUOTA

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1358-1

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 729

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, December 15, 1995.

Abstract: The objective of the peanut quota is to balance supply with demand at a level that will assure stable supplies for domestic use and assure producers a stable income. This action is required by statute, which provides a formula for computing the national quota, based on the Secretary's estimate of the amount of peanuts required for domestic food, seed, and related uses for the 1996 marketing year, and may not be less than 1.35 million tons. The 1996 marketing year is from August 1, 1996 through July 31, 1997. The Peanut Program, which also includes the price support program and export policies, will result in a net realized loss of about \$87 million.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Announcement	12/00/96	

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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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27. 1996-CROP MARKETING QUOTAS AND PRICE SUPPORT LEVELS FOR SIX KINDS OF TOBACCO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1312

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 723; 7 CFR 1464

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, March 1, 1996.
For marketing quotas.

Abstract: Marketing quotas/acreage allotments and price support are required by statute for these types of tobacco: fire-cured (type 21), fire-cured (types 22-23), dark air-cured (types 35-36), Virginia sun-cured (type 37), cigar filler (type 46) and cigar filler and binder (types 42-44 and 53-55). Quotas and allotments are determined by statutory formula to balance supply with demand to assure stable supplies for domestic and export use. Marketing quotas are implemented if approved by producers in referenda. Producers approved quotas for the 1996 crops of fire-cured (types 21-23), dark air-cured (types 35-36), and sun-cured (type 37) in March 1994 and March 1995. Referenda for the other types are scheduled for March 1996. Producers of these types have historically voted in favor of quotas. Price support levels are set by statutory formula. The Secretary may reduce the level at the request of producer associations, and may limit increases to 65 percent of the formula increase. Gross loan outlays of \$3 million in FY 1997 will be offset by loan redemptions and no-net-cost

assessments in FY 1997 and subsequent years for a net cost of 0.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0560-AE46

28. 1996-CROP MARKETING QUOTA AND PRICE SUPPORT LEVEL FOR BURLEY TOBACCO

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1314; 7 USC 1445

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 723; 7 CFR 1464

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, February 1, 1996.
for marketing quotas.

Abstract: The burley tobacco marketing quota and price support are required by statute. Their purpose is to balance supply with demand at levels assuring stable supplies for domestic and export use at prices considered sufficient for producers. The national quota is based on cigarette manufacturers' intentions, 3-year average exports, loan stocks adjustment, and a discretionary adjustment of plus or minus 3 percent. The quota may not be less than 90 percent of the previous year's quota except the limit may be waived if producer association inventories will likely exceed 150 percent of the reserve stock level. The price support level is based on a formula that averages market prices (2/3 weight) and a cost index (1/3 weight), plus discretion to limit any increase to 65 percent of the formula increase. Marketing quotas were approved by producers in a referendum in February, 1995. Gross loan outlays of \$40 million in FY 1997 will be offset by loan repayments and

no-net-cost assessments in Fy 1997 and subsequent years for a net cost of 0.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Announcement	02/01/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0560-AE47

29. 1996-CROP MARKETING QUOTAS AND PRICE SUPPORT LEVEL FOR FLUE-CURED TOBACCO

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1314; 7 USC 1445

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 723; 7 CFR 1464

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, December 15, 1995.
for marketing quotas.

Abstract: The flue-cured tobacco marketing quota and price support are required by statute. Their purpose is to balance supply with demand at levels assuring stable supplies for domestic and export use at prices that are considered sufficient for producers. The national quota is based on cigarette manufacturers' intentions, 3-year average exports, a loan stocks adjustment, and a discretionary adjustment of plus or minus 3 percent. The quota may not be less than 90 percent of the previous year's, except the limit may be waived if producer association inventories will likely exceed 150 percent of the reserve stock level. The price support level is based on a formula that averages market prices (2/3 weight) and a cost index (1/3 weight), with discretion to limit any increase to 65 percent of the formula increase. Marketing quotas were approved by producers in a referendum in January, 1995. Gross

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loan outlays of \$75 million in FY 1996 and 1997 will be offset by loan redemptions and no-net-cost assessments in FY 1996 and subsequent years for a net cost of 0.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0560—AE48

30. • DELETION OF FSA REGULATIONS REGARDING COLORADO RIVER BASIN SALINITY CONTROL PROGRAM

Priority: Economically Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 6962

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 702; 7 CFR 703; 7 CFR 752

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 moved responsibility for the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program, Wetlands Reserve Program and Water Bank Program from the former Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (now the Farm Service Agency) to the new Natural Resources Conservation Service. This action will remove the FSA regulations for these programs. There will be no

cost to the government as a result of this action.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0560—AE54

31. • AMENDMENT TO THE CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM REGARDING EARLY CONTRACT TERMINATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 3831 et seq

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 704

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Secretary announced that USDA will provide CRP contract holders with contracts scheduled to expire September 30, 1996, an opportunity to request release from their contracts and to modify their contracts to reduce the amount of acreage subject to the contracts prior to contract expiration without penalty or refund of previous payments. The purpose of the early release is to enhance the commodity supply situation for the 1996/97 marketing year. Savings of about \$26-\$30 million will accrue in FY 1997.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/15/96	61 FR 10671
Final Action	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0560—AE56

32. • DAIRY INDEMNITY PAYMENT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 4501

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 760

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Dairy Indemnity Payment Program indemnifies dairy producers for milk dumped because of contamination that is not the fault of the producer and dairy manufacturers for dairy products removed from the market through no fault of their own. This action will extend the program through September 30, 1996. \$100,000 has been appropriated for FY 1996, and is the average outlay for recent years.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

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Farm Service Agency (FSA)

33. EXCESSIVE MANUFACTURING (MAKE) ALLOWANCES IN STATE MARKETING ORDERS FOR MILK

Priority: Economically Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 13

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/19/92	57 FR 27371
NPRM Comment Period End	10/19/92	
Supplemental NPRM	01/14/94	59 FR 2307
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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34. AMENDMENT TO THE HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND AND WETLANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM REGULATIONS—PERSON DETERMINATIONS**Priority:** Other Significant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 12**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig
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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/06/92	57 FR 29658
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig
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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig
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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/10/94	59 FR 1293
NPRM Comment Period End	02/09/94	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig
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Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/27/93	58 FR 57721
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig
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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig
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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig
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Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig
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42. FARM FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM REGULATIONS**Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1474**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AD85**43. COMMON PROVISIONS FOR 1995 WHEAT, FEED GRAIN, COTTON, AND RICE PROGRAMS****Priority:** Economically Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1413**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/24/95	60 FR 4571
NPRM Comment Period End	01/27/95	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AD86**44. SUGAR AND CRYSTALLINE FRUCTOSE INFORMATION AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1435**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AD88**45. AMENDMENTS TO THE PAYMENT LIMITATION REGULATIONS FOR 1995****Priority:** Other Significant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1497; 7 CFR 1498**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AD89**46. AMENDMENT TO THE WAREHOUSE REGULATIONS REGARDING AUCTION TOBACCO WAREHOUSES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 723; 7 CFR 737**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/28/95	60 FR 38766
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AD92**47. AMENDMENT TO THE TOBACCO LOAN PROGRAM REGULATIONS—BUDGET DEFICIT MARKETING ASSESSMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1464**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/20/95	60 FR 19665
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AD93**48. MEASURE-ALL PILOT PROJECT****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 718**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AD98**49. IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTIFIED LENDER PROGRAM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1980 subpart A; 7 CFR 1980 subpart B**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/24/93	58 FR 34302
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AE07**50. LOANS TO INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL CORPORATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1942 subpart F; 7 CFR 1823; 7 CFR 2.23; 7 CFR 2.70**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** Tribal**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AE10

USDA—FSA

Long-Term Actions

51. SECTION 14 OF THE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1992, (GRADUATION) AND SECTIONS 1819 (LOAN ASSESSMENT) AND 1821 (MARKET PLACEMENT) OF THE FACT ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1910; 7 CFR 1924; 7 CFR 1941; 7 CFR 1951; 7 CFR 1980; 7 CFR 1943; 7 CFR 1945; 7 CFR 1962

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/30/93	58 FR 69274
NPRM Comment Period End	02/28/94	
Interim Final Rule	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0560-AE11

52. THE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1992

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1946; 7 CFR 1980

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/17/93	58 FR 65871
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0560-AE13

53. DECISION TO LIQUIDATE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1980

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0560-AE19

54. SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED OUTREACH PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1941 subpart A; 7 CFR 1980 subpart B

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0560-AE24

55. FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE REFORM AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1994

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1941; 7 CFR 1943; 7 CFR 1945; 7 CFR 1980; 7 CFR 2.23; 7 CFR 2.70

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/00/97	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0560-AE25

56. PART 1946 MEDIATION; SUBPART A AGRICULTURAL LOAN MEDIATION PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1946 subpart A

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 0560-AE26

57. EXTENSION OF MATURING 1994 AND SUBSEQUENT CROP YEAR WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN PRICE SUPPORT LOANS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1421

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/03/95	60 FR 55807
NPRM Comment Period End	12/04/95	
Interim Final Rule	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0560-AE28

58. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO WHEAT, FEED GRAIN, COTTON, AND RICE PROGRAM REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 718; 7 CFR 1413; 7 CFR 1414; 7 CFR 1415; 7 CFR 1416

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/25/95	60 FR 44255
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0560-AE29

59. SELECTION AND FUNCTIONS OF FARM SERVICE AGENCY STATE AND COUNTY COMMITTEES

Priority: Other

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 7

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

USDA—FSA

Long-Term Actions

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RIN: 0560-AE33

60. END-USE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM—PROVIDING NOTIFICATION OF ORIGIN TO BUYERS

Priority: Other Significant
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 782
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/14/95	60 FR 57198
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 0560-AE37

61. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES FOR HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND AND WETLANDS CONSERVATION PROVISIONS OF THE FOOD SECURITY ACT

Priority: Other Significant
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1940
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	00/00/00	
Interim Final Rule	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined
Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 0560-AE38

62. AMENDMENT TO THE TOBACCO REGULATIONS REGARDING NESTED TOBACCO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1464.7(b)(1)
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/12/96	61 FR 5317
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 0560-AE41

63. AMENDMENTS TO THE FARMER ACCOUNT SERVICING POLICIES

Priority: Economically Significant
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1900; 7 CFR 1910; 7 CFR 1924; 7 CFR 1941; 7 CFR 1943; 7 CFR 1951; 7 CFR 1955; 7 CFR 1956; 7 CFR 1962; 7 CFR 1965
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/14/88	53 FR 35638
NPRM	10/23/91	56 FR 54970
Interim Final Rule	04/30/92	57 FR 18612
Interim Final Rule	10/15/92	57 FR 47257
Interim Final Rule	03/23/93	58 FR 15418
Interim Final Rule	05/26/93	58 FR 30104
Interim Final Rule	12/30/93	58 FR 69190
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 0560-AE42

64. • AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OF WAREHOUSE FOR COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION STORAGE CONTRACTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 15 USC 714 et seq
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1421; 7 CFR 1423; 7 CFR 1427
Legal Deadline: None
Abstract: This action will amend the regulations governing the standards that warehouse operators must meet to enter into storage contracts with CCC to allow additional financial institutions the ability to provide irrevocable letters of credit to satisfy deficiencies that some warehouse operators may have in meeting their required net worth and provide for the collection of fees to defray the costs incurred by CCC in conducting examinations of non-U.S. Warehouse Act facilities as a result of warehouse operators modifying existing contracts. Costs of about \$50,000 will be incurred by CCC to defray examination costs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 0560-AE50

65. • 1996 RICE PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM

Priority: Economically Significant
Legal Authority: 7 USC 1308a; 15 USC 714c
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1421; 7 CFR 1424
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Secretary plans to announce the 1996 Rice Program using the discretionary authority under the CCC Charter Act. Under that authority, the 1996 program will make price support available for all eligible rice. Provisions of recent programs such as base acres, flexible acres, payment acres, program yields, and 50/85 payments will not apply. Price support loans may be repayable at a reduced rate when the domestic price is not high enough to cover loan principal and interest. Government expenditures will be about \$600 million.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)**Completed Actions****Farm Service Agency (FSA)****66. WOOL AND MOHAIR RECOURSE LOAN PROGRAM****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1428**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No action to be taken.	12/31/95	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AD75**67. AMENDMENT TO THE PEANUT LOAN PROGRAM REGULATIONS— REQUIREMENT FOR CROP INSURANCE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1446**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/29/95	60 FR 61198

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AD90**68. AMENDMENT TO THE TOBACCO LOAN PROGRAM REGULATIONS— REQUIREMENT FOR CROP INSURANCE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1464**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/14/95	60 FR 57164

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AD91**69. REMOVAL OF THE PROHIBITION AGAINST CHARGING INTEREST ON INTEREST ON GUARANTEED LOANS****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1980 subpart A; 7 CFR 1980 subpart B**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/13/95	60 FR 53254

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AE16**70. SPECIAL DISASTER SET-ASIDE PROGRAM; FRUIT AND NUT TREES****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1945 subpart D**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Cancelled	02/15/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AE21**71. AMENDMENT TO TOBACCO MARKETING QUOTA REGULATIONS REGARDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE DOMESTIC MARKETING ASSESSMENT****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 723**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/29/95	60 FR 61193
Final Action Effective	11/29/95	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AE27**72. AMENDMENTS TO THE DISASTER PAYMENT PROGRAM REGULATIONS FOR 1990 AND SUBSEQUENT CROPS****Priority:** Economically Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1477**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/10/95	60 FR 52609

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AE31**73. 1995-CROP SUGAR BEET AND SUGARCANE PRICE SUPPORT LOAN RATES****Priority:** Economically Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1435**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/10/96	61 FR 15881

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig

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RIN: 0560-AE44**74. • AGENCY NAME CHANGE****Priority:** Other**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 6932**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR VII; 7 CFR XIV**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This action amends the regulations to change the name of the Consolidated Farm Service Agency to the Farm Service Agency as a result of the Department of Agriculture reorganization.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/15/95	60 FR 64297

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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Completed Actions

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RIN: 0560—AE49

75. • AGENCY NAME CHANGE

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in

the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 6932

CFR Citation: 7 CFR XVIII

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action amends the regulations to change the name of the Consolidated Farm Service Agency to the Farm Service Agency as a result of the Department of Agriculture reorganization.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/16/96	61 FR 1109

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Prerule Stage

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

76. IMPORTATION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 150dd; 7 USC 150ee; 7 USC 150ff; 7 USC 151 to 167; 7 USC 450; 21 USC 136; 21 USC 136a

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 319.56

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department regulates the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States to prevent the introduction of plant pests, including insects and diseases. A review of the Department's fruits and vegetables import regulations indicates the need for a complete revision to make the regulations more effective and to increase compliance with them.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0579—AA58

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Proposed Rule Stage

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

77. ADDITION OF CERVIDAE TO THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING TUBERCULOSIS IN LIVESTOCK

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 105; 21 USC 111 to 113; 21 USC 114; 21 USC 114a; 21 USC 115 to 117; 21 USC 120 to 121; 21 USC 134b; 21 USC 134f

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 77; 9 CFR 91

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Bovine tuberculosis is a contagious, infectious, and communicable disease affecting cattle, bison, and other species, including humans. The spread of bovine tuberculosis in the United States could have serious consequences for the United States cattle and bison

industries, as well as for human health. Currently, the regulations concerning control and eradication programs for bovine tuberculosis in livestock only regulate cattle, bison, and swine. Recent outbreaks in the United States of bovine tuberculosis in semi-domesticated herds of cervidae (such as deer and elk) have made apparent the need to also regulate these animals in order to prevent the spread of bovine tuberculosis.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/04/96	61 FR 14982
NPRM Comment Period End	06/03/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 0579—AA53

78. PROPOSED REVISION OF THE FEDERAL SEED ACT REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTED SEED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

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Proposed Rule Stage

Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1581 to 1611

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 201

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On October 1, 1982, the Agricultural Marketing Service transferred to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service responsibility for administering Title III of the Federal Seed Act (FSA), which pertains to regulation of foreign commerce in seeds. Shortly afterwards, in 1983, the FSA was amended and the inspection requirements for imported seeds were considerably lessened. However, regulations under the FSA (7 CFR 201.101 to 201.230) have not been revised to reflect either the 1982 transfer of regulatory authority or the 1983 statutory amendments. Therefore, we are considering revising FSA regulations to reflect these changes. We are also considering revising FSA regulations to update or delete obsolete sections, including taxonomies of listed weeds, and simplifying inspection requirements for seed imports from Canada. We have amended the FSA regulations to update the list of prohibited weed seeds to include the seeds of all listed Federal noxious weeds. The remaining planned revisions and updates are currently being developed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/13/94	59 FR 47286
ANPRM Comment Period End	10/31/94	
NPRM	03/23/95	60 FR 15257
NPRM Comment Period End	04/24/95	
Final Rule	07/12/95	60 FR 35829
Final Rule Effective	08/11/95	
NPRM (Other Amendments)	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0579-AA64

79. DEFINITION OF "BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS" AND "GUIDELINES"

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 151 to 159

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 101

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rule would update the definitions of "biological products" and "guidelines" to reflect current usage. The definition of biological products has not been amended since 1973. APHIS has received a citizen's petition from producers of veterinary biological products to update this definition to accommodate advances in scientific knowledge and to reflect current usage. Similarly, a definition of guidelines is necessary to describe the purpose of such documents as veterinary biologics memoranda, licensing considerations, and notices.

The proposal would provide guidance to producers who are making a choice to seek regulatory approval from the Food and Drug Administration for a product intended for use as an animal drug (e.g. antibiotics, hormones, feed supplements, etc.) or from APHIS for a product intended for use as a veterinary biological product (e.g. vaccines, adjuvants, immunomodulators, and diagnostics). Submission to the appropriate Federal agency would depend upon the intended use of the product for which regulatory approval is sought.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0579-AA65

80. USER FEES, VETERINARY DIAGNOSTICS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or

duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1622; 19 USC 1306; 21 USC 102 to 105; 21 USC 111; 21 USC 114; 21 USC 114a; 21 USC 134a to 134d; 21 USC 134f; 21 USC 135; 21 USC 136; 21 USC 136a

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 130

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to revise current fees for cost increases or decreases in the user fee program and to propose additional fees for goods and services which APHIS provides. The purpose is to more accurately provide for full-cost recovery of Agency activities. Fees being revised include: user fees at APHIS's animal import centers and user fees at the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) (including the labs at the Foreign Animal Diseases Diagnostic Laboratory (FADDL)) to account for cost increases and decreases. Fees being proposed include: user fees at APHIS's animal import center and user fees for hourly services, for tests and reagents which currently do not have user fees and for other miscellaneous goods and services at NVSL and FADDL.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0579-AA70

81. IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS

Priority: Economically Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 147a; 7 USC 150ee; 7 USC 161 to 162; 7 USC 450;

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Proposed Rule Stage

7 USC 1622; 19 USC 1306; 21 USC 102 to 105; 21 USC 111; 21 USC 114a; 21 USC 134a to 134d; 21 USC 134f; 21 USC 135; 21 USC 136; 21 USC 136a; 31 USC 9701; ...

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 92; 9 CFR 93; 9 CFR 94; 9 CFR 95; 9 CFR 96; 9 CFR 98

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: APHIS would amend the animal and animal product importation regulations that currently identify entire countries as those that are either free of certain diseases or those in which the diseases exist. The proposed change would allow for regionalization of countries--i.e., disease classification of parts of a country, an entire country, or groups of countries. The rule change would also recognize levels of disease risk in regions. Although APHIS anticipates expanding these proposed provisions to apply to the importation of all regulated animals and animal products, at this time the rule changes would apply to ruminants and swine, and their products.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/18/96	61 FR 16978
NPRM Comment Period End	07/17/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 0579-AA71

82. • HUMANE TREATMENT OF DOGS AND CATS; TETHERING AND TEMPERATURE REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2131 to 2159

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 1; 9 CFR 3

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would amend the regulations for the humane treatment of dogs and cats under the Animal Welfare Act by removing the provisions for tethering dogs as a means of primary enclosure. This rule would also amend the regulations by revising

the temperature requirements for indoor, sheltered, and mobile and traveling housing facilities, and for primary conveyances used in transportation, to state that the ambient temperature must never exceed 90 degree F (32.2 degree C) when dogs or cats are present. We are taking these actions because our experience in enforcing the Animal Welfare Act has led us to conclude that continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is inhumane. Also, the current temperature requirements (that the temperature may not exceed 85 degree F for more than four hours); have proven difficult to enforce. These actions would help ensure that dogs and cats in facilities regulated under the Animal Welfare Act will be treated in a humane manner. We do not expect these actions to have any significant impact on affected businesses. Very few businesses regulated under the Animal Welfare Act use a tether as a means of primary enclosure. Dog and cat dealers who do not wish to install air conditioning to meet the temperature requirement could choose from a number of less costly alternatives, such as installing electric fans or establishing outdoor shelters or runs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0579-AA74

83. • ACCREDITATION OF PRIVATE SEED LABORATORIES

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 147a

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 353

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: APHIS is proposing to establish an accreditation protocol for public and private seed health laboratories in order to achieve more timely and cost-effective seed testing. Laboratory accreditation is expected to facilitate U.S. seed exports because the test results provided by an accredited laboratory could be used as supporting documentation in the preparation of Federal phytosanitary certificates. The proposed regulations would provide for the organization of a joint industry/government accrediting body that would assess the ability and competence of applicant laboratories to conduct seed health tests or phytosanitary field inspections. The proposal was initiated by the seed industry, as represented by the American Seed Trade Association, and has the support of State regulatory agencies, which are represented by the National Plant Board.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0579-AA75

84. • HUMANE TREATMENT OF DOGS AND CATS; WIRE FLOORING

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2131 to 2159

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 3

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would amend the regulations for the humane treatment of dogs and cats under the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit bare wire flooring in primary enclosures for dogs and cats. The rule would further require that, if the floor of a primary enclosure for dogs or cats is constructed of wire, the wire must be

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coated with a material such as plastic or fiberglass. We believe that bare wire floors are inadequate in providing for the comfort and well-being of dogs and cats because of their potential to cause foot injuries and because they are difficult to clean and sanitize thoroughly. Requiring coated wire to be used for wire floors in primary enclosures would improve comfort, help eliminate foot injuries, and help provide clean and sanitary housing for dogs and cats. The cost to affected businesses of replacing bare wire flooring with coated wire is expected to be a considerable initial expense. However, coated wire flooring is more durable and needs to be replaced less often than bare wire flooring.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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85. ● HUMANE TREATMENT OF DOGS AND CATS; LICENSING AND CONSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2131 to 2159

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 2; 9 CFR 3

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would amend the regulations for the humane treatment of dogs and cats under the Animal Welfare Act by revising a provision that persons who sell fewer than 25 dogs and/or cats per year to research facilities are exempted from having to obtain a license to sell dogs and cats. We would revise this provision to exempt persons who sell fewer than 10 dogs and/or cats. This rule would also require that no person who has a contract to enforce local animal control regulations may be licensed as a Class B dealer of dogs and cats. Finally, this rule would include several revisions to certificates used for certifying dogs and

cats for sale and consigning dogs and cats to intermediate handlers. We believe these changes are necessary to facilitate regulation of Class B dog and cat dealer activities and to help eliminate the suspected sale of missing and stolen pet dogs and cats for use in research. The cost to affected businesses of revising the licensing exemptions is difficult to determine; the effect would depend on how many currently exempt businesses choose to obtain a license and continue operating.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0579-AA79

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86. EXOTIC NEWCASTLE DISEASE IN ALL BIRDS AND POULTRY; PSITTACOSIS AND ORNITHOSIS IN POULTRY

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 111 to 113; 21 USC 115; 21 USC 117; 21 USC 120; 21 USC 123 to 126; 21 USC 134a; 21 USC 134b; 21 USC 134f

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 82

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Exotic Newcastle Disease (also known as viscerotropic velogenic Newcastle disease and as VVND) and psittacosis or ornithosis (now generally referred to as chlamydia) are communicable diseases of birds and poultry. The spread of these diseases in the United States could have serious consequences for the United States poultry industry. A review of the Department's regulations to prevent the interstate spread of these diseases indicates the need for a complete revision to make the regulations more

effective and to increase compliance with them.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/28/94	59 FR 33214
NPRM Comment Period End	08/29/94	
NPRM	09/30/94	59 FR 44865
NPRM Comment Period Extended	11/29/94	
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 0579-AA22

87. ANIMAL WELFARE—STANDARDS FOR MARINE MAMMALS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2131 to 2159

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 3

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department regulates the treatment of certain marine mammals under the Animal Welfare Act. The present standards for treatment of these animals have been in effect for over 10 years. During this time, advances have been made and new information has been developed with regard to the housing and care of marine mammals. The Department has given notice of its review of the present standards to determine what revisions or additions might be necessary, and has requested comments on appropriate specific standards for treatment of marine mammals. The Department is conducting negotiated rulemaking (Reg Neg) and developing proposed changes to the regulations.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/23/93	58 FR 39458
ANPRM Comment Period End	10/06/93	
NPRM	01/23/95	60 FR 4383
NPRM Comment Period End	02/22/95	
NPRM Comment Period Extended (Swim With the Dolphins (SWTD))	02/28/95	60 FR 10810
NPRM Comment Period Extended (SWTD)	03/09/95	60 FR 12908
NPRM Reopened and Extended Comment Period (SWTD)	03/24/95	60 FR 15524
Notice, Establish a Committee (Reg Neg)	05/22/95	60 FR 27049
Correction (Reg Neg)	06/02/95	60 FR 28834
FRM Final Action for (SWTD); Final Action for (SWTDJ)	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

Analysis: Regulatory Flexibility
Analysis

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88. IMPORT/EXPORT USER FEES

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This
rulemaking is part of the Reinventing
Government effort. It will revise text in
the CFR to reduce burden or
duplication, or streamline
requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1622; 19 USC
1306; 21 USC 102 to 105; 21 USC 111;
21 USC 114; 21 USC 114a; 21 USC
134a to 134d; 21 USC 134f; 21 USC
135; 21 USC 136; 21 USC 136a

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 130

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Amending existing user fees
for certain import- and export-related
services we provide for live animals
and birds, animal products, organisms
and vectors, and germ plasm and
veterinary diagnostic services. Also

establishing user fees for import- and
export-related services we provide for
live animals and birds, and animal
products and byproducts. Actions are
necessary to help ensure that we
recover our costs, and to simplify and
clarify application of user fees.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/26/95	60 FR 27913
NPRM Correction, Editorial	06/07/95	60 FR 30157
NPRM Comment Period End	07/25/95	
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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**89. USER FEES—COMMERCIAL
AIRCRAFT AND VESSELS;
PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES**

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2260; 21 USC
136 to 136a; 49 USC 1741

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 354.3

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: APHIS is amending the user
fee regulations by lowering the fees
charged for certain agricultural
quarantine and inspection services we
provide in connection with the arrival
of international commercial aircraft at
ports in the customs territory of the
United States. APHIS is also amending
the user fee regulations by raising the
fees charged for export certification of
plants and plant products. We have
determined, based on a review of our
user fees, that the fees must be adjusted
to reflect the actual cost of providing
these services. In addition, we are
amending the user fee regulations to
clarify the exemption for certain vessels
which sail only between the United
States and Canada.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/24/95	60 FR 27437
NPRM Comment Period End	06/23/95	
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses,
Governmental Jurisdictions,
Organizations

Government Levels Affected: None

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**90. GENETICALLY ENGINEERED
ORGANISMS; SIMPLIFICATION OF
REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This
rulemaking is part of the Reinventing
Government effort. It will revise text in
the CFR to reduce burden or
duplication, or streamline
requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 150aa to 150jj;
7 USC 151 to 167; 7 USC 1622n

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 340

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The introduction of regulated
articles is required to be conducted
under permit or under notification
procedures acknowledged by APHIS.
The latter procedures require that the
regulated article meet certain eligibility
criteria and performance standards.
Field data reports are required to be
submitted to APHIS after completion of
a field test. The effect would be to
simplify procedures for the
introduction of certain genetically
engineered organisms, requirements for
certain determinations of nonregulated
status, and procedures for the reporting
of field tests under notification. It
would allow most genetically
engineered plants that are considered
regulated articles to be introduced
under notification procedures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/22/95	60 FR 43567
NPRM Comment Period End	10/23/95	
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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91. CHICKEN DISEASE CAUSED BY SALMONELLA ENTERITIDIS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 82

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/02/93	58 FR 41048
Public Hearing	09/02/93	58 FR 46569
NPRM Comment Period Extended	09/28/93	58 FR 50527
NPRM Comment Period End	10/01/93	58 FR 41048
Public Hearing	10/07/93	58 FR 52240
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0579-AA48

92. IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN EMBRYOS AND ANIMAL SEMEN

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 98

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/08/93	58 FR 36625
ANPRM Comment Period End	09/07/93	
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0579-AA63

93. IN VITRO TESTS FOR SERIAL RELEASE IN PLACE OF ANIMAL POTENCY TESTS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 113

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/17/95	60 FR 26381
NPRM Public Hearing	08/01/95	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/14/95	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0579-AA66

94. HSTAIC REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FEES

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 92.430; 9 CFR 92.522

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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95. • ANIMAL WELFARE—STANDARDS FOR ANIMAL AUCTIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2131 to 2159

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 1; 9 CFR 2; 9 CFR 3

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposal would establish standards designed specifically for the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of animals covered by the Animal Welfare Act that are held in auction markets. Currently, the treatment of animals at auction sales is being enforced under general regulations for warmblooded animals that are not otherwise covered by the regulations.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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96. CYCLICAL REVIEW OF 9 CFR PART 92, PHASE II

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 92

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No Action Expected in the Next 12 Months.	02/14/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0579-AA34

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97. IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS AND POULTRY AND CERTAIN ANIMAL AND POULTRY PRODUCTS—PREVENTION OF POULTRY DISEASES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 9 CFR 92

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No Action Expected in the Next 12 Months.	02/14/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/08/96	61 FR 15365

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

98. EXPORT CERTIFICATION

Priority: Routine and Frequent
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 353; 7 CFR 354

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RIN: 0579-AA54
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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)

99. HIGHER EDUCATION MULTICULTURAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM; ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 7 USC 3152(b)(5); PL 103-111; PL 103-330
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 3409
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations will establish the procedures to be followed annually in the solicitation of proposals, the evaluation of such proposals and the award of project grants under the Multicultural Scholars Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None

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followed in preparing proposals, to outline requirements which grant recipients must meet, to provide instructions on how to apply for a grant, and to provide general information about post-award administration of grants under the program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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100. AGRICULTURAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 7 USC 3318
CFR Citation: None
Legal Deadline: None
Abstract: We propose to establish Administrative Provisions for the Agricultural Telecommunications Program to institute procedures to be

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101. HIGHER EDUCATION CHALLENGE GRANTS PROGRAM; ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 7 USC 3152
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 3405
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulation will establish the procedures to be followed annually in the solicitation of proposals, the

evaluation of such proposals, and the award of project grants under the Higher Education Challenge Grants Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/19/95	60 FR 65444
NPRM Comment Period End	01/18/96	
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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102. 1890 INSTITUTION CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS PROGRAM; ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 3318

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 3406

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulation will establish the procedures to be followed annually in the solicitation of proposals, the evaluation of such proposals, and award of project grants under the 1890 Institution Capacity Building Grants Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/20/95	60 FR 66014
NPRM Comment Period End	01/19/96	
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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103. SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 638

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 3403

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service anticipates publishing in final the Administrative Provisions of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program to incorporate compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and changes to conform with the January

1993 issue of the SBIR Policy Directive. These changes include rewording and/or adding additional wording to further explain existing definitions and new requirements as well as the inclusion of new definitions and new requirements including the Documentation of Multiple Phase II awards. We propose to publish the SBIR Administrative Provisions as one document. This would be a practical and economical way to serve the public as well as offer one updated reference document for easy access.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/17/95	60 FR 42990
NPRM Comment Period End	09/18/95	
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0524-AA08

104. ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL FOR FEDERAL EXCESS PERSONAL PROPERTY LOANED TO STATE COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 40 USC 483(d)(2)(E)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 3408

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulation will set forth the procedures to be followed by Cooperative Research entities eligible to receive Federal excess personal property loaned by the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service and used in the conduct of approved USDA cooperative research projects and programs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/14/93	58 FR 53153
NPRM Comment Period End	11/15/93	
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: This entry was reported as RIN 0527-AA01 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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RIN: 0524-AA13

105. RANGELAND RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM; ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 3333

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 3401

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service anticipates publishing in final the Administrative Provisions for the Rangeland Research Grants Program to implement the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, revise the objectives of the program, change the agency name to reflect the Departmental reorganization, and to make a few additional minor changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/27/95	60 FR 55160
NPRM Comment Period End	11/27/95	
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)
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Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: None

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)
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**107. NATIONAL RESEARCH
INITIATIVE COMPETITIVE GRANTS
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE
PROVISIONS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 3411

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/08/95	60 FR 63368
Final Action Effective	11/27/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/29/96	

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Government Levels Affected: None

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**108. BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE
PROVISIONS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 3410

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
Rural Housing and Community Development Service (RHCD)
Prerule Stage**109. FARM LABOR HOUSING**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1971 et seq

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1944 subpart D;
7 CFR 1930 subpart C

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Make needed program
changes to improve compliance FmHAInstruction 1930-C and clarify servicing
instructions as they relate to oversight
of program operations.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/00/96	
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0575-AC03

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
Rural Housing and Community Development Service (RHCD)
Proposed Rule Stage
**110. DISPOSITION OF INTERESTS IN
INDIAN TRUST LAND**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989; 42 USC
1480; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1955; 7 CFR 1965

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Incorporate requirements of
the Cranston-Gonzalez National
Affordable Housing Act, Section 708.
This law prohibits the transfer or sale
of Rural Housing Service security
interest in Indian Trust Land to anyone
except an eligible tribal member, the
tribe, or the Indian Housing Authority
servicing the tribes. These requirementswill enhance the opportunity of these
specific entities to become
homeowners, thereby serving a
previously underserved area.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/08/96	61 FR 15395
NPRM Comment Period End	06/07/96	
Final Action	00/00/00	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
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RIN: 0575-AB17

**111. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
GUARANTEED LOANS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This
rulemaking is part of the Reinventing
Government effort. It will revise text in
the CFR to reduce burden or

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duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989; 42 USC 1480; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1980 subpart I

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To amend subject regulation which will provide more comprehensive guidance to applicants, lenders, and agency staff regarding financial assistance for essential guaranteed community facilities loans. Justification: These regulatory changes are necessary to streamline and reduce the burden on the public. These changes will also expand the use of the Community Facilities (CF) guarantee program by providing the ability to guarantee tax-exempt loans, and (in general) make the program more accessible to rural lenders. Finally, these changes will reflect our new Agency structure under USDA's reorganization.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0575-AB48

112. DEBT SETTLEMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989; 42 USC 1480; 5 USC 301; 31 USC 3711

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1956 subpart B

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The regulation is being revised to emphasize effective debt collection through administrative offsets, pursuing judgments, and making borrowers more accountable for the debt.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/08/96	61 FR 15395

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	06/07/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0575-AB80

113. ESCROW OF TAXES AND INSURANCE AND CHANGING AGENCY PROCESSES AND TECHNIQUES TO CONFORM WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 7 USC 1989; 42 USC 1480; 31 USC 3700

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1806; 7 CFR 1900; 7 CFR 1944; 7 CFR 1951; 7 CFR 1955; 7 CFR 1956; 7 CFR 1965

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Rural Housing Service (RHS) has purchased a state-of-the-art dedicated loan origination servicing system (DLOSS) which includes escrow capability. To conform to this new system, RHS proposes to make further amendments to the regulations to allow the agency to provide escrow services to Single Family Housing borrowers which follow industry standards. In addition, the agency proposes to amend its regulations to conform to processes and techniques currently being utilized by the private sector.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/08/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/07/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. The agency has not yet determined whether there is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

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RIN: 0575-AB99

114. REQUIRE ALL SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING BORROWERS AND NONPROGRAM BORROWERS WHO HAVE PURCHASED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE TO PAY ONE-TIME TAX SERVICE FEE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 7 USC 1989; 42 USC 1480

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1944; 7 CFR 1951; 7 CFR 1965

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Rural Housing Service (RHS) has purchased a state-of-the-art dedicated loan origination/servicing system (DLOSS) which includes escrow capability. It is common industry practice to use a tax service and pass the cost of the service onto the borrower. A tax service will ensure taxes are paid timely and are based on accurate information. All SFH and NP borrowers who are purchasing a single family residence will be required to pay a one-time tax service fee, to be collected at loan closing. In addition, all existing SFH and NP borrowers will be required to pay this fee. The fee will be consistent with industry standards.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/08/96	61 FR 15395
NPRM Comment Period End	06/07/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. The agency has not yet determined whether there is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

Agency Contact: Jean Leavitt, Senior Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing, Department of Agriculture, Rural Housing and Community Development

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RIN: 0575-AC00

115. PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING LEASE WRITE-OFF AND ANNUAL LEASE STATEMENTS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989; 42 USC 1480; 5 USC 301; 31 USC 3711

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1955 subpart B

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To ensure that lease information is reported properly in agency records, it is necessary to provide field offices on when it is with guidance regarding appropriate to process write-offs of leases of acquired property and subsequently report these write-offs to the Internal Revenue Service. No such guidance currently exists.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0575-AC01

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Final Rule Stage

Rural Housing and Community Development Service (RHCDs)

116. RECAPTURE OF SECTION 502, RURAL HOUSING SUBSIDY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1480; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1951 subpart I

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service proposes to revise the regulation for the recapture of subsidy granted on Section 502 rural housing loans. This action will simplify and automate the calculation process in conjunction with the purchase of a modern commercial off-the-shelf loan servicing system with escrow capability.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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Phone: 202 720-1461

RIN: 0575-AA29

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1944 subpart N

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Housing Preservation Grant program will be expanded to include Housing Preservation Grant funds to be used for replacement housing. Funds will be used to provide loans or grants, not to exceed \$15,000 per unit, to owners of single family housing to replace existing housing if repairs or rehabilitation of the housing is not practicable and the owner of the housing is unable to afford a loan under Section 502 for replacement housing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/17/95	60 FR 19168
NPRM Comment Period End	06/17/95	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

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RIN: 0575-AB43

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 1940.311 of FmHA Instruction 1940-G, describes certain utility systems which meet the criteria for environmental review using the format for a Class I environmental assessment. There has been some confusion as to what constitutes a "substantial increase" in withdrawal or discharge, and there has also been some confusion as to what criteria should be used when calculating a 50,000 gallon per day withdrawal from surface or groundwater. It is expected that the effect of this action will be to eliminate this unnecessary confusion, and reduce documentation and paperwork on the part of Rural Housing Service, and Rural Utilities Service, employees in the preparation and review of Class I environmental assessments based on these sections.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/15/95	60 FR 13928
NPRM Comment Period End	05/15/95	
Final Action	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: On March 15, 1995, the NPRM for RIN 0575-AB64 was published at 60 FR 13928 with incorrect RIN 0575-AB66.

Agency Contact: Susan Wieferich, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, Program Support Staff, Department of Agriculture, Rural Housing and Community Development

117. HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANTS FOR REPLACEMENT OF HOUSING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1490m

118. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 91-190

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1940-G

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RIN: 0575-AB64

119. SECURITY SERVICING FOR MULTIPLE-FAMILY HOUSING LOANS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1980; 41 USC 1480; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1965 subpart B

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 1965.85 of FmHA Instruction 1965-B requires that each delinquent Multiple Family Housing account be classified on a delinquency report in addition to the preparation of a detailed servicing plan. Since the plan also includes the reason for the delinquency and the plans for resolving the problem, the classification is a duplication of work. We propose to eliminate the classifying of the account with this revision. The only alternative would be to continue classifying delinquent accounts. The deletion of this requirement would result in reduced burden for District Offices and State Offices. Exhibit A to the Instruction is being revised to clarify completion instructions and to provide uniformity required by the Internal Revenue Service.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/04/90	55 FR 35907
NPRM Comment Period End	11/03/90	
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Public Compliance Cost: Initial Cost: \$89,975; Yearly Recurring Cost: \$89,975; Base Year for Dollar Estimates: 1997

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RIN: 0575-AB73

120. COMMUNITY FACILITY LOANS: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TAXPAYERS IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989; 16 USC 1005; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1942; 7 CFR 1948; 7 CFR 1951; 7 CFR 1980

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To amend subject regulations to comply with OMB Circular A-129 and simplify procedures for the Agency's field staff. Specifically, the changes will implement the requirement to use the Internal Revenue Service Taxpayers Identification number in the borrower's case number and will provide mechanism for documentation of contacts with lenders. Additionally, some sections have been modified to provide clarification of the rules.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/15/94	59 FR 30717
NPRM Comment Period End	06/15/94	
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Local, Tribal

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RIN: 0575-AB77

121. RURAL RENTAL AND RURAL COOPERATIVE HOUSING LOAN POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND AUTHORIZATIONS—POINT SCORE SYSTEM TO PRIORITIZE RURAL RENTAL HOUSING LOANS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1489

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1944 subpart E

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This Regulatory action revises the point system used to prioritize rural rental housing loan requests by reducing the number of points for proposals located 20 or more miles from an urban area, by awarding points for communities the highest share at households at or below 60 percent of the county median income who are paying in excess of 30 percent of their income for rent; simplifies the preapplication process by requiring less detailed information at the preliminary eligibility and feasibility stage; provides guidance for participation loans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/17/96	61 FR 1153
NPRM Comment Period End	03/08/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0575-AB93

122. • FMHA INSTRUCTION 1942-A, "COMMUNITY FACILITY LOANS"

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989; 16 USC 1005; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1942 subpart A

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Agency is implementing the following changes to FmHA Instruction to 1942-A: (1) provide a definition of essential community facilities; (2) expand eligibility to include recreational type projects and telecommunications projects; (3) change review process for health care plan reviews to conform to state requirements (deleting certifications from HHS); (4) determine that facilities housing primarily Federal/quasi-Federal Agencies are ineligible projects; (4) revise processing requirements for appraisals; (6) revise requirement for financial feasibility reports.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0575-AC05

123. • DAVIS-BACON, CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS AND RELATED ACTS

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989; 42 USC 1480; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1901 subpart D; 7 CFR 1940 subpart C; 7 CFR 1924 subpart A; 7 CFR 1944 subpart D

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: 7 CFR 1901, subpart D is being revised into an agency internal guideline for enforcing the labor standards provisions of the Davis-Bacon contract work hours and safety standards and related acts. This action will eliminate duplication with procedures currently published in the Federal Register by the Department of Labor (29 CFR 5).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Public Compliance Cost: Initial Cost: \$0; Yearly Recurring Cost: \$0; Base Year for Dollar Estimates: 1995

Sectors Affected: None

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RIN: 0575-AC06

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

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Rural Housing and Community Development Service (RHCDs)

124. DENYING CREDIT TO APPLICANTS DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1823; 7 CFR 1910 subpart A; 7 CFR 1941 subpart A; 7 CFR 1942 subpart A; 7 CFR 1942 subpart C; 7 CFR 1942 subpart G; 7 CFR 1942 subpart H; 7 CFR 1942 subpart I; 7 CFR 1942 subpart J; 7 CFR 1942 subpart K; 7 CFR 1943 subpart A; 7 CFR 1943 subpart B; 7 CFR 1944 subpart A; 7 CFR 1945 subpart D; 7 CFR 1980 subpart B; ...

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/04/94	59 FR 23018
NPRM Comment Period End	07/05/94	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Local, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 0575-AA66

125. CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS—1940-D

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 15; 12 CFR 202; 28 CFR 42; 45 CFR 90; 41 CFR 60 to 64; 24 CFR 14; 7 CFR 1940

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0575-AA83

126. SECTION 502 RURAL HOUSING LOAN POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND AUTHORIZATIONS (DEFERRED MORTGAGE PROGRAM)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1944 subpart A; 7 CFR 1951 subpart G

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/23/91	56 FR 41764
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: James Craun

Phone: 202 720-1474

RIN: 0575-AA87

127. HOUSING FOR RURAL HOMELESS AND MIGRANT FARMWORKERS; POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1944 subpart H (New)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

Agency Contact: John Pentecost
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RIN: 0575-AB14

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128. OFFSETS OF FEDERAL PAYMENTS TO FMHA BORROWERS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1951 subpart C; 7 CFR 2.23; 7 CFR 2.70**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/02/94	59 FR 22548
NPRM Comment Period End	06/01/94	
Final Action	00/00/00	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Larry Dye
Phone: 314 539-2150**RIN:** 0575-AB55**129. PLANNING AND PERFORMING CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED CONSTRUCTION SEISMIC SAFETY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1924 subpart A; 7 CFR 1942 subpart A; 7 CFR 1942 subpart C; 7 CFR 1948 subpart C; 7 CFR 1980 subpart E; 7 CFR 1980 subpart G; 7 CFR 1944**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/25/95	60 FR 44283
NPRM Comment Period End	10/24/95	

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133. SECTION 502 RURAL HOUSING LOAN POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**Priority:** Other Significant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1944 subpart A; 7 CFR 1910 subpart A; 7 CFR 1965 subpart C; 7 CFR 1951 subpart G; 7 CFR 1944 subpart J; 7 CFR 1924 subpart C; 7 CFR 1930 subpart C; 7 CFR 1941 subpart A; 7 CFR 1944**Action**Final Action 00/00/00
Final Action Effective 00/00/00**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sam Hodges III
Phone: 202 720-9653**RIN:** 0575-AB59**130. SECTION 515 NONPROFIT SET-ASIDE FUNDS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1940 subpart L; 7 CFR 2.23; 7 CFR 2.70**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/21/93	58 FR 38949
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Federal**Agency Contact:** Obediah G. Baker, Jr.
Phone: 202 720-1604**RIN:** 0575-AB60**131. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM STREAMLINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS****Priority:** Other Significant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or

duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 40 CFR 300; 40 CFR 260; 40 CFR 700; 40 CFR 400**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Susan Wieferich
Phone: 202 720-9619**RIN:** 0575-AB98**132. SERVICING CASES WHERE UNAUTHORIZED LOAN OR OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WAS RECEIVED—MULTIPLE FAMILY HOUSING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1951 subpart N**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/19/91	56 FR 58325
NPRM Comment Period End	01/21/92	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Local**Agency Contact:** Ernest W. Harris
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133. SECTION 502 RURAL HOUSING LOAN POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**Priority:** Other Significant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1944 subpart A; 7 CFR 1910 subpart A; 7 CFR 1965 subpart C; 7 CFR 1951 subpart G; 7 CFR 1944 subpart J; 7 CFR 1924 subpart C; 7 CFR 1930 subpart C; 7 CFR 1941 subpart A; 7 CFR 1944

subpart D; 7 CFR 1944 subpart N; 7 CFR 1951 subpart M; 7 CFR 1951 subpart S; 7 CFR 1955 subpart B

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/27/95	60 FR 55112

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** James W. Craun
Phone: 202 720-1474**RIN:** 0575-AA35**134. 1927-B REAL ESTATE TITLE CLEARANCE AND LOAN CLOSING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1927 subpart B; 7 CFR 2.23; 7 CFR 2.70**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/22/96	61 FR 11709
Final Action Effective	04/22/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Procurement:** This is a procurement-related action for which there is no

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statutory requirement. There is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

Agency Contact: Walt Patton
Phone: 202 720-0099

RIN: 0575-AB52

135. DECISION TO LIQUIDATE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1980

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Incorporated Into RIN 0570-AA09	02/21/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0575-AC04

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Proposed Rule Stage

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC)

136. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; PEANUT CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1506(l)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 457

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation hereby proposes regulations for provisions to insure peanuts. The provisions will be used in conjunction with the common crop insurance policy which contains standard terms and conditions common to most crops. The intended effect of this action is to provide automatic coverage for late and prevented planting as well as make other minor policy changes to better meet the needs of the insured. This rule proposes to remove the peanut endorsements which are currently a "stand-alone" policy located in part 425 and part 401.141 of the General Crop Insurance provisions and move them under part 457, Common Crop Insurance provisions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AA85

137. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; ONION CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1506(l)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 457

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation hereby proposes regulations for provisions to insure onions. The provisions will be used in conjunction with the Common Crop Insurance Policy which contains standard terms and conditions common to most crops. The intended effect of this action is to provide automatic coverage for late and prevented planting as well as make other minor policy changes to better meet the needs of the insured. The previous onion crop insurance policy was located at 401.126 General Crop Insurance Provisions. This rule proposes that the onion policy fall under the Common Crop Insurance regulations located in part 457.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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138. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; NORTHERN POTATO CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1506(l)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 457

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation hereby proposes regulations for provisions to insure northern potatoes. The provision will be used in conjunction with the Common Crop Insurance policy which contains standard terms and conditions common to most crops. The intended effect of this action is to provide automatic coverage for late and prevented planting as well as make minor policy changes to better meet the needs of the insured. This rule proposes to remove the potato policy which is currently a "stand-alone" policy located in part 422 and move it under part 457, Common Crop Insurance provisions. A separate rule proposes provisions for central-southern potatoes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	

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Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AA89

139. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; SUGARBEET CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1506(l)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 457

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation hereby proposes regulations for provisions to insure sugarbeets. The provisions will be used in conjunction with the Common Crop Insurance Policy which contains standard terms and conditions common to most crops. The intended effect of this action is to provide automatic coverage for late and prevented planting as well as make other minor policy changes to better meet the needs of the insured. This rule proposes to remove the Sugarbeet policy which currently is a "stand-alone" policy located in part 430 and move it under part 457, Common Crop Insurance Provisions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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140. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; CANNING AND PROCESSING TOMATO CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1506(l)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 457

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation hereby proposes regulations for provisions to insure canning and processing tomatoes. The provisions will be used in conjunction with the Common Crop Insurance Policy which contains standard terms and conditions common to most crops. The intended effect of this action is to provide automatic coverage for late and prevented planting as well as make other minor policy changes to better meet the needs of the insured. This rule proposes to remove the Canning and Processing tomato policy which currently is located at Part 401.114 under the General Crop Insurance Regulations and move under part 457, Common Crop Insurance Regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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141. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; FRESH MARKET TOMATO (GUARANTEED PRODUCTION) CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in

the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1506(l)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 457

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation hereby proposes regulations for provisions to insure fresh market tomatoes (guaranteed production plan). The provisions will be used in conjunction with the common crop insurance policy which contains standard terms and conditions common to most crops. The intended effect of this action is to provide automatic coverage for late and prevented planting as well as make other minor policy changes to better meet the needs of the insured. This rule proposes to remove the fresh market tomato (guaranteed production plan) policy which currently is a "stand-alone" policy located at part 454 and move it under part 457, common crop insurance regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AA95

142. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; DRY BEAN CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1506(l)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 457

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation hereby proposes

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regulations for provisions to insure dry beans. The provisions will be used in conjunction with the Common Crop Insurance Policy which contains standard terms and conditions common to most crops. The intended effect of this action is to provide automatic coverage for late and prevented planting as well as make other minor policy changes to better meet the needs of the insured. This rule proposes to remove the dry bean policy which currently is a "stand-alone" policy located at part 433 and move it under part 457, Common Crop Insurance Regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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143. GROUP RISK PLAN CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS; PART 407

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1506(l)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 407

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) hereby proposes to issue provisions which will outline a new risk management tool to be known as the Group Risk Plan of Insurance (GRP). This plan will insure against the widespread loss of production of certain crops in a county and is intended primarily for use by those farmers whose yields tend to follow the county average yield. GRP pays only when the average yield of the entire

county drops below the expected county yield for the insured crop set by the FCIC. Payment is based on the percentage of county or area wide loss below the insured's trigger yield. Specific GRP Crop Insurance Provisions will be proposed for cotton, wheat, barley, corn, grain, sorghum, soybeans, forage production, and peanuts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC)

144. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; SUBPART N; DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1988

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1506(l)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400, subpart N

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule proposes to revise subpart N of the General Administrative Regulations by repealing obsolete disaster guidelines

and requiring the mandatory purchase of catastrophic crop insurance for program crops as a prerequisite for obtaining benefits under any commodity price subpart, production adjustment, or conservation program administered by USDA, or any farmer loan program, whether these programs are administered by FCIC or CFSA.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Long-Term Actions

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC)

145. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; TOBACCO (GUARANTEED PLAN) CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 401.129

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AA84

146. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; HIGH RISK LAND REGULATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AA98

147. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; SUBPART D; APPLICATION FOR CROP INSURANCE

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400, subpart D

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AB00

148. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; SUBPART U; INELIGIBLE FILE - CROP INSURANCE INELIGIBILITY

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AB01

149. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; RICE, FIG, ALMOND, RAISIN, FORAGE PRODUCTION, HYBRID SORGHUM SEED, PEAR, APPLE, CANNING AND PROCESSING SWEET CORN, DOLLAR PLAN FRESH MARKET TOMATO,

Priority: Routine and Frequent

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 457

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final: Figs	03/01/94	59 FR 9614
Final Rule: Nursery Crops	06/15/95	60 FR 31375
Final Rule: Figs	07/25/95	60 FR 37934
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AB03

150. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; NONSTANDARD CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM; SUBPART O

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400, subpart O

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0563-AB05

151. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; SUBPART S; REGULATIONS FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE BY WRITTEN AGREEMENT

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400, subpart S

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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152. CATASTROPHIC RISK PROTECTION ENDORSEMENT; PART 402

Priority: Economically Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 402

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/06/95	60 FR 2001
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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153. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; SUBPART T; FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 1994; REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Priority: Economically Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400, subpart T

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/06/95	60 FR 1996
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0563-AB11

154. NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, PART 404

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 404

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/18/95	60 FR 26669
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Long-Term Actions

155. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; SUBPART V; SUPPLEMENTAL AND ALTERNATIVE CROP INSURANCE POLICY APPROVAL PROCESS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400, subpart V

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AB15

156. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; SUBPART J; APPEAL PROCEDURE REGULATIONS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400, subpart J

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/29/95	60 FR 67298
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AB17

157. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; FEDERAL JURISDICTION AND STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR SUITS BASED UPON DENIAL OF CLAIMS FOR INDEMNITY

Priority: Routine and Frequent

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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158. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; ACTUAL PRODUCTION HISTORY COVERAGE PROGRAM; TRANSITIONAL YIELDS FOR PRODUCERS OF FEED OR FORAGE

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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159. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; SMALL GRAINS (INCLUDING MALTING BARLEY), COTTON, ELS COTTON, AND COARSE GRAINS CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 401.101; 7 CFR 401.102; 7 CFR 457.101; 7 CFR 457.103 to 457.105; 7 CFR 457.113

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule: Malting Barley	12/07/95	60 FR 62710
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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160. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; SUBPART Q: COLLECTION AND STORAGE OF SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBERS AND EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400, subpart Q

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AB26

161. 1996 CROP YEAR PLANTAIN AND BANANA INSURANCE PROGRAM AND BANANA CROP INTENSIVE CULTIVATION INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR Not yet determined

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AB30

162. 1996 CROP YEAR COFFEE CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AB33

163. 1996 CROP YEAR COFFEE PLANTATION INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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164. 1996 CROP YEAR FRUIT CROP (AVOCADO, ORANGES, MANGO, CITRON, LEMON, PAPAYA, PASSION) INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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165. 1996 CROP YEAR FRUIT TREES (AVOCADO, ORANGES, MANGO, CITRON, LEMON) INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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 RIN: 0563-AB36

166. 1996 CROP YEAR SUGARCANE INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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167. 1996 CROP YEAR VEGETABLE INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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168. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; SUNFLOWER SEED CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 457.108

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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 RIN: 0563-AB42

169. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; REINSURANCE AGREEMENT STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400.169

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/01/95	60 FR 20135
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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170. TOBACCO, QUOTA PLAN CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 435

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AB47

171. POPCORN CORN INSURANCE REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 447

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AB48

172. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; TEXAS CITRUS TREE CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 457

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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173. • COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; FLORIDA CITRUS FRUIT CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1501 et seq

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Long-Term Actions

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 401.143; 7 CFR 457

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action provides specific insurance provisions for Florida citrus fruit for the 1997 and succeeding crop years.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Completed Actions

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC)

174. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; HYBRID CORN SEED CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 457.108

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/03/95	60 FR 55781

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AA78

175. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS; SUBPART L, REINSURANCE AGREEMENT - STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL

Priority: Other

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 400, subpart L

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/24/95	60 FR 57901

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0563-AB08

176. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS: SMALL GRAINS, COARSE GRAINS, COTTON AND EXTRA LONG STAPLE COTTON

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 457

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action - 1995 Final superseded by 1996 Final	12/07/95	60 FR 62710

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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177. GENERAL CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS, VARIOUS ENDORSEMENTS; HYBRID SEED CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; AND COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS, SUNFLOWER SEED CROP INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 401; 7 CFR 443; 7 CFR 457

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Cancelled - 1995 Final superseded by 1996 Final	12/07/95	60 FR 62710

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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178. GENERAL CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; FLORIDA CITRUS ENDORSEMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 401

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/05/95	60 FR 62189

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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179. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS, VARIOUS CROP PROVISIONS (COARSE GRAINS, COTTON, ELS COTTON, AND SUNFLOWER SEED); GENERAL CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS, VARIOUS ENDORSEMENTS

Priority: Economically Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 401; 7 CFR 443; 7 CFR 457

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/07/95	60 FR 62710

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Completed Actions

180. GENERAL CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; VARIOUS ENDORSEMENTS; HYBRID SEED; COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS; SUNFLOWER SEED**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 457.101; 7 CFR 457.104; 7 CFR 457.105; 7 CFR 457.108; 7 CFR 457.113; 7 CFR 401.109; 7 CFR 443**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Cancelled - No further action to be taken.	02/15/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig
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Fax: 202 720-5233**RIN:** 0563-AB46**181. COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS, VARIOUS CROP PROVISIONS (COARSE GRAINS, SMALL GRAINS, SUNFLOWER SEED, COTTON AND ELS COTTON); GENERAL CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS****Priority:** Economically Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 457.101; 7 CFR 457.104; 7 CFR 457.105; 7 CFR 457.108;

7 CFR 457.113; 7 CFR 401.109; 7 CFR 443

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action - No further action to be taken.	02/15/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Witzig
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Proposed Rule Stage

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

182. • FEES FOR COMMODITY INSPECTION**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 1621 et seq**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 868**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration is proposing to make changes to fees charged for inspection services for commodities other than rice, performed

under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946. These revisions are designed to generate revenue sufficient to cover projected operating costs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** George Wollam, Regulatory Liaison, Department of Agriculture, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, P.O. Box 96454, Room 0623 South Building, Washington, D. C. 20090-6454
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Final Rule Stage

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

183. FEES FOR OFFICIAL INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICE**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 71 et seq**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 800**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) is proposing a change in the manner in which it collects fees for Official Inspection and Weighing services performed in the United States under the United States Grain Standard Act (USGSA), as amended.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/30/95	60 FR 61499
NPRM Comment Period End	01/29/96	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** George Wollam, Regulatory Liaison, Department of Agriculture, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, PO Box 96454, Room 0623 South Building, Washington, DC 20090-6454
Phone: 202 720-0292**RIN:** 0580-AA40**184. REGULATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF GENERAL POLICY UNDER THE PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT (GROUP 2)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 204; 7 USC 228**CFR Citation:** 9 CFR 201.49; 9 CFR 201.53; 9 CFR 201.55; 9 CFR 201.69; 9 CFR 201.70; 9 CFR 201.71; 9 CFR 201.73; 9 CFR 201.76; 9 CFR 201.98; 9 CFR 201.100; 9 CFR 201.108(1); 9 CFR 201.200; 9 CFR 203.4; 9 CFR 203.18; 9 CFR 203.19; ...**Legal Deadline:** None

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Abstract: All regulations and statements of general policy issued under the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act are being reviewed to determine which sections should be retained in their present form and which sections should be modified or removed. A notice will be published which will identify and propose to retain, modify, or remove each section in this group.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/15/92	57 FR 42515
ANPRM Comment	11/16/92	
Period End		
NPRM	06/05/95	60 FR 29506
NPRM Comment	08/04/95	
Period End		
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: This entry was reported as RIN 0590-AA09 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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RIN: 0580-AA44

185. REGULATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF GENERAL POLICY UNDER THE PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT (GROUP 3)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in

the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 204; 7 USC 228

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 201.10; 9 CFR 201.27; 9 CFR 201.28; 9 CFR 201.29; 9 CFR 201.30; 9 CFR 201.31; 9 CFR 201.32; 9 CFR 201.33; 9 CFR 201.34

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: All regulations and statements of general policy issued under the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act are being reviewed to determine which sections should be retained in their present form and which sections should be modified or removed. A notice will be published which identifies each section and proposes to either retain, modify, or remove the section. The sections included in this document pertain to the registration and bonding requirements under the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/15/92	57 FR 42515
ANPRM Comment	11/16/92	
Period End		
NPRM	08/21/95	60 FR 43411
NPRM Comment	10/20/95	
Period End		
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: This entry was reported as RIN 0590-AA10 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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RIN: 0580-AA45

186. • FEES FOR RICE INSPECTION

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1621 et seq

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 868

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration is proposing the increase fees for Federal Rice Inspection Services as performed under the Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) of 1946. The fee increase is intended to recover, as nearly as practicable the projected operating costs, including related supervisory and administrative costs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/11/96	61 FR 1013
NPRM Comment	02/12/96	
Period End		
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Long-Term Actions

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

187. STATEMENT OF GENERAL POLICY UNDER THE PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT: CARE AND HANDLING OF LIVESTOCK

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or

duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 203.20

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
NPRM Comment	00/00/00	
Period End		
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0580-AA46

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)**Completed Actions****Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)****188. FEES FOR OFFICIAL INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 800.71**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	11/30/95	60 FR 61444

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** George Wollam
Phone: 202 720-0292**RIN:** 0580-AA27**189. OFFICIAL PERFORMANCE AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRAIN WEIGHING EQUIPMENT AND RELATED GRAIN HANDLING SYSTEMS****Priority:** Routine and Frequent**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 802**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/19/95	69 FR 31907
Final Action Effective	08/18/95	69 FR 42429

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** George Wollam
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)**Prerule Stage****Food and Consumer Service (FCS)****190. NOTICE OF NEW PRIVACY ACT SYSTEM OF RECORDS—FOOD STAMP RETAILER INFORMATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 93-579**CFR Citation:** None**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This notice proposes to create a new Privacy Act system of records entitled "Food Stamp Retailer Information." This will enable FCS to share personal information with other

Federal agencies pertaining to store owners currently participating in the Food Stamp Program, as well as those store owners who have previously participated in the program. Some of the identifying information which will be shared with other Federal agencies are the names and home addresses of owners, owners' Social Security Numbers, and dates of birth. (95-020)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
Phone: 703 305-2246**RIN:** 0584-AC19**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)****Proposed Rule Stage****Food and Consumer Service (FCS)****191. SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC): FOOD DELIVERY SYSTEMS****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 1786**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 246**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** A proposed rule addressing WIC Food Delivery Systems was published on December 28, 1990 (55 FR 53446). The Department provided a 120-day comment period for the proposed rule, which closed on April 29, 1991. Nearly 1,100 comments were received from a wide variety of sources. Despite the degree of preliminary input to the December 28, 1990, proposed rule, many of the commenters responding during the formal comment period suggested that the Department's food delivery regulations needed to be proposed again, rather than proceeding directly to a final rule. In addition,

several members of Congress requested that the rule be repropounded in light of its impact on State agency food delivery systems. Therefore, the Department intends to issue a second proposed rule addressing WIC food delivery systems and requirements. This second rule will address all of the provisions contained in the previous rulemaking, but will contain significant modifications to some of the proposed provisions, as well as clarifications of several provisions that may not have been clearly understood in the earlier rule. (88-512)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/28/90	55 FR 53446
NPRM Comment Period End	04/29/91	
NPRM	01/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/97	
Final Action	02/00/97	
Final Action Effective	02/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal**Sectors Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
Phone: 703 305-2246**RIN:** 0584-AA80**192. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF DISASTERS****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 2013 (b); 7 USC 2014 (h)**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 271; 7 CFR 272; 7 CFR 273; 7 CFR 274; 7 CFR 280**Legal Deadline:** None

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Abstract: This rule would define special eligibility and issuance procedures during disasters. The rule addresses the eligibility and issuance of food stamps by the Food Stamp Program during a disaster. (86-029)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	
Final Action	04/00/97	
Final Action Effective	05/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Federal

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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RIN: 0584-AA85

193. SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC): PART 246.10, FOOD PACKAGE III, PARTICIPANTS WITH CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1786

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 246

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: WIC Food Package III will be revised to: clarify the types of serious medical conditions warranting its use; slightly increase the maximum monthly allowance of authorized WIC formulas; define the types and forms of authorized WIC formulas; make available additional foods currently authorized in other WIC food packages, when not medically contraindicated; and specify requirements for issuing this food package.

Need for Action:

The proposed rule responds to numerous requests over the years from WIC participants, State and local agencies, health professionals and members of Congress and to a recommendation from the National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant and Fetal Nutrition that the Department improve the design of this food package. The proposed changes in WIC Food Package III are intended to better

accommodate the special dietary needs of the most nutritionally needy and medically vulnerable subgroup of WIC participants. Those who would qualify to receive this food package would be classified under the highest nutritional risk priorities of WIC participant categories. (89-505)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	
Final Action	02/00/97	
Final Action Effective	02/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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RIN: 0584-AB09

194. SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC): MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1786

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 246

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule responds to a variety of program concerns, most of which have been expressed by WIC State agencies. The proposal strengthens the provision of services to participants in the areas of eligibility determination and nutrition education and increases State agency flexibility regarding the sharing of participant information with other programs. Several minor clarifications and technical corrections are also made. Principal provisions include: (1) mandatory minimum content requirements for nutrition education participant contacts; and (2) additional flexibility for State agencies to share participant information with related programs. (89-515)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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RIN: 0584-AB10

195. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS—PAPERWORK REDUCTION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 101-147

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 250; 7 CFR 251

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will implement the food distribution portion of the recommendations of the August 1990 task force on paperwork reduction. These recommendations were included in a report to Congress and included perpetual State/Federal agreements and longer contract duration for warehouses. (94-007)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AB27

196. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS—IMPLEMENTATION OF 1990 FARM BILL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 101-624

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 250; 7 CFR 251

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Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, July 30, 1992.

Abstract: This rule will revise the requirements for evaluation of State warehousing and distribution systems and conversion to commercial systems. (91-004)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	05/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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RIN: 0584-AB28

197. COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM: ELDERLY-ONLY SITES, ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING, REFERRALS TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, CASELOAD ALLOCATION PROCESS, PRIORITY SYSTEM, AND MISCELLANEOUS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 512(c)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 247

Legal Deadline:

Final, Statutory, October 1, 1990, for funding provisions.

Final, Statutory, October 1, 1991, for all other provisions.

Abstract: This proposed rule would amend regulations governing the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) to replace the current method of assigning caseload with a system that is based on the allocation of grants to the State agencies. (91-015)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/97	
Final Action	10/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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RIN: 0584-AB37

198. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: 1995 QUALITY CONTROL TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2011 to 2032

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 271.2; 7 CFR 275.3; 7 CFR 275.10; 7 CFR 275.11; 7 CFR 275.12; 7 CFR 275.13; 7 CFR 275.23

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Food and Consumer Service is proposing technical changes to the Food Stamp Program's Quality Control System which will reduce the workload on State agencies and improve the efficiency of the quality control system. The proposed changes would: (1) permit State agencies to reduce their sample sizes; (2) clarify the minimum size of the Federal subsample; (3) clarify State sampling procedures; (4) change the formulas for calculating Federal subsample sizes; (5) clarify the process of conducting a quality control review of negative subsystem cases and add suspended cases, those cases that are certified for the Program but do not receive benefits, to the sample universe of cases that are reviewed under the negative subsystem; (6) change the error dollar tolerance level; (7) modify the requirements regarding a home visit in active quality control reviews; (8) provide a variance exclusion under certain circumstances for errors resulting from incorrect policy issued in written State agency policies or directives; (9) adjust the case completion standard; and (10) codify into regulations those circumstances under which Federal quality control findings or disposition for a case will be changed. (92-006)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

Additional Information: RIN 0584-AB07 has been withdrawn, and the actions in that proposed rule have been included in this action.

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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RIN: 0584-AB38

199. PROVISIONS OF COMPUTER MATCHING AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT OF 1988, AMENDMENTS OF 1990, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISQUALIFIED RECIPIENT SUBSYSTEM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552(a) Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act; 7 USC 2015(b) Food Stamp Act

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 272; 7 CFR 273

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In accordance with the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act, PL 100-503, and the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Amendments of 1990, PL 101-508, the Food Stamp Program must extend certain protections to persons whose benefits could be adversely affected by computer matches. These protections include independent verification of computer information, notification to the affected individual and provision of an opportunity to respond to the information before an adverse action becomes effective.

In addition, this proposed rule describes requirements for State agencies to report information on individuals disqualified from the program for intentional program violations to FCS and the related FCS computer matching program known as the Disqualified Recipient Subsystem (DRS). (89-010)

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/97	
Final Action	07/00/97	
Final Action Effective	10/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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RIN: 0584-AB51

200. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: ANTICIPATING INCOME AND REPORTING CHANGES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2011 to 2032

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 273

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule proposes several revisions in Food Stamp Program reporting and budgeting requirements. The changes in prospective budgeting and change reporting rules are intended to improve procedures for anticipating the eligibility and benefits of households whose income fluctuates unpredictably. The proposed revisions would provide a more stable level of benefits for these households by requiring them to report a change in employment status rather than a change in the amount of earnings. The rule also would allow suspension, as opposed to termination, of prospectively budgeted households that become ineligible for one month because of income fluctuations. (93-005)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AB57

201. CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM: ELIMINATION OF WHOLE COW'S MILK FROM THE INFANT MEAL PATTERN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1751 to 1760; 42 USC 1779

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 210; 7 CFR 220; 7 CFR 226

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action proposes an amendment that would affect meal pattern requirements for infants under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program, parts 210, 220, and 226, respectively. This rule proposes to prohibit the service of whole cow's milk to infants ages 8 months through 11 months and would require that breast milk or iron-fortified formula be served for an infant's entire first year of life. This proposal would also add or amend tables describing infant meal requirements to clarify which meals containing breast milk in place of iron-fortified formula may fulfill the infant meal pattern. Finally, this proposal would correct the definition of "infant formula" in part 226 and make the wording consistent with the definition currently in parts 210 and 220. (95-005)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/97	
Final Action	07/00/97	
Final Action Effective	09/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 0584-AB81

202. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: FOOD STAMP RECIPIENT CLAIM ESTABLISHMENT AND COLLECTION STANDARDS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or

duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2011 to 2032

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 272; 7 CFR 273

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would improve the establishment and collection of recipient claims in the Food Stamp Program. The last significant revision to these regulations was in 1983. Subsequent activities, such as technological advances and general debt management regulations, have rendered many portions of the current rule obsolete. In addition, the current rule has been found to place unnecessary burdens on State agencies. State agencies are responsible for establishing and collecting recipient claims. (94-005)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AB88

203. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: REVISIONS IN RETAIL FOOD STORE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND IN ELIGIBILITY GUIDANCE AND PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 103-225; 7 USC 2012; 7 USC 2018

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 271; 7 CFR 278

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, March 25, 1994.

Abstract: This proposed rule sets forth changes required by provisions of the Food Stamp Program Improvements Act of 1994, Public Law 103-225, Title II, 108 Stat. 108-110 (1994). The purpose of this rule is to implement these statutory changes to the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended. It would revise the definition of "retail food

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store" to conform to the statutory changes to require that a firm must meet one of two new criteria to qualify for participation in the Food Stamp Program. One criterion focuses on the variety of staple foods for home preparation and consumption available on a continuous basis, including perishables. The second criterion requires that a firm's staple-food sales exceed 50 percent of its total gross sales. This rule also addresses the requirement in Public Law 103-225 for new procedures for providing periodic notification of eligibility and for reauthorizing participating firms. (95-003)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0584-AB90

204. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: RETAILER APPLICATION PROCESSING

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2011 to 2032

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 278.1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would increase from 30 to 90 days the initial application processing timeframe for stores that apply for authorization. It would also allow FCS to request specific documentation to verify applicant firms' eligibility. Such information would include, but would not be limited to, business licenses, photographic identification cards, bills of sale, deeds, leases, sales contracts, certificates of incorporation, sales records, invoice records, and tax records. This documentation would be used to confirm self-reported information provided on the application form and to obtain third-party verification. (95-008)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0584-AC05

205. SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM: PROGRAM MEAL SERVICE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 103-448; 42 USC 1769a

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 225

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Implements provision of PL 103-448 which permits Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meal service to be provided at non-school sites to children who are not in school for a period during the months of October through April due to a natural disaster, building repair, court order, or similar cause. Rule also simplifies the SFSP sponsor application and State monitoring requirements in order to eliminate unnecessary paperwork and reduce administrative burden for sponsors and State agencies. (95-011)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/96	
Final Action	02/00/97	
Final Action Effective	03/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AC06

206. AMENDMENT TO REMOVE FORMULATED GRAIN—FRUIT PRODUCT SECTION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1773; 42 USC 1779

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 220 app A

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Formulated grain-fruit products are specially fortified pastry type products which are currently authorized for use in the School Breakfast Program (SBP) to meet one bread/bread alternate and the fruit/vegetable requirements of the meal pattern. Originally intended to increase participation in the SBP by comprising a reimbursable meal when served with milk, subsequent additions to the meal patterns have made this impossible. In addition, these products do not make favorable contributions to a healthy diet. There is a minimum of 22% fat in the product specification, and high sugar levels are also necessary to meet the calorie minimum and produce a palatable product. These products are also low in fiber. Interest in these products from the food industry is low; only a few companies have approved grain-fruit products. These companies could reformulate their existing products into lower fat, tastier products without the constraints of this regulation. This regulation is no longer necessary or effective in promoting participation in the SBP. (95-010)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0584-AC09

207. CONSOLIDATION OF NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM INTO COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: PL 103-448

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 210; 7 CFR 220

USDA—FCS

Proposed Rule Stage

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, May 2, 1996.

Abstract: Sec. 301 of P.L. 103-448 required the consolidation of the school lunch program and the school breakfast program into a comprehensive school meal program. In establishing the comprehensive school meal program, (a) children who are eligible for free and reduced price benefits will continue to receive such benefits; (b) the meals will continue to meet the nutritional requirements of sec. 9(a)(1) of the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) and sec. 4(e)(1) of the Child Nutrition Act (CNA); and (c) breakfast and lunch payments will continue to meet the requirements of sec. 4 and 11 of the NSLA and sec. 4 of the CNA. This regulation will consolidate the two programs by making structural changes to the framework of 7 CFR Part 210 to accommodate the incorporation of the breakfast program and by removing repetitive and obsolete provisions. Further, 7 CFR Part 220 will be removed in its entirety. (95-013)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	
Final Action	03/00/97	
Final Action Effective	04/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AC10

208. FSP: RETAILER DELINQUENT DEBT COLLECTION: OFFSETTING FEDERAL INCOME TAX REFUND

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 98-369; PL 100-203; PL 100-485; PL 102-164

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 278.6

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule notifies the public that FCS will begin offsetting Federal income tax refunds in 1997 to collect delinquent debts against food stamp retailers. These debts represent monetary penalties which FCS assessed

against retailers who have violated Food Stamp Program rules and regulations. The offset will be made from Federal income tax refunds payable to retailers who are on FCS' records as having delinquent debts. This rule implements authority granted by the Cash Management Improvements Act, as amended. (95-014)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0584-AC11

209. CREDITING OF YOGURT IN THE SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1758

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 210; 7 CFR 220

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would allow yogurt to be credited as a meat/meat alternate in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program when the school uses a food-based menu planning system. (95-021)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	02/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AC15

210. MODIFICATION OF THE "VEGETABLE PROTEIN PRODUCTS" PORTION OF APPENDIX A OF 7 CFR PARTS 210, 225, AND 226

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1758; 42 USC 1759a; 42 USC 1761; 42 USC 1762a; 42 USC 1765; 42 USC 1766

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 210 app A; 7 CFR 210.10(k)(3)(i); 7 CFR 210.10a(d)(2)(i); 7 CFR 225 app A; 7 CFR 225.16(f)(3); 7 CFR 226 app A

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The usage level of vegetable protein products (VPP) is currently limited to a 30% substitution of meat, fish or poultry. A nutritional profile has been established which specifies fortification of certain nutrients as well as a protein quality requirement. This regulation could better serve the child nutrition programs if it is modified to allow an increased utilization of foods containing VPP. The food industry has requested that we allow 100% soy products to serve as meat alternates in the food based system, since there are no restrictions on their use under the nutrient based system. In addition, current fortification levels of iron and zinc established for the VPP used in the child nutrition programs were based on early dietary research. It is now believed that these levels may be excessive if the VPP is used at greater than a 30% level of substitution in the diet. The Department intends to propose a rule to modify the regulations governing the use of vegetable protein products in the child nutrition programs which will provide a consistent nutritional policy regardless of menu planning system used, and will remove confusing regulatory burdens from programs and industry. (95-018)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer

USDA—FCS

Proposed Rule Stage

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211. CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM: CHILD NUTRITION AND WIC REAUTHORIZATION ACT AMENDMENTS AND HEALTHY MEALS FOR HEALTHY AMERICANS ACT OF 1994

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1758; 42 USC 1766

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 226

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would propose changes to the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) as required by the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 1989 and the Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994 by: (1) providing administrative funds to family day care home sponsors for expansion into low-income or rural areas; (2) reducing from six to two the required number of annual site monitoring reviews required of schools which operate outside-school-hours care centers; (3) permitting State agencies to allow three-year applications from child and adult care institutions; (4) granting Federally funded income-eligible Head Start participants automatic eligibility for free CACFP meals without further application or eligibility determination; (5) granting pre-kindergarten Even Start participants automatic eligibility for free CACFP meals without further applications or eligibility determination; (6) allowing the use of administrative funds to conduct outreach and recruitment to unlicensed day care homes; and (7) providing CACFP child care institutions, other than outside school hours care centers, with basic information on the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC. These revisions are intended to encourage Program participation in low-income and rural areas and to reduce paperwork burden for Federal, State and local Program administrators and for program participants. (90-508)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/97	
Final Action Effective	06/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 0584-AC20

212. ● RELEASE OF FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 103-448, sec 108

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 245

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would allow the disclosure and use of a student's free and reduced price school meal or free milk eligibility information when needed for certain educational programs, to facilitate eligibility determinations in other means tested programs, and for certain monitoring and investigative purposes. The rule would (1) establish limits on the persons and programs that may have access to a student's free and reduced price school meal or free milk eligibility information, (2) require that households be notified that information may be shared, and (3) provide penalties for unauthorized disclosures. The proposed amendments are intended to facilitate children's access to certain programs serving low-income children and protect free and reduced price eligibility information from misuse and unauthorized disclosures. (95-022)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	
Final Action	02/00/97	
Final Action Effective	03/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AC21

213. ● FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: REGULATORY REVIEW/PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2011 to 2032

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 271; 7 CFR 272; 7 CFR 273.15; 7 CFR 273.16; 7 CFR 274; 7 CFR 275; 7 CFR 276; 7 CFR 277; 7 CFR 281; 7 CFR 284; 7 CFR 285

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Agriculture is proposing substantial revisions to the Food Stamp Program regulations governing State agency administrative and management requirements. This action is being taken in response to the President's Regulatory Reform effort and as part of the Department's ongoing effort to expand State flexibility. This action will provide the State agencies with more flexibility in operating the Food Stamp Program by eliminating outdated or overly prescriptive requirements. This rule also proposes to implement provisions of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GRPA), which shifts the focus of Federal agencies from managing processes to achieving results. (95-023)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Federal

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USDA—FCS

Proposed Rule Stage

214. • CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM INITIATIVE**Priority:** Other Significant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 1758; 42 USC 1766**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 226**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rulemaking proposes to incorporate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program regulations several recommendations suggested by the Department's Office of Inspector General as a result of several audits recently conducted. The audits

concluded that high levels of noncompliance by sponsors and family day care homes were evident in several areas of Program operations.

The Department also proposes to incorporate in the regulations several recommendations from a State-Federal task Force in the areas of (1) State approval of both new and renewing sponsoring organizations; (2) State oversight of sponsor operations; and (3) training and operational requirements for child care institutions, sponsors of family day care homes, outside-school-hours care centers, and family day care home providers.

As a result of the Task Force's recommendations, this rulemaking also proposes other changes to the CACFP regulations which are intended to streamline the operation of the Program at the State and local levels, improve

its integrity, and strengthen oversight control. (95-024)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
Final Action	06/00/97	
Final Action Effective	06/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local**Agency Contact:** Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Final Rule Stage

Food and Consumer Service (FCS)

215. MISCELLANEOUS FARM BILL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF RETAIL FIRMS AND WHOLESALE FOOD CONCERNS**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 2011 to 2031; PL 101-624**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 271; 7 CFR 272; 7 CFR 274; 7 CFR 278**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, October 1, 1991.
Effective 120 days from publication of implementing rules.**Abstract:** This rule would implement three provisions of the 1990 Farm Bill (PL 101-624, 104 stat 3359) which revise the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended (7 USC 2011 et seq.). The first provision would amend the definition of "food" to include meals sold to the homeless program participants by restaurants approved by State agencies for this purpose. Such restaurants must contract with the State and must be authorized by the Food and Consumer Service to provide meals at concessional prices to homeless participants. The second provision would allow a periodic reauthorization of retail food stores and wholesale food concerns to participate in the Food Stamp Program. The third provision revises criteria for and limits the participation in the program of co-

located wholesaler/retailer firms. (91-003)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/23/91	56 FR 54799
NPRM Comment Period End	11/22/91	
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
Phone: 703 305-2246**RIN:** 0584-AB02**216. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE MEALS BY SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SPONSORS AND FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS BY CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM INSTITUTIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 1758; PL 101-147**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 225; 7 CFR 226**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, July 1, 1990.**Abstract:** Implements certain provisions of PL 101-147, including a requirement that applicants for free or reduced price meals need only provide the Social Security Number of the household member who signs the application and a requirement that the Program sponsor rather than the applicant total the income information provided. (90-510)**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
Phone: 703 305-2246**RIN:** 0584-AB17**217. CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM: AUTHORITY TO COLLECT OVERCLAIMS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 1766**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 226**Legal Deadline:** None

USDA—FCS

Final Rule Stage

Abstract: Establishes the Department's authority to collect overclaims where participating institutions fail to comply with regulatory recordkeeping requirements. (87-514)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/05/95	60 FR 62227
NPRM Comment Period End	02/05/96	
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 0584-AB19

218. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS—DISASTER PROVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 100-707

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will propose to: (1) allow simultaneous distribution of commodities and food stamps during disaster; (2) allow commodity distribution to households during situations of distress. This rule will also define necessary accountability procedures. (90-0001)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/08/95	60 FR 62999
NPRM Comment Period End	02/06/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 0584-AB55

219. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS—OKLAHOMA WAIVER AUTHORITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 97-98, Sec 1338; PL 95-113

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 254

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This interim rule will extend the Department's authority to grant waivers to serve urban places in excess of 10,000 people. This authority expired on September 30, 1985. (94-002)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	03/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 0584-AB56

220. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: CHILD SUPPORT DEDUCTION

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2011 to 2032; PL 103-66

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 273

Legal Deadline: Other, Statutory, September 1, 1994.

Sections 13911 and 13915 of PL 103-66--effective date.

Abstract: This rule implements section 13921 of the 1993 Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act which establishes a deduction for child support paid to a non-household member. (95-001)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/08/94	59 FR 63265
NPRM Comment Period End	02/06/95	
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AB58

221. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: SIMPLIFICATION OF PROGRAM RULES

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2011 to 2032

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 273

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action proposes several changes in Food Stamp Program rules relating to Social Security numbers, combined allotments, residency, excluded resources, contract income, self-employment expenses, certification periods, the notice of adverse action, recertification, and suspension. The changes are being proposed as means to simplify regulatory requirements and to increase consistency with requirements of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program. (93-006)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/11/95	60 FR 2703
NPRM Comment Period End	03/13/95	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AB60

222. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: PAYMENT OF CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF STATE AGENCIES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2011 to 2032; PL 103-66, sec 13961

USDA—FCS

Final Rule Stage

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 277

Legal Deadline: Other, Statutory, April 1, 1994.

The Act requires funding rate reduction effective 04/01/94.

Abstract: State agencies are reimbursed by FCS at standard or enhanced Federal reimbursement level for all allowable costs incurred in the State's operation of the Food Stamp Program. This proposed rule would reduce the Federal reimbursement rate for State agencies for fraud control, system development, and immigration status verification to the standard 50 percent rate. It would also limit the time period during which State agencies may file a claim for retroactive funding, and allows the cost of certifying aid to families with dependent children to be charged to the Food Stamp Program for purposes of Federal reimbursement. (93-010)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/22/94	59 FR 60079
NPRM Comment Period End	01/23/95	
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AB66

223. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS: DEFINITION OF INDIAN TRIBAL HOUSEHOLD

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 88-525; PL 97-98, sec 1338; PL 95-113

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 253; 7 CFR 254

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule will amend part 253 to permit households containing a Native American living in "near areas" to participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) regardless of the Native American's tribal affiliation or age. It will also amend part 254 to permit households containing a Native

American to participate in FDPIR in Oklahoma regardless of the Native American's age. (82-217)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/20/87	52 FR 39158
Interim Final Rule	01/11/94	59 FR 1447
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 0584-AB67

224. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: QUALITY CONTROL PROVISIONS OF THE MICKEY LELAND CHILDHOOD HUNGER RELIEF ACT

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 103-66, sec 13951

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 272; 7 CFR 275

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To implement quality control changes to the Food Stamp Act required by section 13951 of the Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act in the following areas: 1) interest on quality control claims, 2) the formula for determining quality control claim amounts, 3) variance exclusion for the application of new regulations, 4) time frames for completion of the arbitration process, 5) time frames for determining final error rates, the national average payment error rate, and the amounts of payment claims against State agencies, 6) time frames for notifying State agencies of payment claims, 7) the addition of specific criteria for a determination that "good cause" exists for not imposing a payment claim, and 8) the transfer of authority to make "good cause" determinations from FNS to the Administrative Law Judges. These provisions are nondiscretionary and will not result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, or a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individuals, industries, Federal, State or local government agencies, or geographical regions. (93-018)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/23/95	60 FR 32615
NPRM Comment Period End	08/22/95	
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AB75

225. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: CERTIFICATION PROVISIONS OF THE MICKEY LELAND CHILDHOOD HUNGER RELIEF ACT

Priority: Economically Significant

Legal Authority: PL 103-66 Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 271.2; 7 CFR 273.1; 7 CFR 273.2; 7 CFR 273.7; 7 CFR 273.8; 7 CFR 273.9; 7 CFR 273.10; 7 CFR 273.12; 7 CFR 273.21

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, September 1, 1994.

All provisions must be implemented on 09/01/94.

Abstract: The final rule will (a) exclude certain general-assistance vendor payments from income; (b) increase the amount of the dependent care deduction; (c) require State agencies to establish a statewide limit for dependent care reimbursements paid to participants in the Food Stamp Employment & Training (E&T) Program; (d) increase the fair market value on vehicles for determining a household's resource limit; (e) exclude the value of vehicles from resources that are used by the household to transport fuel or water; (f) simplify the "household" definition; (g) establish eligibility for children who live with their food-stamp-eligible parents in a drug or alcohol rehabilitation center; (h) provide an income exclusion for earnings of elementary and secondary school students under 22; and (i) require proration of benefits following a break of more than 30 days in certification. (93-017)

USDA—FCS

Final Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/30/94	59 FR 44866
NPRM Comment Period End	10/31/94	
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 0584-AB76

226. TREATMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING ASSISTANCE

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 101-392; PL 101-624; PL 102-237; PL 102-325

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 272; 7 CFR 273

Legal Deadline:

Final, Statutory, August 1, 1991, PL 101-624.

Final, Statutory, August 1, 1991, PL 101-392.

Final, Statutory, February 1, 1992, PL 102-237.

Final, Statutory, October 1, 1992, PL 102-325 - Tribal Loan Program.

Final, Statutory, August 1, 1993, PL 102-325 - Title IX Exclusion.

Abstract: This action finalizes provisions of P.L. 101-624 governing the treatment of educational assistance as excluded income or resources. It finalizes provisions of P.L. 102-325 which prohibits Federal educational assistance provided under Title IV or Part E of Title XIII of the Higher Education Act from being considered as income and resources for food stamp purposes. It finalizes provisions of P.L. 101-392 which prohibits counting certain educational assistance funded by the Perkins Act as income or resources when determining the eligibility and benefits of student households. It finalizes provisions of P.L. 102-237 which provide that educational monies are excluded from income when they are awarded to a person enrolled at a recognized institution of post-secondary education, at a school for the handicapped, in a vocational education program, or in a program that provides for completion

of a secondary school diploma or obtaining the equivalent. Also, such monies are excluded from income to the extent that they do not exceed the amount used for or made available as an allowance determined by the school, institution, program, or other grantor, for tuition, mandatory fees (including the rental or purchase of any equipment, materials, and supplies related to the pursuit of the course of study involved), books, supplies, transportation, and other miscellaneous personal expenses (other than living expenses), of the student incidental to attending such school, institution, or program and to the extent the loans include any origination fees and insurance premiums. The provisions of the statutes become effective on the dates of the legal deadlines whether regulations have been published or not. (94-016)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/01/93	58 FR 58463
NPRM Comment Period End	01/03/94	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AB84

227. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: REVISIONS IN USE AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY RETAIL FOOD STORES AND WHOLESALE FOOD CONCERNS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 103-225; 7 USC 2018(c)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 278.1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule sets forth changes required by provisions of the Food Stamp Program Improvements Act of 1994, PL 103-225, Title II, 108-109 (1994). The purpose of this rule is to implement these statutory changes to the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended. It would permit the use and

disclosure of information provided by stores to State and Federal law enforcement and investigative agencies for the purposes of administering or enforcing the Food Stamp Act, and establishes penalties against persons who misuse any of the information. (94-022)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/12/95	60 FR 25625
NPRM Comment Period End	06/12/95	
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Federal

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RIN: 0584-AB87

228. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES; REDUCTION IN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2011 to 2032

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 272; 7 CFR 277

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule 1) increases the cost thresholds above which prior written Federal approval is required for Federal financial participation in State automated data processing (ADP) equipment and services acquisitions; 2) provides for State requests to be deemed to have provisionally met the prior approval requirement if the Food and Consumer Service (FCS) does not approve, disapprove, or request additional information about the request within 60 days of acknowledging it; and 3) eliminates the requirement that State agencies submit a written summary pertaining to the State biennial systems security reviews. These changes are being made to

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promote greater efficiency in government operations. They will reduce the State reporting burden. (94-020)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/31/95	60 FR 38972
NPRM Comment Period End	09/29/95	
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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RIN: 0584-AB92

229. MONTHLY REPORTING ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS PROVISION OF FOOD STAMP PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 1994

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 103-225

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 273.21

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, March 25, 1994.

Abstract: Establishes special monthly reporting requirements for households living on Indian reservations. (94-013)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/06/95	60 FR 29767
NPRM Comment Period End	08/07/95	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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RIN: 0584-AB98

230. SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS: TECHNICAL AND NONDISCRETIONARY AMENDMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: PL 103-488

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 215; 7 CFR 235; 7 CFR 245

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule proposes to (1) allow USDA to withhold State Administrative Expense (SAE) funds when State agencies are seriously deficient in program administration and to withhold SAE funds from State agencies unwilling to participate in studies; (2) remove the authority for child care centers in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to participate in the lunch and breakfast program; and (3) make other technical amendments to remove obsolete references. (96-001)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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RIN: 0584-AC01

231. SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC): IMPLEMENTATION OF WIC MANDATES OF THE HEALTHY MEALS FOR HEALTHY AMERICANS ACT OF 1994

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1786

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 246

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule implements the WIC-related reauthorization provisions mandated in Pub. L. 103-448, the Healthy Meals for Healthy

Americans Act of 1994. All of the WIC-related provisions may be deemed nondiscretionary. These provisions include: counting the unborn child of an otherwise income-ineligible pregnant woman, allowing State agencies to deem income-eligible pregnant women presumptively eligible for a period not to exceed 60 days, an increase in the national breastfeeding promotion and support expenditure, and a requirement that Medicaid managed care providers be included in the programs to which WIC must make referrals. (95-004)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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RIN: 0584-AC02

232. REMOVAL OF THE "CHEESE ALTERNATE PRODUCTS" REQUIREMENTS FROM THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1751 to 1760; 42 USC 1779; 42 USC 1761; 42 USC 1762a

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 210.10 (k)(3)(i); 7 CFR 210.10a (d)(2)(i); 7 CFR 210 app A; 7 CFR 225.16 (f)(3)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule eliminates requirements governing the use of "Cheese Alternate Products" in the National School Lunch Program. The removal of these requirements should enable cheese substitute manufacturers more freedom in the production of this type of product while maintaining program nutrition standards through reliance on existing Food and Drug Administration rules. (95-007)

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/27/95	60 FR 49807
NPRM Comment Period End	12/27/95	
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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RIN: 0584-AC04

233. CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM: CHILD NUTRITION AND WIC REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1989 AND OTHER AMENDMENTS

Priority: Other Significant**Legal Authority:** PL 101-147; PL 102-342; PL 102-375**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 226**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This interim rule implements changes required in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) by the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 1989 (P.L. 101-147), the Child Nutrition Improvement Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-342) and the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1992 (P.L. 102-375) by: (1) allowing the Governor of a State to designate a State administering agency for the adult day care component of the Program that is different from the State agency which administers the child care component; (2) changing the basis for making commodities available to State agencies; (3) permitting private for-profit child care centers to participate in CACFP if at least 25 percent of their enrolled children or 25 percent of their licensed capacity, whichever is less, are Title XX recipients; (4) allowing adult day care centers to participate in the CACFP if they provide day care services to qualified persons in a group setting outside their homes, or in a group living arrangement; and (5) making three specific technical adjustments in Program regulations. This interim rule also makes a discretionary change which allows households participating in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) to be categorically eligible as free meal recipients under

the CACFP. These changes are intended to reduce the level of administrative burden at the Federal, State and local levels. (95-009)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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RIN: 0584-AC07

234. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL WORK PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 2017(d) Food Stamp Act**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 271; 7 CFR 273**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action proposes to amend Food Stamp Program regulations to prohibit an increase in food stamp benefits when a household's Federal, State or local welfare assistance payment decreases as a result of a penalty for failure to comply with a Federal, State or local welfare program requirement. The revision is necessary to more fully implement congressional intent that the Food Stamp Program should reinforce, not mitigate, another program's penalties. (95-012)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/08/95	60 FR 40311
NPRM Comment Period End	09/22/95	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AC08

235. AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS TO THE PUBLIC

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 295.1 to 295.10**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The regulatory action is necessary to update the administrative information made available to the public on how to access agency information under the Freedom of Information Act. (95-019)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman, Agency Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 308, Alexandria, VA 22302
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RIN: 0584-AC13

236. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM REGULATORY REVIEW: ALASKA, PUERTO RICO, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 2011 to 2032**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 271; 7 CFR 272; 7 CFR 282; 7 CFR 284; 7 CFR 285**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action proposes to amend Food Stamp Program rules affecting Alaska, The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and demonstration projects. This action is one result of a comprehensive page by page review of all existing Food Stamp Program regulations which

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was conducted in response to the President's efforts to reform the Federal regulatory system. The changes will eliminate prescriptive detailed processes and empower States to set their own procedures for case management and customer service; eliminate outdated and redundant regulatory requirements; and emphasize recipient responsibility for applying and reporting their circumstances properly. (95-015)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/24/96	61 FR 1849
NPRM Comment Period End	03/25/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AC14

237. • SFSP IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTHY MEALS FOR HEALTHY AMERICANS ACT OF 1994

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 1758; 42 USC 1761; 42 USC 1762a

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 225

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This interim rule implements five amendments to section 13 of the National School Lunch Act that are mandated by the Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-448) to improve Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) delivery, outreach, and access. The law revises the "sponsor priority list" used by States to approve applications to give private nonprofit organizations that have successfully participated in SFSP higher priority than prospective service institutions that are new to the program. Further, it removes the requirement that a private nonprofit organization be prohibited for one year from serving an area previously served by a school or public sponsor. It also removes the requirement that State agencies collect and report to USDA all information gathered on food service management companies that wish to participate in SFSP. That requirement is replaced by a provision that allows USDA to maintain records on all food service management companies, but requires State agencies to report

information only when a company is seriously deficient in its performance. Pub. L. 103-448 also reduces the number of required components in the Management and Administration Plan (MAP) which State agencies submit annually by eliminating reporting by States of sponsor applications schedules, efforts to encourage self-preparation or school preparation of meals, plans for food service management company registration, plans to determine and process reimbursement payments to sponsors, and hearing procedures for sponsors. In addition, it removes the requirement that sponsor applications for nonprofit organizations contain specific warnings of penalties for improper or unsuccessful program participation. (95-025)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Food and Consumer Service (FCS)

Long-Term Actions

238. SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC): FOOD COST CONTAINMENT REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 246

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/15/90	55 FR 9709
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman
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RIN: 0584-AB11

239. PERMANENT AGREEMENTS/DIRECT CERTIFICATION IN NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH, SCHOOL BREAKFAST, AND SPECIAL MILK PROGRAMS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 210; 7 CFR 215; 7 CFR 220; 7 CFR 245

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/28/91	56 FR 24033

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	07/29/91	
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AB35

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Long-Term Actions

240. NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: REVIEW OF FREE AND REDUCED PRICE APPLICATION UNDER THE COORDINATED REVIEW EFFORT**Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 210**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local**Agency Contact:** Sheri Ackerman
Phone: 202 305-2246**RIN:** 0584-AB50**241. SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC): INFANT FORMULA PROCUREMENT ACT OF 1992****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 246**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal**Procurement:** This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.**Agency Contact:** Sheri Ackerman
Phone: 703 305-2246**RIN:** 0584-AB52**242. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: EXCESS SHELTER EXPENSE LIMIT AND STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCES****Priority:** Economically Significant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 273**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/22/94	59 FR 60087
NPRM Comment	01/23/95	
Period End		
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local**Agency Contact:** Sheri Ackerman
Phone: 703 305-2246**RIN:** 0584-AB59**243. FSP: TARGETING FOR INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 272**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	02/02/88	51 FR 7178
Final Action	09/00/97	
Final Action Effective	09/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Federal**Agency Contact:** Sheri Ackerman
Phone: 703 305-2246**RIN:** 0584-AB74**244. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: UTILITY REIMBURSEMENT EXCLUSION****Priority:** Economically Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 272; 7 CFR 273**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/16/94	59 FR 30864
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local**Agency Contact:** Sheri Ackerman
Phone: 703 305-2246**RIN:** 0584-AB79**245. NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH, SPECIAL MILK, SCHOOL BREAKFAST, CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD AND SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAMS: PURCHASE OF FOOD PRODUCTS PRODUCED IN THE U.S****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 210; 7 CFR 215; 7 CFR 220; 7 CFR 225; 7 CFR 226**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local**Procurement:** This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.**Agency Contact:** Sheri Ackerman
Phone: 703 305-2246**RIN:** 0584-AB82

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Food and Consumer Service (FCS)

Completed Actions

246. WAIVER AUTHORITY UNDER THE STATE PROCESSING PROGRAM**Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 250**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/12/96	61 FR 5271
Final Action Effective	02/12/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sheri Ackerman
Phone: 703 305-2246**RIN:** 0584-AB99**247. QUALITY CONTROL REGRESSION AMENDMENT****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 275.23**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Determined Not To Be in the Public Interest	02/06/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sheri Ackerman

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Phone: 703 305-2246

RIN: 0584-AC03

248. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: MAXIMUM ALLOTMENTS FOR HAWAII, ALASKA, GUAM, AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: None

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn Due to Pending Legislation.	02/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Agency Contact: Sheri Ackerman

Phone: 703 305-2246

RIN: 0584-AC16

249. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: MAXIMUM ALLOTMENTS FOR 48 STATES AND DC, AND INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS AND DEDUCTIONS FOR 48 STATES AND DC, ALASKA, HAWAII, GUAM, AND VIRGIN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: None

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn Due to Pending Legislation.	02/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0584-AC17

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Prerule Stage

Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)

250. • MEAT AND POULTRY STANDARDS OF IDENTITY AND COMPOSITION

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 21 USC 451 et seq; 21 USC 601 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 318; 9 CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: FSIS is carrying out a thoroughgoing regulatory review that will decide the future of its standards of identity and composition for meat and poultry products. These standards, established over many years, define particular products or product categories in terms of meat and poultry content or other characteristics. The standards are enforced through prior approval of labeling and by other means. Because of new technologies, changing lifestyles, changed consumer expectations, and the information now available to consumers through ingredient and nutrition labeling, the usefulness of many of the standards is in question. FSIS is soliciting information from the interested public on what direction reform of its food standards regulations should take, including suggestions on whether to fundamentally alter or eliminate entirely this regulatory program. FSIS recognizes that the current program impedes innovation, slowing the

introduction of nutritionally beneficial products in the marketplace. FSIS seeks information on how its product standards—if they are needed at all—can provide sound and reliable consumer protection, while being flexible enough to encourage the development and marketing of improved meat and poultry products.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/00/96	
ANPRM Comment	09/00/96	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Robert Post, Chief, Food Standards and Ingredients Branch, Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC 20250-3700

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RIN: 0583-AC01

251. • TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOODS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 601 et seq; 21 USC 451 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 305; 9 CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), in conjunction with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), plans to publish

an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) addressing possible transportation and storage requirements for potentially hazardous foods. (A potentially hazardous food is one, either natural or synthetic, that is in a form capable of supporting the rapid and progressive growth of infectious or toxigenic microorganisms.) For purposes of this ANPR, potentially hazardous foods include meat, poultry, egg, seafood, and dairy products.

In the past, FSIS and FDA believed that their ability to control adulterated products in commerce, coupled with an expectation of general adherence of transportation and storage firms to standard industry and commercial practices, was adequate to prevent public health concerns. However, FSIS and FDA now conclude that they must be more active in their efforts to ensure that potentially hazardous foods outside manufacturing establishments are handled such that the growth of pathogenic organisms is minimized, and no new pathogenic organisms or other hazards are introduced. The ANPR will solicit comments and information on various aspects dealing with the transportation and storage of potentially hazardous foods.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/00/96	
ANPRM Comment	07/00/96	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0583-AC05

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Proposed Rule Stage

Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)

252. USE OF TRISODIUM PHOSPHATE ON RAW, UNCHILLED POULTRY CARCASSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 451 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule would amend the poultry products inspection regulations to permit the application of trisodium phosphate (TSP) on raw, unchilled poultry carcasses. TSP would be permitted as an antimicrobial agent on raw, unchilled poultry carcasses. Tests conducted by industry and FSIS have shown that the use of TSP reduces microbial populations on raw, unchilled poultry carcasses. This proposed rule is in response to a petition.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Kenneth Peterson,
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RIN: 0583-AB80

253. NUTRITION LABELING; NEW PRODUCT CATEGORIES AND REFERENCE AMOUNTS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 601 et seq;
21 USC 451 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 317; 9 CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule would amend the Federal meat and poultry products inspection regulations by adding three new product categories and reference amounts to the new

product categories and reference amounts chart. FSIS has received requests through public comments and the labeling application process to add new product categories and reference amounts for "Beans with meat, plain or in sauce," "Appetizers," and "Major condiments." FSIS is also proposing to allow manufacturers of meal-type products packaged in volumes greater than one serving to be labeled as the fractional statement of the promoted serving size (e.g., 1/2 package, 1/4 package).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

Agency Contact: Charles Edwards,
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RIN: 0583-AB81

254. ELIMINATION OF PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FACILITIES EQUIPMENT AND CERTAIN PARTIAL QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 21 USC 451 et seq;
21 USC 601 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 304; 9 CFR 308;
9 CFR 317; 9 CFR 318; 9 CFR 319; 9
CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to amend the Federal meat and poultry products inspection regulations by

removing current requirements for FSIS approval of facilities and equipment prior to their use in official establishments. Establishments would be held accountable for meeting existing regulations for facilities and equipment and for preventing conditions that would tend to adulterate meat, meat food, and poultry products. FSIS is also proposing to end its prior approval of most voluntary, plant-operated partial quality control (PQC) programs, which are used by establishments to control certain kinds of food processing and product characteristics. Establishments would be encouraged to develop and implement quality control programs without first receiving permission from the Agency to do so and without having to rely on Agency guidance in operating them.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0583-AB93

255. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN MEAT PRODUCTS AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 21 USC 451 et seq;
21 USC 60 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 301; 9 CFR 318;
9 CFR 320; 9 CFR 381

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Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to amend the Federal meat and poultry inspection regulations by converting the current regulations governing the production of cooked beef products, uncured meat patties, and certain poultry products into performance standards. The proposed performance standards spell out the objective level of performance establishments must meet during their operations in order to produce safe products, but allow the use of plant-specific processing procedures other than the procedures prescribed in the current regulations. All of the provisions in the current regulations meet the proposed performance standards. Therefore, establishments probably would not be required to change any current practices in response to this proposed rule. The current provisions would remain in the regulations as examples of how an establishment might comply with proposed performance standards, constituting "safe harbors."

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Patricia F. Stolfa, Associate Deputy, Administrator, Science and Technology, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC 20250-3700
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RIN: 0583-AB94

256. CONTINUOUS CHILLING OF SPLIT TURKEY PORTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 451 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule would amend the poultry products inspection regulations to permit the chilling of split turkey portions in a continuous chiller. Under the current regulations, turkey carcasses must be intact in one piece before they may be chilled in a continuous chiller. They may not be continuously chiller if they have been split into major portions unless the

carcasses have been trimmed or otherwise salvaged. This amendment would permit establishments to intentionally split dressed turkey carcasses into major portions prior to being placed into a continuous chiller. Permitting the splitting of whole turkey carcasses into major portions prior to chilling would have several benefits. First, it would improve public safety by reducing the amount of time needed to cool the whole carcasses. A decrease in the chilling time significantly diminishes the period that the carcass portion is in the "danger zone" for microbial growth. The process itself would not cause the product to become adulterated or unwholesome. Second, it would provide the inspector with easier access to the interior of the carcass. This in turn would allow for a better visual inspection of the cavity than is possible with a whole carcass. Finally, the separated portions of the carcass would be appropriately handled immediately after splitting. The white meat portion would immediately be chilled to the proper temperature for direct sale to consumers while the dark meat portion, which is usually processed, could be directly deboned and used in further processed cooked products. This rulemaking is being initiated in response to a petition.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Alice M. Thaler, Slaughter Inspection Standards and Procedures Division, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC 20250
Phone: 202 720-3119

RIN: 0583-AB95

257. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ORIGIN OF SAUSAGE CASINGS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 451 et seq; 21 USC 601 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 317; 9 CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Food Safety and Inspection Service has been petitioned by the State of Connecticut to amend

the Federal meat inspection regulations to require that natural sausage casings be labeled as to their animal origin, i.e., species of livestock from which the casing is made. The regulation change is requested so that consumers may more easily select products on the basis of animal origin as needed to conform to religious or other dietary restrictions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Cheryl Wade, Director, Food Labeling Division, Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC 20250
Phone: 202 254-2590

RIN: 0583-AB98

258. GLYCERINE USED AS A HUMECTANT IN SHELF STABLE MEAT SNACKS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 601 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 317

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to amend the Federal meat inspection regulations to permit the use of food grade glycerine as a humectant in shelf stable meat snacks. It is proposing that the glycerine be used at a level not to exceed 2 percent of the formulation weight of the product. This proposed rule is in response to a petition. As a humectant, glycerine controls moisture in meat products and, at the 2 percent level, it reduces the amount of water available for microbial growth to occur. This use is Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) by FDA.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Charles Edwards, Director, Product Assessment Division, Regulatory Programs, Department of

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Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC 20250
Phone: 202 254-2565

RIN: 0583-AC00

259. • USE OF SORBITOL IN COOKED ROAST BEEF PRODUCTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 601 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 318

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: FSIS is proposing to amend the Federal meat inspection regulations to permit the use of sorbitol in cooked roast beef products. Sorbitol is listed in 21 CFR 184.1835 as a substance generally recognized as safe for various uses when used in accordance with good manufacturing practices. Sorbitol functions as a sweetening agent and prevents charring of meat and meat food products due to its moisture-retention properties. Sorbitol could be used for these two purposes in cooked roast beef products, at a level not more than two percent of the weight of the formula excluding the formula weight of water or ice.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Charles Edwards, Director, Product Assessment Division, Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC 20250-3700
Phone: 202 254-2588

RIN: 0583-AC02

260. • ELIMINATION OF PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EGG AND EGG PRODUCTS ESTABLISHMENT DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1621 et seq; 7 USC 1031 to 1056 Egg Products Inspection Act

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 55; 7 CFR 59

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to amend the Federal eggs and egg products inspection regulations by removing current requirements for prior approval by FSIS of establishment drawings and specifications prior to the construction or remodeling of official establishments. Requirements involving

the comparison of blueprints and specifications with actual facilities and equipment would end. FSIS would continue to verify through inspection that good sanitation is being achieved. This action is taken to streamline and modernize the eggs and egg products food safety regulations, to separate the roles of Government and the regulated industry, to encourage innovations that will improve food safety, and to remove unnecessary regulatory burdens on inspected egg establishments. In addition, the proposal represents an important shift away from FSIS's "command-and-control" regulatory approach and toward a less bureaucratic approach consistent with the Agency's food safety mission.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Paula M. Cohen, Director, Regulations Development, Policy, Evaluation and Planning Staff, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC 20250-3700
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RIN: 0583-AC06

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Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)

261. REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN COUNTRY IMPORT CERTIFICATION AND LIVE ANIMAL IMPORTATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 99-198

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 327; 9 CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will respond to amendments to the Federal Meat Inspection Act by the Food Security Act of 1985. The amendments require that FSIS periodically certify residue control programs submitted by foreign countries desiring to export meat and poultry products to the United States. The amendments also provide the Secretary with the authority to issue an order prohibiting the importation of livestock for immediate slaughter that

have been administered a drug or antibiotic banned for use in the United States.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/26/88	53 FR 27998
NPRM Comment Period End	09/26/88	
Reproposal	03/09/90	55 FR 8956
Reproposal Comment Period End	04/09/90	
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Lawrence Skinner, Director, Foreign Programs Division, International Programs, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC 20250

Phone: 202 720-6933

RIN: 0583-AA47

262. SUBSTANCES APPROVED FOR USE IN THE PREPARATION OF MEAT FOOD AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 21 USC 451 et seq; 21 USC 601 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 318; 9 CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

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Abstract: This rule will amend the Federal meat and poultry products inspection regulations to simplify the procedures by which FSIS approves food additives and Generally Recognized as Safe substances to be used as ingredients in meat food products and poultry products. The proposed rule will be developed in cooperation with the Food and Drug Administration to make the Federal regulation of food additives and other substances that may be used as ingredients in meat food and poultry products more efficient and uniform.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/29/95	60 FR 67459
NPRM Comment Period End	02/27/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Ralph E. Stafko, Deputy Director, Policy, Evaluation and Planning Staff, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC 20250
Phone: 202 720-8168

RIN: 0583-AB02

263. NUTRITION LABELING: HEALTH CLAIMS ON MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 601 et seq; 21 USC 451 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 317; 9 CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend the Federal meat and poultry products inspection regulations to permit the use of health claims that characterize the relationship of a substance to a disease-related or health-related condition on labeling of meat and poultry products. The rule will also establish a labeling application process for such health claims. This action stems from the final nutrition labeling regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/25/94	59 FR 27144
NPRM Comment Period End	07/25/94	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

Agency Contact: Charles Edwards, Director, Product Assessment Division, Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC 20250
Phone: 202 254-2565

RIN: 0583-AB64

264. TRISODIUM PHOSPHATE AS A POST-CHILL ANTIMICROBIAL TREATMENT FOR RAW POULTRY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 451 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend the poultry products inspection regulations to permit the use of trisodium phosphate as a post-chill antimicrobial treatment for inspected and passed raw poultry products. This action is taken in response to a petition.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/05/94	59 FR 551
NPRM Comment Period End	03/07/94	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	02/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: William O. James, Director, Slaughter Inspection Standards and Procedures Division, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Science and Technology, Washington, DC 20250
Phone: 202 720-3219

RIN: 0583-AB65

265. PATHOGEN REDUCTION; HAZARD ANALYSIS AND CRITICAL CONTROL POINTS (HACCP) SYSTEMS

Priority: Economically Significant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 451 et seq; 21 USC 601 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 308; 9 CFR 310; 9 CFR 318; 9 CFR 320; 9 CFR 325; 9 CFR 326; 9 CFR 327; 9 CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Agency is amending the Federal meat and poultry products inspection regulations to require: (1) all FSIS-inspected meat and poultry

establishments to adopt sanitation standard operating procedures (SOP's); (2) slaughtering establishments to verify the adequacy of their control of fecal contamination and associated bacteria through regular microbial testing; (3) slaughtering establishments and establishments producing raw ground products to meet pathogen reduction performance standards for Salmonella; (4) all meat and poultry establishments to develop, adopt, and implement Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), a system of preventive controls designed to improve the safety of their products.

Risks: Microbiological testing will be conducted by poultry

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/03/95	60 FR 6774
NPRM Comment Period End	06/05/95	
NPRM Reopening of Comment Period	08/11/95	60 FR 41029
NPRM Comment Period Extended to	10/30/95	60 FR 45380
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0583-AB69

266. SODIUM CITRATE BUFFERED WITH CITRIC ACID USED AS AN ANTIMICROBIAL AGENT IN CURED AND NONCURED MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 601 et seq; 21 USC 451 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 318; 9 CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend the Federal meat and poultry products inspection regulations to permit the use of sodium citrate buffered with citric acid in cured and uncured meat and poultry products. The technical effect of this buffered sodium citrate is to inhibit the growth of certain

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microorganisms, consequently, extending the product's shelf-life. Sodium citrate and citric acid are listed in the Food and Drug Administration regulations as generally recognized as safe for use in foods in accordance with good manufacturing practice. The technical data and information supplied by the petitioner have been reviewed and it has been determined that the use of this substance is

functional and suitable for the intended purpose. This rule only makes minor, technical changes to the chart and the table of substances approved for use in meat and poultry products.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Charles Edwards, Director, Product Assessment Division, Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC 20250
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

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267. FOOD STANDARDS: REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCESSED MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS NAMED BY USE OF AN EXPRESSED NUTRIENT CONTENT CLAIM AND A STANDARDIZED TERM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 319; 9 CFR 381

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/29/95	60 FR 67474
NPRM Comment Period End	02/27/96	

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Charles Edwards
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RIN: 0583-AB51

268. NUTRITION LABELING OF GROUND BEEF AND HAMBURGER

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 317; 9 CFR 381

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/24/94	59 FR 26916
NPRM Extension of Comment Period	07/05/94	59 FR 34396

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	07/08/94	
NPRM Extension of Comment Period End	08/22/94	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Charles Edwards
Phone: 202 254-2565

RIN: 0583-AB74

269. USE OF SOY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE AND FOOD STARCH—MODIFIED AS BINDERS IN CURED PORK PRODUCTS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 318

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Charles Edwards
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RIN: 0583-AB82

270. FSIS AGENDA FOR CHANGE: REGULATORY REVIEW; FOOD STANDARDS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 301 to 350; 9 CFR 381

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/29/95	60 FR 67469
ANPRM Comment Period End	02/27/96	

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Paula M. Cohen
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RIN: 0583-AB89

271. REFRIGERATION AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR SHELL EGGS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 56; 7 CFR 59

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/27/92	57 FR 48569
NPRM Comment Period End	12/28/92	

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Patrick Clerkin
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RIN: 0583-AC04

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272. PRIOR LABELING APPROVAL SYSTEM

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 317; 9 CFR 381

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/29/95	60 FR 67444
Final Action Effective	07/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Cheryl Wade
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RIN: 0583-AB92

273. • USE OF THE FAST ANTIMICROBIAL SCREEN TEST FOR BOB VEAL CALVES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 601 et seq

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 310

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: FSIS has amended the Federal meat inspection regulations to permit the use of the Fast Antimicrobial Screen Test (FAST) under its bob veal calf residue testing program. Current regulations prescribe the use of the Calf Antibiotic Sulfonamide Test (CAST). FSIS has developed FAST, which is similar to CAST but is more sensitive to the presence of some antimicrobial agents, and results can be obtained in six hours rather than 18-24 hours for the CAST test. Results from the FAST inplant study show that FAST is equivalent to CAST in detecting both antibiotic and sulfonamide residues in animal tissues. Use of FAST will allow inspectors to

screen suspect carcasses and provide results within one work shift. Carcasses that test negative could be released the same day as slaughter, which will benefit the meat industry. Consumers will continue to receive the same level of benefits from FSIS's Residue testing program for bob veal calves.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Direct Final Rule	12/22/95	60 FR 66482
Final Action Effective	02/20/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Bill Leese, Residue Operations Staff, Inspection Management Program, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Inspection Operations, Washington, DC 20250-3700
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RIN: 0583-AC03
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274. EMERGING DEMOCRACIES AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 5622(b)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 17; 7 CFR 1493

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The regulations will provide the terms and conditions of obtaining a Commodity Credit Corporation Export Credit Guarantee for agricultural facility establishment or improvement in emerging democracies that will primarily promote the export of U.S. agricultural commodities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/01/93	58 FR 11786
Interim Final Rule Effective	03/01/93	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	06/01/93	
NPRM	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: CCC, since the publication of the interim rule, has

developed the Facilities Guarantee Program operational requirements. CCC intends to issue these operational requirements as a guideline, as provided by the interim rule. Soon thereafter CCC will publish a proposed rule, with the same content as the guidelines with the intention of using this proposal as the framework for a final rule after a pilot test of the guidelines.

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RIN: 0551-AA35

275. SUGAR IMPORT LICENSING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 19 USC 1202

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1530 subpart A; 7 CFR 1530 subpart B; 7 CFR 1530 subpart C

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This advance notice of proposed rulemaking addresses some administrative changes to the sugar import licensing programs. These changes are intended to increase the regulatory efficiency, assist in verifying program compliance and provide for the adherence of the applicable sugar provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The NPRM will also provide for implementation of certain changes to the lead note to chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, pursuant to the Uruguay Round agreement.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/04/94	59 FR 23017
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/08/94	
NPRM	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0551-AA39

276. REGULATION GOVERNING THE FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL SALES OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES (PL 480, TITLE I)

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1701 to 1705; 7 USC 1736a; 7 USC 1736c; 7 USC 5676; EO 1220

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This ANPRM requests comments on how the procedures for arranging the purchase and shipment of commodities under the Public Law 480, Title I program, or any and all parts of the program, could be improved. It also asks for comments on three specific issues which have been raised in recent years:

Could the purchase authorization be eliminated, with relevant portions

placed in the regulations or the Invitations for Bids?

Should the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) pay suppliers directly for the costs which are financed by CCC instead of requiring the importing country to open letters of credit?

Should CCC finance commodity contracts on a cost and freight basis, under which the commodity supplier also provides the ocean transportation?

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/13/95	60 FR 47495
ANPRM Comment Period End	11/12/95	
NPRM	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Robert Riston, Regulatory Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4957 South Building, 14th and Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1060
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RIN: 0551-AA42

277. EXPORT SALES REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 5712

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 20

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulation to be revised to add sunflowerseed and sunflowerseed oil to the list of commodities to be reported under the Export Sales Reporting requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Robert Riston, Regulatory Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4957 South Building, Washington, DC 20250
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RIN: 0551-AA44

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Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

278. REGULATIONS GOVERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARKET PROMOTION PROGRAM (MPP) OVERSEAS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1485

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1736; 7 CFR 1485

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations are promulgated to provide minimum requirements and criteria for parties interested in participating in the Market Promotion Program (MPP) as authorized by the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978, as amended, and how they may apply and participate.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/26/90	55 FR 17618
NPRM Comment Period End	06/26/90	
Interim Final Rule	08/16/91	56 FR 40745

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	10/15/91	
Second Interim Final Rule	11/17/93	58 FR 60549
NPRM	01/10/96	61 FR 704
Third Interim Final Rule	02/01/96	61 FR 3548
NPRM Comment Period End	02/09/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Robert Riston, Regulatory Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4957 South Building, Washington, DC 20250
Phone: 202 720-6713

RIN: 0551-AA24

279. DAIRY TARIFF RATE IMPORT QUOTA LICENSING

Priority: Economically Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 624; 19 USC 1202; 31 USC 9701; PL 103-465

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 6.20 to 6.34

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, January 1, 1995.

Abstract: This rule would supersede the import regulation which governs the administration of the Import Licensing System for certain dairy products which are subject to in-quota tariff rates established in the harmonized tariff schedule of the United States resulting from the entry into force of certain provisions in the Uruguay Round Agreement.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	06/02/94	59 FR 28495
ANPRM Comment Period End	08/01/94	
Interim Final Rule	05/02/95	60 FR 21425
Interim Final Rule	09/13/95	60 FR 47453
NPRM	01/18/96	61 FR 1233
NPRM Comment Period End	03/18/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0551-AA27

280. CCC EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM (GSM-102) AND CCC INTERMEDIATE EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM (GSM-103)

Priority: Economically Significant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 714(b); 15 USC 714(f); 7 USC 5602; 7 USC 5622; 7 USC 5661; 7 USC 5663; 7 USC 5664; 7 USC 5676

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1493

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed Rule will amend regulations for CCC export credit guarantee programs by adding a new subpart D, supplier credit guarantee program. Subpart D will establish the terms and conditions by which U.S. exporters of U.S. agricultural commodities and products may obtain CCC credit guarantees for short term credits extended directly to foreign buyers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/06/91	56 FR 25998
Final Rule	10/19/94	59 FR 52866
NPRM	07/19/95	60 FR 37025
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0551-AA30

281. REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL SALES OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES (P.L. 480, TITLE I)

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1701 to 1705; 7 USC 1736a; 7 USC 1736c; 7 USC 5676

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Public Law 480, title I Financing Regulations specify the documents which the suppliers of commodities and of ocean transportation must present to the bank to receive payment. One of these is Form CCC-106, "Advice of Vessel Approval," issued by CCC, providing the written approval for each shipment and containing details of the ocean freight contract terms. This proposed rule would eliminate the requirement that the commodity supplier present this form to be paid, since the commodity supplier has no control over the ocean transportation. It would also shorten Appendices A and B of the regulations, which specify the basic contracting and documentary requirements for CCC to finance a wide variety of commodities. The proposed rule would eliminate from Appendices A and B the sections covering 15 commodities which have not been shipped for five years or more.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/22/95	60 FR 43566
NPRM Comment Period End	09/12/95	
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0551-AA43

282. LIMITATION ON IMPORTS OF MEAT

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: PL 84-540; 7 USC 1854; EO 12188; EO 11539

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 16

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Uruguay Round Agreements Act repealed the Meat Import Act of 1979. As a result, the above regulation is no longer necessary and may be expunged from the CFR.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Robert Riston, Regulatory Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4957 South Building, Washington, DC 20250
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RIN: 0551-AA45

283. SECTION 22 IMPORT FEES

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: PL 103-465

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 6.50 to 6.55; 7 CFR 6.66; 7 CFR 6.57

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rule would eliminate the import licensing system for sugar exempted from the section 22 import licensing fee. The fee on raw sugar was suspended in 1985 and eliminated on January 1, 1995 as a result of the Uruguay Round Agreements. Importations of sugar for the manufacture of polyhydric alcohol have entered against licenses issued under authority of 7 CFR 1530 and not under this program. With the complete elimination of the import fee, this CFR subpart can be deleted.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/96	

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Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Robert Riston, Regulatory Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4957 South Building, Washington, DC 20250
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RIN: 0551-AA46

284. REENTRY OF COTTON INTO THE UNITED STATES

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: PL 103-465

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 6.71 to 6.75

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rule would eliminate the requirement and procedures to obtain certificates from the Secretary of Agriculture in order to reenter U.S. cotton into the United States against an offsetting unsubsidized cotton export. This was a provision for ex-quota entry of U.S. cotton under certain circumstances because section 22 provided for a zero

quota on the reentry of cotton grown in the United States. As a result of the Uruguay Round Agreements, this provision has been eliminated from the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States and the ban on the reentry of U.S. cotton has been replaced by a tariff-rate quota on cotton imported from any country.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Robert Riston, Regulatory Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4957 South Building, Washington, DC 20250
Phone: 202 720-6713

RIN: 0551-AA48

285. CALCULATION OF MARKET STABILIZATION PRICE

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: Presidential Proclamation 5002, 47 FR 54269

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 6.100 to 6.102

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rule would eliminate the requirement that the Secretary of Agriculture calculate and publish a market stabilization price for sugar to establish a basis for liquidated damages in the Sugar Re-export Programs. Since 1990, the MSP has not been used for any purpose in the re-export programs, and the Secretary has not published an MSP since 1989. The MSP was used for two separate regulatory functions since its inception, which are no longer used. Thus this CFR subpart can be deleted.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0551-AA49

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286. PROPOSED REGULATIONS GOVERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATOR MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OVERSEAS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1550

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Robert Riston
Phone: 202 720-6713

RIN: 0551-AA26

287. PROGRAM CRITERIA FOR THE SUNFLOWERSEED OIL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SOAP) AND THE COTTONSEED OIL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (COAP)

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1570

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/27/91	56 FR 42222
Next Action	Undetermined	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Robert Riston
Phone: 202 720-6713

RIN: 0551-AA31

288. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO TOBACCO EXPORTS

Priority: Other

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1525

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/17/93	58 FR 65941
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/17/94	
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Robert Riston
Phone: 202 720-6713

RIN: 0551-AA32

289. SUNFLOWERSEED OIL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OPERATIONS (SOAP) AND COTTONSEED OIL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OPERATIONS (COAP)

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1570 subpart B; 7 CFR 1570 subpart C

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Robert Riston

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Phone: 202 720-6713

RIN: 0551-AA33

290. FOREIGN DONATION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

Priority: Other

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1499

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/14/94	59 FR 6916
NPRM Comment Period End	04/15/94	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Robert Riston
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RIN: 0551-AA38

291. REFORM OF EXPORT BONUS PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1494; 7 CFR 1570

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	06/26/95	60 FR 32923
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/26/95	
Next Action	Undetermined	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Robert Riston
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RIN: 0551-AA41

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Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

292. DIRECT CREDIT PROGRAMS (GSM-201 AND GSM-301) RISK ASSURANCE PROGRAM (GSM-101) CCC BARTER PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1487; 7 CFR 1495; 7 CFR 1491; 7 CFR 1492

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/04/96	61 FR 8207

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Robert Riston
Phone: 202 720-6713

RIN: 0551-AA34

293. REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL SALES OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES (P.L. 480 TITLE I PROGRAM)

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or

duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 17

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/07/95	60 FR 62702
Final Action Effective	01/08/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Robert Riston
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RIN: 0551-AA36

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

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Forest Service (FS)

294. SMALL TRACTS ACT REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 521(c) to 521(i)

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 254, subpart C

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Implementation of the Agency's Small Tracts regulations has revealed an inadvertent inconsistency between the regulations at 36 CFR 254.35(f) and 254.41(a) and the legislative history of the Small Tracts Act of January 12, 1983. The regulations imply that the disposal of mineral fractions by sale can only be made in response to an application from an abutting landowner, thus

discouraging the conveyance by sale to the public. The Act clearly authorizes sale of mineral fractions to the public through public sale, as well as individual applications, provided that certain conditions are met. The revisions will clarify the application of the Act to ensure that both individual applications and public sale are permissible means of disposing of qualifying tracts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	
Final Action	00/00/00	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0596-AA79

295. ISOLATED CABIN POLICY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 477 to 482; 16 USC 551

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 251

Legal Deadline: None

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Abstract: Agency policy is to terminate isolated cabin authorizations on National Forest System land that were constructed without advance authorization and subsequently authorized by special-use permit. These cabins are used for part- or full-time occupancy. These cabins differ from recreation residences which were established in tracts specific for this purpose and built with Agency approval and supervision. Isolated cabins originated in several ways, including encroachment and mining claims. They restrict management of the surrounding National Forest land and deprive the public the use and enjoyment of the land actually occupied and the surrounding area. The action proposed is to seek input from the public as to whether the present policy should be continued, or whether it should be revised so as to examine each isolated occupancy and determine whether, in the interest of fairness and equity, the cabin should be converted to a recreation residence. This proposal to revise current policy was originally included in proposed policy on recreation residences (RIN No. 0596-AB06).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	
Final Action	00/00/00	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0596-AA85

296. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL POLICY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 497; 43 USC 931(c)

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 251

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: A proposal for solid waste disposal sites currently authorized for use on National Forest System lands is being developed to reflect changes which have occurred as a result of the

Resource and Conservation Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and an increased knowledge of solid waste disposal. The proposal would prohibit the authorization of new sites and provide for the phase-out of existing sites. During the phase out period authorizations would be amended to provide resource protection. Adoption of this policy would reduce administrative costs associated with administration of solid waste disposal sites, and protect the resources of the National Forest System lands. The proposal would impact 110 sites currently authorized.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	06/26/90	55 FR 25990
ANPRM Withdrawn	07/10/90	55 FR 28258
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
Final Action	05/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Federal

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RIN: 0596-AA92

297. TIMBER SALE PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND FORM REVISION

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 31 USC 9301 to 9309; 31 USC 223 to 225

CFR Citation: None

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Following a period of high-priced timber sales bid prior to 1982, the Forest Service experienced a number of contract defaults on these sales. Subsequently, the Forest Service has had difficulty collecting from some sureties on the bonds guaranteeing performance on these sales. As part of a financial security initiative affecting future sales, the Forest Service is proposing to revise the payment and performance bonds to clarify surety's obligation in regard to what is being guaranteed, when payment is due in case of default, what additional charges

will be assessed if payment is not made when due and when collection action may be suspended. Other alternatives include eliminating surety bonds as a form of security, reducing surety guarantee to mid-point and periodic payment and retention of current bond forms. Upon adoption, the final revised bond forms will be issued for use by Forest Service Contracting and Fiscal Officers for future timber sale contracts. The former title, Surety Bond Form Revision, has been modified to more accurately reflect the content of the proposed rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/17/89	54 FR 1742
NPRM Comment Period End	03/20/89	
Second NPRM	06/00/96	
Second NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Final action on this entry was delayed to obtain advice of the Comptroller General. Because of the lengthy delay this action will be published as proposed once more.

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RIN: 0596-AA94

298. DISPOSAL OF NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER; CANCELLATION OF TIMBER SALE CONTRACTS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 551

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 223.40; 36 CFR 223.116

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Current regulations governing cancellation of National Forest timber sale contracts do not adequately protect the Government's financial interests in the event the Forest Service is forced to cancel contracts due to events beyond its control arising from

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compliance with environmental statutes. This rulemaking would remove an unworkable compensation-of-damages formula, remove limits applicable to length of contract term, and establish a termination-for-environmental-protection clause in timber sale contracts, a standard in most Federal procurement contracts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment	07/00/96	
Period End		
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0596-AB21

299. SPECIES SURPLUS TO DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING NEEDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 620 et seq

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 223.200

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule would amend 36 CFR 223.200, to list species proposed to be surplus to domestic manufacturing needs. This proposed rule would implement a portion of section 620a(b) of the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990 (16 USC 620 et seq). Section 620a(a) of the Act provides that no person who acquires unprocessed timber originating from Federal lands west of the 100th meridian in the contiguous 48 States may export such timber from the United States, or sell, trade, exchange or otherwise convey such timber from the United States, unless such timber has been determined under subsection (b) to be surplus to the needs of timber manufacturing facilities in the United States. Section 620a(b) of the Act provides that the prohibition contained in section (a) shall not apply to specific quantities of grades and species of unprocessed timber originating in Federal lands which the Secretary concerned determines through

rulemaking to be surplus to domestic manufacturing needs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment	12/00/96	
Period End		
Final Action	00/00/00	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Federal

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RIN: 0596-AB27

300. RETENTION OF DOWNPAYMENT ON TIMBER SALE CONTRACTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 472(a); 16 USC 618

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 223.49

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Federal Timber Sale Contract Payment Modification Act directs the Forest Service to require purchasers to make downpayments and periodic payment on timber sales. The objective of these requirements is to discourage speculative bidding on National Forest System timber sales. This rule will identify the requirements to hold downpayments until the timber sale contract is substantially completed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	02/02/94	59 FR 4879
ANPRM Comment	03/04/94	
Period End		
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment	10/00/96	
Period End		
Final Action	00/00/00	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Public Compliance Cost: Initial Cost: \$10,000; Yearly Recurring Cost: \$0

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RIN: 0596-AB28

301. NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING FOREST SERVICE MANUAL CHAPTER 1920

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1600 et seq

CFR Citation: None

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed manual policy would incorporate all direction for land and resource management planning into one Forest Service Manual chapter (FSM 1920). The proposed policy would clarify how the revised land and resource management planning regulations at 36 CFR 219 will be implemented. The proposal will focus on implementing forest plans: monitoring, evaluating, amending, and revising forest plans; and clarifying the relationship between forest planning and project decisionmaking. (See entry for RIN 0596-AB20.)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment	01/00/97	
Period End		
Final Action	05/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0596-AB31

302. USE OF FIXED ANCHORS FOR ROCK CLIMBING IN WILDERNESS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1121; 16 USC 1131 to 1136

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 261.16; 36 CFR 293.9

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The sport of rock climbing is often accomplished by using fixed, rather than removable, metal bolts and anchors. These bolts are considered permanent improvements when installed. These improvements may detract from the wilderness experience and are not compatible with management of the wilderness resource. The Forest Service proposes to reduce impacts on the wilderness resource by

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prohibiting all use of fixed anchors in the wilderness.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/97	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Public Compliance Cost: Initial Cost: \$0; Yearly Recurring Cost: \$1,000; Base Year for Dollar Estimates: 1992

Agency Contact: Marian P. Connolly, Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090
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RIN: 0596-AB33

303. COLLECTION OF REIMBURSABLE COSTS FOR PROCESSING SPECIAL-USE APPLICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF SPECIAL-USE AUTHORIZATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1764; 30 USC 181

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 251

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The objective of this proposal is to incorporate into regulation the authority contained in the Mineral Leasing Act and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act to reimburse the United States for reasonable administrative costs associated with the issuance and administration of special-use authorizations on National Forest System lands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Cost reimbursement for processing special-use applications and administration of special-use authorizations was originally included under RIN 0596-AA36. All provisions pertaining to the

special-use application and administration process have been merged with RIN 0596-AB35. Thus, this rulemaking addresses only the cost-reimbursement provisions.

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RIN: 0596-AB36

304. MARKET-RELATED TERM ADDITIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 618(b)

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 223.50; 36 CFR 223.53 (New)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Based on General Accounting Office Testimony Report Number T-RCED-92-58, 04/28/92, the Secretary of Agriculture agreed to reexamine the use of the Bureau of Labor Statistics unadjusted indices to determine whether wood product prices have shown a drastic decline. The Secretary of Agriculture indicated the Forest Service would develop and publish for comment a proposed rule to use an alternative method to determine whether wood prices have drastically declined and warrant granting of a Market-Related Contract Term Addition. The proposed rulemaking proposes minor changes in procedures to determine whether a drastic reduction in wood product prices has occurred.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Marian P. Connolly, Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090
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RIN: 0596-AB41

305. APPEAL OF DECISIONS RELATING TO OCCUPANCY AND USE OF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 472; 16 USC 551

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 251, subpart C

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These proposed regulations are housekeeping amendments to 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart C, to correlate with regulations at 36 CFR Part 215 and with statutory direction. For example, changes to Part 251 would clarify the application of this rule to the issuance of permits for occupancy and use of National Forest System lands. After further consideration, the Agency does not intend to proceed with timber sale set aside regulations as stated in the previous regulatory agenda since the set aside revisions are not related to special use permits. When 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart C, regulations were promulgated in 1989, NEPA analysis and documentation was not consistently applied to issuance of permits or other authorizations. Now the issuance of permits and other authorization requires application of the NEPA process prior to issuance. In addition, since these regulations were implemented, Congress has passed the Appeal Reform Act. The proposed changes to Part 251, Subpart C, are needed to make this regulation consistent with regulations at 36 CFR Part 215. Specific proposed changes to 36 CFR Part 251 include removing the second level of appeal opportunity, deleting the discretionary review option, shortening timeframes for scheduling oral presentations, and changes to conform with 36 CFR Part 215, including consistent terminology and definitions as well as removal of the automatic stay on permit issuance prior to appeal resolution.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	00/00/00	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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306. SALE AND DISPOSAL OF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TIMBER; EXTENSION OF TIMBER SALE CONTRACTS TO PERMIT URGENT REMOVAL OF OTHER TIMBER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 472a

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 223.50; 36 CFR 223.53

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule and policy change will provide for extension of National Forest System (NFS) timber sale contracts when such extension will permit the prompt removal and utilization of non-NFS owned timber damaged by catastrophic events. The change will define the responsibilities of the parties for requesting and approving such extensions and specify when such extension should be approved. This change will also allow for the use of scarce timber resources and the recovery of economic benefits from timber that might otherwise be lost because of contractual obligations to harvest undamaged timber.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	
Final Action	00/00/00	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0596-AB48

307. DISPOSAL OF NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER: TIMBER SALE CONTRACT REVISIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 94-588; 16 USC 472a; 16 USC 528; 15 USC 631

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 223, subpart B

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed policy would revise the 2400-6 and the 2400-6T timber sale contracts currently used by the Forest Service to sell National Forest System timber. The proposed timber sale contracts, included as part of the proposed policy, would reflect recent court decisions and recent natural resource and environmental legislation and would clarify the rights, responsibilities, and obligations of the contracting parties. The proposed policy would address specific ambiguities and weaknesses in the current contract that have generated costly litigation in the past between the Government and the purchaser and would address the concerns regarding timber theft and log accountability.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/96	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Marian Connolly, Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090
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RIN: 0596-AB52

308. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT; REVISED POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 4371

CFR Citation: None

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed manual and handbook policy would be revised to clarify the environmental analysis process used by the Forest Service to implement the NEPA regulations at 40 CFR 1500. The proposal will focus on better defining the process for determining when projects are categorically excluded and expanding the categories of action that can be excluded under NEPA.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/97	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0596-AB54

309. • 36 CFR 223 SUBPART C- SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT OF TIMBER PURCHASERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: EO 12549; EO 12689

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 223, subpart C

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On December 20, 1994, Federal Agencies proposed a common rule to ensure reciprocal governmentwide effect on debarments and suspensions. On January 6, 1996, the Department of Agriculture published its final rule (61 FR 250) to implement regulations for Nonprocurement Debarment and suspension in 7 CFR 3017. These rules became effective February 5, 1996. As such, Forest Service timber sale related debarments and suspensions will now be governed by the governmentwide common rule and USDA rule. Accordingly, Forest Service debarments and suspensions rules will be amended or removed as necessary to conform to the governmentwide common rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0596-AB55

310. • SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC LANDS IN ALASKA

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 96-487

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 242; 50 CFR 100

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 5, 1996.

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Abstract: The proposed rule would respond to rulemaking petitions submitted by the Northwest Arctic Regional Advisory Council (et al, 4/12/94) and the Mentasta Village Council (et al, 7/15/93) regarding Federal regulation of subsistence hunting and fishing on lands, which have been selected from non-Federal and Federal land for conveyance to Alaska Native Corporations or to the State of Alaska, but which have not yet been conveyed. The proposed rule would also respond to the April 20, 1995, decision by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals regarding Federal subsistence management authority over hunting and fishing in navigable waters in Alaska. This proposed rulemaking will address identification of waters that meet the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act definition of "public lands," and will address Federal Subsistence Board authority to restrict or limit hunting or fishing on non-Federal lands that interferes with subsistence hunting or fishing on Federal public lands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/04/96	61 FR 15014

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	06/14/96	
Small Entities Affected: None		
Government Levels Affected: Undetermined		
Agency Contact: Marian P. Connolly, Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090 Phone: 703 235-1488		
RIN: 0596-AB56		

311. ● PREFERENCE FOR VISITOR SERVICE; ALASKA NATIONAL FOREST CONSERVATION SYSTEM UNITS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 16 USC 3197
CFR Citation: 36 CFR 251
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations are proposed to define and establish procedures for administering the statutory rights and preferences established by the Alaska National Interest Lands Act of 1980 for historical operators, Native Corporations, and local residents to

conduct revenue producing visitor services on certain National Forest System Lands in Alaska. The regulations are necessary to comply with section 1307 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Act which requires the Secretary of Agriculture to give preference to persons he determines by rule are local residents. The regulations would apply only to Conservation System Units administered by the Forest Service.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0596-AB57

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312. HYDROPOWER APPLICATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 16 USC 551; 43 USC 1761

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 251.54; 36 CFR 251.57

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: A revision of Agency procedures is needed to reduce confusion regarding the role of the Forest Service in permitting hydropower uses on National Forest System lands. The goal of the directives will be to establish procedures, compatible with the procedures of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), for obtaining various approvals and involvement of the Forest Service in a timely manner.

In addition, the directives will establish a fee system for hydropower uses as required by Title V, Section 501 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The agency will propose

streamlined procedures for hydropower use approval in response to public comments received on proposed policy.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/22/95	60 FR 27154
NPRM Comment Period Extended	07/17/95	60 FR 36401
NPRM Comment Period End	09/05/95	
Final Action	05/00/96	
Final Action Effective	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0596-AA47

313. INDIAN ALLOTMENTS ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 472; 16 USC 551; 16 USC 1603; 43 USC 1740; 25 USC 337

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 254, subpart D (New)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule sets forth Forest Service procedures and role in the regulation of Indian allotments on National Forest System land. The Indian Allotment Act, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make allotments of National Forest System lands to Indians for homesteading and agricultural and grazing purposes. The Forest Service has relied upon USDI rules and procedures at 43 CFR 2533 to govern its involvement in Indian allotment cases. Litigation and a decision by the Interior Board of Land Appeals require

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the Forest Service to set forth its own regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/22/87	52 FR 23473
NPRM Comment Period End	07/22/87	
Final Action	05/00/96	
Final Action Effective	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0596-AA52

314. NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1600 et seq; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 219

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rulemaking will revise the regulations governing forest land and resource management planning to reflect Agency experience in preparing initial forest plans as required by the National Forest Management Act. The rule will articulate and clarify the forest planning and decisionmaking process, propose ways to streamline plan amendment and revision, and, in general, adjust and fine-tune the rule and its requirements to make the planning process more realistic, meaningful, and efficient.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	02/15/91	56 FR 6508
NPRM	04/13/95	60 FR 18886
NPRM Comment Period End	08/17/95	
Final Action	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0596-AB20

315. TIMBER SALE CONTRACTS; APPRAISAL PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING FAIR MARKET VALUE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1600

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 223.60

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This technical change to 36 CFR 223.60, in addition to the currently designated Residual Value Appraisal method of appraising National Forest timber, will provide for use of all appraisal systems, subject to approval from the Chief of the Forest Service.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Marian P. Connolly, Regulatory Officer, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090
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RIN: 0596-AB26

316. STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY ASSISTANCE STEWARDSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 2101 et seq

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 230

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule would incorporate streamlined procedural changes in response to public comments on the interim rule

published December 4, 1991. The interim rule established the interim procedures for administration of the Stewardship Incentive Program. The Program is intended to encourage private landowners, through cost-share assistance, to manage their forest lands for economic, environmental, and social benefits. Only two alternatives were considered in detail: (1) to implement the Program in accordance with 16 USC 2101, et seq, and (2) not to implement the Program, in which case there would be no accelerated program for multiple resource management on nonindustrial private forest lands. The overall effects of the Program over time will be environmentally beneficial by enhancing wetlands, wildlife habitat, forest health, forest productivity, and recreation. The Program will help meet future demand for commodity and noncommodity forest resources. There are no potential negative impacts anticipated for the Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/04/91	56 FR 63581
Interim Final Rule Public Comment Period End	01/21/92	
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0596-AB32

317. SPECIAL-USE APPLICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF SPECIAL- USE AUTHORIZATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1764; 31 USC 483(a); 30 USC 181; 16 USC 551

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 251(b)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Forest Service proposes to amend the regulations governing the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands to minimize application expenses, streamline and make more efficient environmental analysis of special use proposals, provide the ability to use one-time payments for easements as presently used in the

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marketplace, limit certain liability requirements to amounts determined by a risk assessment, make certain definitions more explicit, and clarify direction on renewal of existing special use regulations. The intended effect is to reduce costs to proponents and the agency, expedite decisionmaking, and administer authorizations in a more "user friendly" manner by removing certain requirements deemed unnecessary and/or outdated. This rulemaking responds to goals identified in the National Performance Review Regulatory Reform effort.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/14/92	57 FR 36618
NPRM Comment Period End	09/28/92	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0596-AB35

318. SMITH RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 460bbb(6); 16 USC 478; 16 USC 551

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 292, subpart G

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This subpart will set forth the rules by which the Forest Service will carry out its statutory responsibilities for the management of mineral operations on National Forest System lands within the Smith River National Recreation Area, Six Rivers National Forest. These rules will, as required by the Smith River National Recreation Area Act (PL 102-612), promote and protect recreation opportunities but still allow for mineral operations to take place. The Forest Service did not consider other alternatives because these regulations are mandated by law. Public costs are insignificant, but the public benefits could be substantial in that Forest Service and industry cooperation should be enhanced.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/23/95	60 FR 32633
NPRM Comment Period End	08/22/95	
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0596-AB39

319. SKI AREA PERMIT FEE SYSTEM

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 99-522; 16 USC 497b

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 251.57

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Forest Service proposes to revise existing procedures for determining permit fees for the use of National Forest System lands by ski areas. Permit fees for most ski areas operating on National Forest System lands are determined under the graduated rate fee system (GRFS). As applied to large ski areas, GRFS is complex and costly to administer, and has thus been the subject of several audits, appeals, and lawsuits. Under the proposed policy, the Agency would determine permit fees by site-specific appraisal of the use of National Forest System land by ski areas.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/13/95	60 FR 36097
NPRM Comment Period End	09/11/95	
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0596-AB49

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
Forest Service (FS)****Long-Term Actions****320. MANAGEMENT OF GRAZING USE WITHIN RANGELAND ECOSYSTEMS**

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 222, subpart A

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/16/88	53 FR 30954
NPRM Comment Period End	10/17/88	
ANPRM	08/13/93	58 FR 43202
ANPRM Comment Period End	10/20/93	
NPRM - Second	04/28/94	59 FR 22074
NPRM Comment Period End	07/28/94	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/00/97	
Final Action Effective	12/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Marian P. Connolly
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RIN: 0596-AA35

321. NATIONAL FOREST PROHIBITIONS; LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 261; 36 CFR 262

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Begin Review	10/01/87	
End Review	08/01/88	
NPRM	02/16/94	59 FR 7880
NPRM Comment Period End	05/18/94	
Second NPRM	05/00/97	

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Action	Date	FR Cite	Small Entities Affected: None	Phone: 703 235-1488
Second NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/97		Government Levels Affected: None	RIN: 0596-AA75
Final Action	00/00/00		Agency Contact: Marian P. Connolly	

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322. IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: None

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/16/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Marian P. Connolly
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RIN: 0596-AA93

323. FEDERAL TIMBER EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS (COMPREHENSIVE REVISION)

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 223, subpart B; 36 CFR 223, subpart C; 36 CFR 223, subpart D; 36 CFR 223, subpart F; 36 CFR 261, subpart A

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/08/95	60 FR 46890

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Marian P. Connolly
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RIN: 0596-AB22

324. EXERCISE OF OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 228, subpart F

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/15/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Marian P. Connolly
Phone: 703 235-1488

RIN: 0596-AB38

325. OCCUPANCY AND USE OF DEVELOPED SITES AND AREAS OF CONCENTRATED PUBLIC USE

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 291

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/23/96	61 FR 1715
Final Action Effective	01/23/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Marian P. Connolly
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RIN: 0596-AB43

326. PRIVATE SALE OF GOLDEN EAGLE PASSPORTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 291

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/15/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

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RIN: 0596-AB44

327. FEE SCHEDULES FOR COMMUNICATION USES ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: None

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/27/95	60 FR 55089
Final Action Effective	11/06/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0596-AB51

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
Office of Chief Financial Officer (OCFO)

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328. AUDITS OF STATE, LOCAL, AND INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 3015; 7 CFR 3016; 7 CFR 3050

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

Agency Contact: Allen Johnson
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RIN: 0505-AA09

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
Office of the Secretary (AgSEC)
Proposed Rule Stage
329. • NONDISCRIMINATION IN USDA CONDUCTED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 15

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule proposes to revise regulations governing nondiscrimination in programs and activities conducted by the Department. The proposal would remove current regulation on this subject, place it in a new part; clarify that the regulation applies to all Department-conducted

programs and activities; add familial status and marital status to the protected classes contained in the regulation; add a provision on Department agencies' compliance efforts; reflect that the Assistant Secretary for Administration has been delegated the authority to make final determinations as to whether prohibited discrimination occurred and the corrective action required to solve complaints; remove the Appendix to the regulation that lists the Department programs subject to these provisions; and make other clarifications to the regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: George Robertson, Acting Director, Office of Civil Rights Enforcement, Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary, Room 1322 South Building, Washington, D. C. 20250
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RIN: 0503-AA15

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
Office of the Secretary (AgSEC)
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330. GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HOSPITALS AND OTHER NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 31 USC 1111

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 3019

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulation establishes the administrative requirements for Federal grants and agreements to institutions of higher education, hospitals and non-profit organizations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Organizations

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0503-AA10

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
Office of the Secretary (AgSEC)
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331. SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 2635

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Gary M. Whitaker
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RIN: 0503-AA05

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
Office of the Secretary (AgSEC)
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332. NONPROCUREMENT DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 3017

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/04/96	61 FR 250
Final Action Effective	02/05/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Gary W. Butler

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RIN: 0503-AA12

333. • EXPIRATION OF THE REPLENISHMENT AGRICULTURAL WORKER PROGRAM

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 8 USC 1161

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1e

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule amends the regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) relating to additional special agricultural workers known as Replenishment Agricultural Workers (RAWs) under section 210A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 303 of the

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Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C. 1161). Specifically, this final rule removes the USDA regulations pertaining to the RAW program as the program expired at the end of Fiscal Year 1993.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/29/96	61 FR 2659

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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334. • EXPIRATION OF THE SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKER PROGRAM

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 8 USC 1160

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1d

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule amends the regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) relating to Special Agricultural Workers (SAWs) under section 210 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 302 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C. 1160). Specifically, this final rule removes the USDA regulations pertaining to the SAW

program as the program expired on December 1, 1988.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/29/96	61 FR 2659

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

335. RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANTS AND TELEVISION DEMONSTRATION GRANTS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 102-552; 7 USC 1927; 7 USC 1939 (c)

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1942 subpart G; 7 CFR 4284 subpart B

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Public Law 102-554 authorizes grants to qualified nonprofit organizations for the provision of technical assistance and training to rural communities for the purpose of improving passenger transportation services or facilities; to amend the definition for small and emerging private business enterprise to agree with the program size standards established by the Small Business Administration; to clarify certain administrative regulatory guidelines in order to effect improved program administration; and also authorizes grants for educational purposes and distance learning networks.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
RBEI Interim Final Rule Provide Educational/Job Training Instruction.	05/23/94	59 FR 26585

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/09/94	59 FR 40478
NPRM Comment Period End	09/08/94	
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 0570-AA08

336. INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM REWRITE

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1932 note; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1948

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory package is an initiative to enhance the program through revisions based on experience with operation of the program. The

primary changes under consideration include the following: (1) Provide clarifications as to which requirements apply only to Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) loan funds and which apply to everything in the IRP revolving funds, (2) Authorize State Offices to accept and process applications, (3) Clarify conditions under which an intermediary that does not have lending experience may qualify, (4) Provide that proposed intermediaries that are delinquent on a Federal debt are not eligible, (5) Authorize loans for refinancing, (6) Provide general guidelines for interest rates and terms of loan to ultimate recipients, (7) Provide that intermediaries may receive a series of subsequent loans of up to \$1 million each and raise the ceiling on loans to an ultimate recipient to \$250,000, (8) Provide for a reserve for bad debts, (9) Allow intermediaries to draw up to 25 percent of their loan at loan closing, (10) Revise application requirements to eliminate some items, provide more detail and provide for streamlined subsequent loan applications, (11) Adjust the priority point scoring system, (12) Provide guidelines for RBS concurrence in proposed loans to ultimate recipients.

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Final Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule to Raise Loan Limit From \$2 Million to \$4 million	05/12/94	59 FR 24635
NPRM	01/18/95	60 FR 3566
NPRM Comment Period End	03/20/95	
Second Interim Final Rule	02/22/96	61 FR 6761
Second Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	04/22/96	
Final Action	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Additional Information: This entry was reported as RIN 0575-AB83 prior to the reorganization of USDA.

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RIN: 0570-AA15

337. RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 940c

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1703 subpart B

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The current provisions that govern grant fund disbursement that were published on March 14, 1994, and October 27, 1994, need to be revised to provide more flexibility to advance grant funds to electric and telephone borrowers (the "grantees"). The agency will review on a case-by-case basis the requirements for disbursement of funds and provide for the advance of funds on an appropriate basis. This rule will greatly improve the Agency's ability to advance grant funds in a manner that is in both the government and the grantee's best interest. The Agency and current grantees believe the changes

should be made effective as soon as possible to avoid financial hardships for both the grantees and the ultimate recipients who will receive loans from the revolving loan funds.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/00/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Public Compliance Cost: Initial Cost: \$25,000; Yearly Recurring Cost: \$25,000; Base Year for Dollar Estimates: 1995

Sectors Affected: None

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RIN: 0570-AA19

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Long-Term Actions

Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

338. LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PLANNING GRANTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 4284; 7 CFR 1951

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0570-AA05

339. RURAL BUSINESS LOAN STREAMLINING

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1980; 7 CFR 4279; 7 CFR 4287

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/02/96	61 FR 3853
NPRM Comment Period End	04/02/96	
Interim Final Rule	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0570-AA09

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Completed Actions

Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

340. RURAL TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 4284; 7 CFR 1940; 7 CFR 1951; 7 CFR 2.23; 7 CFR 2.70

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/02/96	61 FR 3779

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 0570-AA02

USDA—RBS

Completed Actions

341. 1980-E BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL LOAN PROGRAM—AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1980 subpart E

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/26/96	61 FR 18493
Final Action Effective	04/26/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Rick Bonnet
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RIN: 0570-AA11

342. BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL INTEREST BUYDOWN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1980

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Authority for program expired.	02/21/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0570-AA13

343. COMMUNITY FACILITY LOANS: RECREATION AND TOURISM

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1980; 7 CFR 1942; 7 CFR 1948

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Incorporated into RIN 0570-AA09.	02/21/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Local

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RIN: 0570-AA14

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Proposed Rule Stage

Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

344. ELECTRIC SYSTEM PLANNING AND DESIGN—POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 901 et seq; 7 USC 1921 et seq

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1724

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will codify and update Agency policies and procedures for the planning and design of electrical systems of RUS borrowers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0572-AA48

345. ELECTRIC STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 901 et seq

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1728

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulation provides RUS borrowers and the public with specifications for material and equipment as a complement to the list of construction standards and specifications incorporated by reference.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0572-AA67

346. POST-LOAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMON TO INSURED AND GUARANTEED ELECTRIC LOANS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 901 et seq

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1717, A to F; 7 CFR 1717, J to K

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulation will codify most basic post-loan policies and procedures common to insured and guaranteed electric loans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Proposed Rule Stage

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RIN: 0572-AA71

347. ELECTRIC SYSTEMS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 901 et seq

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1730

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) proposes to codify and clarify RUS policy concerning operation and maintenance of borrower electric systems. In addition, it is proposed to add RUS policies relating to the review and evaluation of borrower systems and facilities financed with loans from RUS. These policies are presently contained in RUS Bulletin 161-5 which will be rescinded upon publication of the final rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment	07/00/96	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0572-AA74

348. CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES APPLICABLE TO RUS BORROWERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 901 et seq

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1790

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action provides RUS borrowers with access to the requirements of Title VI, Section 504, and the Age Discrimination Act, which apply directly to the operation of their programs and activities. RUS Bulletin 20-19:320-19, entitled Nondiscrimination Among Beneficiaries of RUS Programs will be rescinded upon publication of the final rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment	09/00/96	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0572-AA75

349. RUS FIDELITY AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 901 et seq; 7 USC 1921 et seq

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1788

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is considering revising its regulations concerning the fidelity and insurance requirements for electric and telecommunications borrowers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/28/93	58 FR 25786
ANPRM Comment	06/28/93	
Period End		
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment	07/00/96	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0572-AA86

350. USE OF GENERAL FUNDS INVESTMENTS, LOAN GUARANTEES, AND RETIREMENT OF CAPITAL CREDITS BY ELECTRIC BORROWERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 901 et seq

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1717 O

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will set forth procedures for RUS approval of a borrower's use of its own funds that are not the proceeds of RUS loans for additions to electric plan. RUS loans are secured by a first mortgage on the borrower's total electric system. RUS approvals are intended to ensure that the proposed capital additions will not adversely affect the borrower's ability to provide service consistent with the RE Act and to repay its RUS loans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment	07/00/96	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: RUS is splitting the old RIN due to the fact that the four subparts of the old RIN were split into separate actions which are progressing at different rates in the regulatory process.

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Proposed Rule Stage

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RIN: 0572-AB01

351. RUS APPROVAL OF SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS BY ELECTRIC BORROWERS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 901 et seq

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1717 P

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will set forth RUS policies and procedures for the sale of capital assets by electric borrowers. RUS loans are secured by a first mortgage on the borrower's electric system. RUS approval of sales of capital assets are intended to ensure that the sale of the assets will not adversely affect the borrower's ability to provide service consistent with the RE Act, and to repay its RUS loans. These policies were last revised in 1972.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: RUS is splitting the old RIN due to the fact that the four subparts of the old RIN are now separate regulatory actions which are moving at different rates in the regulatory process.

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RIN: 0572-AB02

352. LOAN DEFERMENTS FOR ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION - ELECTRIC PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 901 et seq

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1717 L

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulation will codify and update the current Rural Utilities Service (RUS) policy implemented through an RUS bulletin which will be rescinded when this rule is published final. This action is necessary to permit a principal payment extension of monthly billed accounts for the purpose of Energy Resources Conservation (ERC) loans. The current ERC loan program implemented in 1980 allows for the extension of only quarterly principal payments. All RUS loans approved on or after September 1, 1982, require monthly repayments while those loans approved prior to that date required quarterly repayments. This new regulation will codify the current ERC loan program and will amend it to include monthly billed accounts. Most RUS loans have a repayment period of 3.5 years.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0572-AB03

353. POWER REQUIREMENT STUDIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 901 to 950(b); PL 99-591

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1710 E

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is proposing to update its Power Requirements currently contained in Subpart E of 7 CFR part 1710, Pre-loan Policies and Procedures for Insured and Guaranteed Electric Loans. The updates to subpart E are needed to reflect the addition to 7 CFR 1710 of Subpart H, Loans for Demand Side Management, Energy Conservation Programs, and On-Grid and Off-Grid Renewable Energy Systems. Subpart H was required by the Rural Electrification Loan Restructuring Act of 1993. Other changes to Subpart E are intended to clarify the existing language without changing its overall intent.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0572-AB05

354. STREAMLINING THE RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE'S WATER AND WASTE PROGRAM REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989; 16 USC 1005; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1780

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: RUS amends the regulations utilized to administer the Water and Waste disposal loan and grant programs. The rule will combine the water and waste loan and grant regulations into one regulation. Unnecessary and burdensome requirements for entities seeking financial assistance under the programs will be eliminated.

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Proposed Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment	09/00/96	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0572-AB20

355. ESTABLISH WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL REGULATIONS WITHIN THE RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989; 7 USC 1005; 7 USC 301

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1680; 7 CFR 1690; 7 CFR 1691; 7 CFR 1693; 7 CFR 1694

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: RUS amends the regulations originally published by the Farmers Home Administration (FMHA) and the Rural Development Administration (RDA). These amendments implement legislation directing the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the RUS with responsibility for the water and waste disposal programs formerly administered by FMHA and RDA.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment	07/00/96	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0572-AB21

356. ● DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE GRANT PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 901 et seq; 7 USC 950aaa et seq; PL 103-354

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1703

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) proposed to revise its regulations on the distance learning and telemedicine grant program that would provide grants for distance learning and telemedicine link projects benefiting rural areas. The regulation would revise RUS' method in which applications will be revised by RUS and scored. This rule would make it easier for rural community facilities to apply for a grant

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/16/96	61 FR 16684
NPRM Comment	05/16/96	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0572-AB22

357. ● WATER AND WASTE LOAN AND GRANT SERVICING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1989

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1782

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed action combines the various servicing regulations of the water and waste

program into one. The new regulation will codify and clarify RUS policy relating to servicing water and waste loans and grants.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0572-AB23

358. ● RUS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS OF ELECTRIC BORROWERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 7 USC 901 et seq

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1717 D

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Vast changes are occurring in the regulatory and business environment of the electric industry. In response to these changes, many electric borrowers are considering measures that can result in operating efficiencies or other economies. One example of such a measure is a merger or consolidation

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment	06/00/96	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Proposed Rule Stage

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Final Rule Stage

Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

359. LOAN ACCOUNT COMPUTATIONS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 901 et seq**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1785; 7 CFR 1786 A**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** RUS proposes to codify, consolidate, and update the policies and procedures currently contained in RUS Bulletin 20-9:320-12.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/07/93	58 FR 18043
NPRM Comment Period End	05/07/93	
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Deputy Director, Program Support Staff, Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, 14th & Independence Avenue SW., Room 2234 South Building, Washington, DC 20250
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RIN: 0572-AA65

360. LONG-RANGE FINANCIAL FORECASTS OF ELECTRIC BORROWERS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 901 to 950(b); PL 99-591**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1710 G**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) proposes to amend its pre-loan regulations for electric loans to clarify and revise the requirement that borrowers submit to RUS a long-range financial forecast as part of an application for a loan, loan guarantee, lien accommodation. This proposed rule is intended to strengthen credit practices and to assist borrowers in preparing, and RUS staff in reviewing loan applications.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/20/93	58 FR 44288
NPRM Comment Period End	09/20/93	
Final Action	05/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Deputy Director, Program Support Staff, Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, 14th & Independence Ave. SW., Room 2234 South Building, Washington, DC 20250
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RIN: 0572-AA89

361. ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS FOR RUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 901 et seq**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1770 C**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is proposing to add a new subpart that codifies RUS' current policy on the accounting for postretirement benefits, Rural Telephone Bank stock, cushion of

credit investments, Rural Economic Development loans, and satellite or cable television services.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/14/94	59 FR 47097
NPRM Comment Period End	11/14/94	
Final Action	05/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Deputy Director, Program Support Staff, Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, 14th & Independence Ave. SW., Room 2234 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1500
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RIN: 0572-AB10

362. USE OF CONSULTANTS FUNDED BY BORROWERS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 901 et seq; 7 USC 6941 et seq**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1789**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Legislation as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1992 (OBRA) would allow borrowers to pay for consultants hired by RUS to expedite processing of loans, lien accommodations and other actions.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/02/96	61 FR 21
NPRM Comment Period End	02/04/96	
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Deputy Director, Program Support Staff, Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, 14th & Independence Avenue SW., Room 2234-S, Washington, DC 20250

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Long-Term Actions

Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

363. LOAN SECURITY DOCUMENTS—TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1744**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** F. Lamont Heppe, Jr.
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364. WHOLESALE CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF ELECTRIC POWER AND ENERGY**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1717.300 to 1717.349**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/21/90	55 FR 38930
NPRM Comment Period End	11/20/90	
Final Action	00/00/00	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** F. Lamont Heppe, Jr.
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365. MARGIN STABILIZATION PLANS AND REVENUE AND EXPENSE DEFERRALS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1767, subpart E**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** F. Lamont Heppe, Jr.
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366. LOAN DOCUMENTS—BANK PROGRAM**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1620**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** F. Lamont Heppe, Jr.
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367. DEPRECIATION RATES AND PROCEDURES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or

duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1767 C**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

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368. PRESERVATION OF RECORDS ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS FOR RUS ELECTRIC BORROWERS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1767 D**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	00/00/00	

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369. COMMUNITY FACILITY LOANS - TIMBER-DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1942 subpart A**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions**Government Levels Affected:** Local

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370. LIQUIDATION OF LOANS AND ACQUISITION, MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF SECURITY PROPERTY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1696; 7 CFR 1697; 7 CFR 1951 subpart E; 7 CFR 1955 subpart A; 7 CFR 1955 subpart B; 7 CFR 1955 subpart C; 7 CFR 2.23; 7 CFR 2.70

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined
Government Levels Affected: None

371. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1692; 7 CFR 1942 J

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Local

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372. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING GRANTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1691; 7 CFR 1942 subpart J

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Local

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Completed Actions

373. RESCISSION OF RUS BULLETINS 345-13, 345-29, 345-75, AND 345-168—TELEPHONE PROGRAM REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1755

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/06/95	60 FR 55991
Final Action Effective	12/06/95	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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CFR Citation: 7 CFR 1773

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/03/96	61 FR 104

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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374. POLICY ON AUDITS OF RUS BORROWERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

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 Office of Operations (OO)**

Prerule Stage

375. AGRICULTURE ACQUISITION REGULATION

Priority: Other
Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 40 USC 486(c)

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 401 to 453 (Revision)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Agriculture Acquisition Regulation is the Department of Agriculture's agency acquisition regulation, issued to implement or supplement the Federal Acquisition Regulation. The Agriculture Acquisition Regulation is being revised to incorporate changes required by the

Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994, Executive Orders, The Federal Acquisition Regulation, and recent Office of Federal Procurement Policy Letters. The revised regulation will also incorporate changes suggested by the National Performance Review, by the Department of Agriculture's Procurement Review Task Force, and by the Department of Agriculture's Modernization of the Administrative Process Project.

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Prerule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Sectors Affected:** Multiple

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. The agency has not yet determined whether there is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

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Final Rule Stage

Office of Operations (OO)

376. • NEW RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING**Priority:** Routine and Frequent**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301; 31 USC 1352**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 3018**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Prescribes USDA policy and procedures for compliance with section 319 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1990 (31 USC 1352).

Imposes restrictions and disclosure requirements on payments to persons for influencing activities in connection with contracts (excluding contracts subject to the Federal Acquisition Regulation), grants, cooperative agreements, loans, or commitments to insure or guarantee loans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	02/26/90	55 FR 6736
Interim Final Rule	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local

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