

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dan Vitiello, Director, Planning Coordination and Analysis, Policy Evaluation and Planning Staff, FSIS, USDA, Room 6904, Franklin Court, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 501-7138. If you plan to attend, please contact Ms. Lisa Parks at (202) 501-7138.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The "Federal-State Relations Conference" will be held August 21-23, 1995, at the Doubletree Park Terrace Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 232-7000. The conference will begin at noon on August 21 and at 8:30 AM on August 22 and 23. The conference will end at 4:30 PM on August 21 and 22, and at 5:00 PM on August 23.

The purpose of this conference is to provide an opportunity for representatives from State governments to engage in an open and frank dialogue with senior USDA officials. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- August 21—12:00 PM-4:30 PM Issues raised during the
- August 22—8:30 AM-4:30 PM comment period on the "Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems" (60 FR 6674, February 3, 1995), and potential solutions.
- August 23—8:30 AM-10:00 AM FSIS Top-to-Bottom Review activities.
- August 23—10:30 AM-12:30 PM FSIS regulatory reform plans.
- August 23—1:30 PM-5:00 PM Future relations between FSIS and the States.

A transcript of the proceedings will be made and included in the public record.

Representatives from State governments will be invited to the meeting. The meeting is also open to the public. Those wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Lisa Parks at (202) 501-7138. Also, contact Ms. Parks if you require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations.

Done at Washington, DC, on August 11, 1995.

Michael R. Taylor,

Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Part 116

Policies of General Application

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule would raise from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million the ceiling for SBA loan assistance that SBA officials with properly delegated authority may determine on a case-by-case basis is not subject to the full review and decision-making process to determine adverse effects or incompatible development on wetlands or in a floodplain required by Executive Orders 11988 (42 FR 26951) and 11990 (42 FR 26961).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 18, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street S.W., Suite 6050, Washington, D.C. 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Kulik, Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance. Telephone (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Part 116 of chapter 1, 13 CFR contains policies of general application for specified SBA programs. Subpart D thereof prescribes the policies and procedures for implementing Executive Orders 11988 (42 FR 26951) and 11990 (42 FR 26961), which relate to floodplain management and the protection of wetlands. Section 116.32(a)(6) provides that full implementation of the Executive Orders may be waived on a case-by-case basis in instances of actions that typically do not create adverse effects or incompatible development on wetlands and floodplains. All SBA loan assistance of \$500,000 or less is included among these types of actions. Applicants for these loans are relieved of the need to supply SBA with the necessary information and studies for the implementation of the prescribed decision-making process, reducing the cost and the time required to process such loans. This \$500,000 loan limit reflects the SBA disaster loan ceiling for any one disaster as it existed prior to April 1, 1993, and the ceiling on SBA business loan assistance as it existed prior to 1988.

This proposed rule would increase the ceiling for SBA loan assistance that may be exempt from review from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million. This higher amount simply reflects the SBA disaster loan ceiling for any one disaster commencing on or after April 1, 1993 established by P.L. 103-75 (107 Stat. 740), and would also cover the ceiling on SBA business loan assistance and development company assistance.

Compliance With Executive Orders 12612, 12866, and 12778, and the Regulatory Flexibility and Paperwork Reduction Acts

SBA certifies that this rule does not have federalism implications warranting the preparation of a Federalism Assessment in accordance with Executive Order 12612.

For purposes of Executive Order 12866, SBA has determined that the proposed rule would not be a major rule. SBA certifies that the economic impact on the national economy would not exceed \$100 million and that the proposed rule would not adversely affect in a material way the economy or the environment.

SBA certifies that this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*

There are no additional reporting or recordkeeping or other compliance requirements inherent in this proposed rule which would be subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35. There are no Federal rules which duplicate, overlap or conflict with this proposed rule. There are no alternative means to accomplish the objectives of this proposed rule.

SBA certifies that this proposed rule is drafted, to the extent practicable, in accordance with the standards set forth in E.O. 12778.

List of Subjects in 13 CFR Part 116

Flood Insurance, Flood plains, Lead poisoning, Small businesses, Veterans, Coastal barrier system.

For the reasons set forth above, SBA proposes to amend Part 116 of Title 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

Subpart D—Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection

1. The authority citation for subpart D continues to read as follows:

Authority: Small Business Act, Pub. L. 85-536 (15 U.S.C. 631); Small Business Investment Act of 1958, Pub. L. 85-699 (15 U.S.C. 661); EO 11988, 42 FR 26951 and EO 11990, 42 FR 26961.

§ 116.32 [Amended]

2. Section 116.32 (a)(6) is amended by removing "\$500,000 or less" and inserting in place thereof "\$1,500,000 or less".

Philip Lader,
Administrator.

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