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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

5 CFR Part 1201

Notice of Practice and Procedure; Realignment of Regional Offices; Correction

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The document on Practice and Procedure; Realignment of Regional Offices which was published on August 10, 1995 (60 FR 40744), contained an error in the address and facsimile number for the Denver Field Office. This document contains the correct address and facsimile number.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 18, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Darrell L. Netherton, Senior Executive for Regional Administration, (202) 653-7980.

In FR Doc. 95-19729, on page 40744, Column 3, in Appendix II to part 1201, item 5 is corrected to read as follows:

5. Denver Field Office
12567 West Cedar Drive, Suite 100
Lakewood, Colorado 80228-2009
Facsimile No.: (303) 969-5109
(Arizona, Colorado, Kansas—except Kansas City, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming)

Dated: August 14, 1995.

Robert E. Taylor,

Clerk of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

7 CFR Parts 1413 and 1421

RIN 0560-AD38

1995 Rice Acreage Reduction Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the regulations to establish the acreage reduction percentage for the 1995 crop of rice at 5 percent and to establish the price support rate for the 1995 crop of rice. The price support rate is established by statutory formula. These actions are required by section 101B of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, (the 1949 Act). Public comment regarding the 1995 Rice Program provisions was requested in the **Federal Register** on September 13, 1994, (59 FR 46937).

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 17, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gene S. Rosera, Agricultural Economist, Consolidated Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, room 3758-S, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415 or call 202-720-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This rule has been determined to be economically significant and was reviewed by OMB under Executive Order 12866.

Final Regulatory Impact Analysis

The Final Regulatory Impact Analysis describing the options considered in developing this final rule and the impact of the implementation of the selected option is available on request from the above-named individual.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

It has been determined that the Regulatory Flexibility Act is not applicable to this rule since the Commodity Credit Corporation is not required to request comments with respect to the subject matter of this rule.

Environmental Evaluation

It has been determined by an environmental evaluation that this

action will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is needed.

Federal Assistance Program

The title and number of the Federal assistance program, as found in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, to which this final rule applies, are as follows: Rice Production Stabilization—10.065.

Executive Order 12372

This program/activity is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. See the Notice related to 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, published at 48 FR 29115 (June 24, 1983).

Executive Order 12778

This final rule has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12778. The provisions of the final rule do not preempt State laws, are not retroactive, and do not involve administrative appeals.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The amendments to 7 CFR parts 1413 and 1421 set forth in this final rule do not contain new information collections that require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 35.

Background

This final rule amends 7 CFR part 1413 to set forth the acreage reduction requirement under the 1995 Rice Program.

A proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on September 13, 1994, at 59 FR 46937 to amend the regulations at 7 CFR part 1413 with respect to the 1995 Rice Acreage Reduction Program (ARP) requirements.

During the period for public comment that ended October 24, 1994, eight comments were received regarding the acreage reduction requirement for the 1995 crop of rice. One comment favored no ARP, two favored an ARP set at the statutory minimum level, two favored setting the ARP at the statutory maximum level, and three favored an ARP of 7 percent or higher.

After reviewing the comments, it has been decided that the 1995-crop acreage reduction requirement shall be 5 percent. Of all options considered to achieve the stocks-to-use goal of section 101B of the 1949 Act, this level is selected because it is estimated to achieve both the highest farm income and the lowest Government program outlays. Public comments regarding the level of the national average price support rate for the 1995 crop were not requested because such rate is established by statutory formula.

List of Subjects

7 CFR Part 1413

Acreage allotments, Cotton, Disaster assistance, Feed grains, Price support programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rice, Soil conservation, Wheat.

7 CFR Part 1421

Grains, Loan programs—agriculture, Oilseeds, Peanuts, Price support programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Soybeans, Surety bonds, Warehouses.

Accordingly, 7 CFR parts 1413 and 1421 are amended as follows:

PART 1413—FEED GRAIN, RICE, UPLAND AND EXTRA LONG STAPLE COTTON, WHEAT AND RELATED PROGRAMS

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 1413 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1308, 1308a, 1309, 1441-2, 1444-2, 1444f, 1445b-3a, 1461-1469; 15 U.S.C. 714b and 714c.

2. In § 1413.54, paragraph (a)(4)(iv) is revised, paragraph (a)(4)(v) is added, paragraphs (d)(5)(i) through (d)(5)(iv) are reserved, and paragraph (d)(5)(v) is added to read as follows:

§ 1413.54 Acreage reduction program provisions.

- (a) * * *
- (4) * * *
- (iv) 1994 rice, 0 percent;
- (v) 1995 rice, 5 percent.

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- (d) * * *
- (5) * * *
- (i)-(iv) [Reserved]

(v) Shall not be made available to producers of rice.

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PART 1421—GRAINS AND SIMILARLY HANDLED COMMODITIES

3. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 1421 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1421, 1423, 1425, 1441z, 1444f-1, 1445b-3a, 1445c-3, 1445e, and 1446f; 15 U.S.C. 714b and 714c.

4. In § 1421.7, paragraph (b)(7)(v) is added to read as follows:

§ 1421.7 Adjustment of basic support rates.

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- (b) * * *
- (7) * * *
- (v) 1995 Rice—\$6.50 per hundredweight;

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Signed at Washington, DC, on August 14, 1995.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 810

RIN 1992-AA20

Assistance to Foreign Atomic Energy Activities

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) is amending its regulations concerning unclassified assistance to foreign atomic energy activities. This action removes Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and South Africa from the list of countries for which specific authorization by the Secretary of Energy is required. The effect of the action is to enable U.S. firms and individuals to provide assistance to civilian nuclear power reactor-related activities in these countries under the general authorization. The amendment is consistent with U.S. foreign policy commitments and reflects the significant progress made by these four countries on matters related to nuclear nonproliferation.

DATES: This amendment is effective on August 18, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Zander Hollander, Export Control Operations Division, NN-43, Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone (202) 586-2125; or Robert Newton, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone (202) 586-0806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

10 CFR Part 810 implements section 57 b.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by section 302 of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978 (NNPA) (42 U.S.C. 2077 (b)(2)). This section requires that U.S. persons who engage directly or indirectly in the production of special nuclear material outside the United States be authorized to do so by the Secretary of Energy. Pursuant to the Part 810 regulations, assistance by U.S. persons to nuclear power reactor-related activities outside the United States is generally authorized for countries not identified in section 810.8(a). Inclusion of a country on the list means that even nuclear power reactor-related assistance requires the Secretary of Energy's specific authorization. Section 810.8(a) notes that countries may be removed from or added to this list by amendments published in the **Federal Register**. Such actions are based on U.S. foreign policy and national security considerations.

The intent of removing Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and South Africa from the section 810.8(a) list of countries is to:

- Recognize that Argentina, Brazil, and Chile in 1994 brought into force for their national territories the 1967 Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) and that Argentina and South Africa have become party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and members of the Nuclear Suppliers Group.
- Recognize that Argentina and Brazil have completed ratification of the Quadripartite Safeguards Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency [IAEA] and the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials for the application of IAEA safeguards on all of their nuclear activities, that South Africa has completed its own full-scope safeguards agreement with IAEA, and that Chile also has IAEA safeguards agreements covering its nuclear facilities.
- Enable U.S. firms and individuals to compete more effectively against foreign competition to provide assistance to the safeguarded Argentine, Brazilian, Chilean, and South African civilian nuclear power programs.
- Reduce unnecessary paperwork and time-consuming U.S. Government reviews of proposals by U.S. firms and individuals to participate in Argentine, Brazilian, Chilean, and South African civilian nuclear power reactor-related activities.