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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Parts 1124 and 1135

[Docket Nos. AO-368-A25, AO-380-A15; DA-95-01]

Milk in the Pacific Northwest and Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon Marketing Areas; Notice of Extension of Time for Filing Briefs

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of Time for Filing Briefs.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the time for filing briefs on the record of the Pacific Northwest and Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon hearing held July 11, 1995, through July 12, 1995, in Portland, Oregon. The Oregon Department of Corrections requested additional time to review the hearing record and to prepare briefs.

DATES: Briefs are now due on or before October 23, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Briefs (6 copies) should be filed with the Hearing Clerk, Room 1083, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clifford M. Carman, Order Formulation Branch, USDA/AMS/Dairy Division, Room 2968, South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456, (202) 720-9368.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Prior document in this proceeding:

Notice of Hearing: Issued June 15, 1995; published June 21, 1995 (60 FR 32282).

Notice is hereby given that the time for filing briefs and proposed finding and conclusions on the record of the public hearing held July 11, 1995, through July 12, 1995, at Portland, Oregon, with respect to tentative marketing agreements and to the orders regulating the handling of milk in the Pacific Northwest and Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon marketing areas

pursuant to the notice of hearing issued June 15, 1995, and published June 21, 1995 (60 FR 32282), is hereby extended to October 23, 1995.

The Oregon Department of Corrections requested an extension of time to file briefs based on the impact certain proposals could have on the Department of Corrections' milk production and sales program. An extension of time to file briefs is granted in accordance with the above-noticed deadlines.

This notice is issued pursuant to the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), and the applicable rules of practice and procedure governing the formulation of marketing agreements and marketing orders (7 CFR part 900).

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Parts 1124 and 1135

Milk marketing orders.

Dated: October 12, 1995.

Lon Hatamiya,

Administrator.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 92

[Docket No. 95-052-1]

Horses From Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands; Quarantine Requirements

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: We are proposing to amend the regulations regarding the importation of horses from Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands to remove the requirement that such horses be quarantined for not less than 7 days upon arrival in the United States. We believe this action is warranted because Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands have reported no cases of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis (VEE), and it appears that horses imported from Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands with less than a 7-day quarantine would not pose a risk of transmitting VEE to horses in the United States.

DATES: Consideration will be given only to comments received on or before December 22, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 95-052-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 95-052-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Joyce Bowling, Staff Veterinarian, Import/Export Animals, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, Suite 3B08, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-6479.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in 9 CFR part 92, referred to below as the regulations, govern the importation into the United States of specified animals and animal products to prevent the introduction into the United States of various animal diseases.

The regulations in § 92.308(a)(1) now require horses imported from all parts of the Western Hemisphere except Argentina, Canada, and Mexico to be quarantined for not less than 7 days upon arrival in the United States to prevent the introduction of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis (VEE). VEE is an equine viral disease, transmitted primarily by mosquitoes and other hematophagous (blood-feeding) insects, particularly flying insects, that results in a high mortality rate in animals infected with the disease. Although tests exist for the presence of VEE in horses, the tests currently available may yield positive results for horses that have been vaccinated for VEE but that are not otherwise affected with the disease. The most efficient method for initial identification of horses that may be infected with VEE is observation of the horses for clinical signs of the disease. A horse will usually exhibit signs of VEE within 2-5 days after contracting