

the disease. Seven days is considered the length of time necessary to ensure that any clinical signs of VEE manifest themselves.

The Governments of Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands have requested that the U.S. Department of Agriculture consider Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands free of VEE and exempt horses imported into the United States from those countries from the 7-day quarantine requirement. No cases of VEE have ever been reported in Bermuda or the British Virgin Islands. Furthermore, based on documentation submitted by the Governments of Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands, it appears that no horses in these countries are affected with VEE. (This documentation is available, upon written request, from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**) Therefore, we are proposing to amend § 92.308(a)(1) of the regulations to exempt horses from Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands from the 7-day quarantine requirement. We are also proposing to amend § 92.308(a)(1) of the regulations to specify that the purpose of this 7-day quarantine is to evaluate the horses for signs of VEE.

This proposal would lessen, but not eliminate, restrictions on the importation of horses from Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands into the United States, thus making it somewhat easier to move horses from these countries to the United States. Horses from Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands would still have to be quarantined at a designated port until they test negative to an official test for dourine, glanders, equine piroplasmiasis, equine infectious anemia, and any other tests, inspections, disinfections, and precautionary treatments that may be required by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Executive Order 12866 and Regulatory Flexibility Act

This proposed rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12866. For this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived its review process required by Executive Order 12866.

This proposed rule would exempt horses imported into the United States from Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands from the requirement for a 7-day quarantine upon arrival. This action appears unlikely to have any significant economic impact on U.S. entities.

The United States had a total population of 2,049,522 horses in 1992. There were 338,346 farms that kept horses. Over 98 percent of these farms

had a market value of less than \$500,000, making them small entities by Small Business Administration standards.

For reasons explained in the Supplementary Information section of this document, there is a negligible risk of horses from Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands introducing VEE into the United States. In addition, we do not expect that this action would result in any increase in the small number of horses imported into the United States from Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands. The total horse population in Bermuda is about 1,000, and only about 10 horses a year are imported from Bermuda into the United States. There are only 50 to 100 horses in the British Virgin Islands, and only a few of those are expected to be imported into the United States, and then only for temporary stays for exhibitions and racing. Under these circumstances, the imported horses would have no impact on market prices.

The only parties that would benefit from this reduced restriction are the potential importers of horses from Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands and those who use the foreign horses in exhibition and racing. The benefit to them arises from the reduced number of days required for quarantine. At present, horses coming from Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands are required to be quarantined for 7 days, while horses from countries free of VEE and certain other equine diseases are quarantined for only about 3 days. Under this proposed rule, horses from Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands would spend approximately 4 fewer days in quarantine, saving approximately \$427 per horse. Furthermore the reduction in the waiting period may induce more economic activity.

Under these circumstances, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that this action would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Executive Order 12778

This proposed rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform. If this proposed rule is adopted: (1) All State and local laws and regulations that are inconsistent with this rule will be preempted; (2) no retroactive effect will be given to this rule; and (3) administrative proceedings will not be required before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This proposed rule contains no information collection or recordkeeping

requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 92

Animal diseases, Imports, Livestock, Poultry and poultry products, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 9 CFR part 92 would be amended as follows:

**PART 92—IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS AND POULTRY AND CERTAIN ANIMAL AND POULTRY PRODUCTS; INSPECTION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MEANS OF CONVEYANCE AND SHIPPING CONTAINERS THEREON**

1. The authority citation for part 92 would continue to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1622; 19 U.S.C. 1306; 21 U.S.C. 102-105, 111, 114a, 134a, 134b, 134c, 134d, 134f, 135, 136, and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.17, 2.51, 371.2(d).

2. In § 92.308, paragraph (a)(1) would be revised to read as follows:

**§ 92.308 Quarantine requirements.**

(a) \* \* \*

(1) Except as provided in §§ 92.317 and 92.324, and except with respect to horses from Argentina, Bermuda, and the British Virgin Islands, horses intended for importation from the Western Hemisphere shall be quarantined at a port designated in § 92.303 for not less than 7 days to be evaluated for signs of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis.

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Done in Washington, DC, this 11th day of October 1995.

Terry L. Medley,

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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**FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**16 CFR Part 24**

**Extension of Time; Guides for Select Leather and Imitation Leather Products**

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Extension of time for filing public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Trade Commission (the "Commission"), as part of its periodic review of its rules and guides, requested public comment on September 18, 1995 concerning its proposed Guides for Select Leather and Imitation Leather Products. The

comment period was to end on October 18, 1995. In response to a petition from an industry group, the Commission grants an extension of the comment period.

**DATES:** Written comments on the proposed Guides for Select Leather and Imitation Leather Products will be accepted until November 15, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, Room H-159, Sixth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20580, telephone number (202) 326-2506. Comments should be identified as "16 CFR Part 24—Comment—Proposed Guides for Select Leather and Imitation Leather Products".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan E. Arthur, Attorney, (214) 767-5503, Federal Trade Commission, Dallas Regional Office, 100 N. Central Expressway, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75201.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of its periodic review of its rules and guides, the Commission published a notice in the Federal Register on March 27, 1995, which requested public comment concerning its Guides for the Luggage and Related Products Industry; Guides for Shoe Content Labeling and Advertising; and Guides for the Ladies' Handbag Industry. On September 18, 1995 (60 FR 48056), the Commission rescinded these three Guides. At the same time, the Commission sought public comment on proposed Guides for Select Leather and Imitation Leather Products, which combined relevant portions of the three Guides and the Commission's Trade Regulation Rule Concerning Misbranding and Deception as to Leather Content of Waist Belts, 16 CFR Part 405 ("Waist Belt Rule"), updated certain language used in the Guides, and reflected other modifications that clarified and streamlined provisions that were contained in the Waist Belt Rule and the Guides.

The Commission received a petition on October 13, 1995, from the Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America ("FDRA"), a trade association that represents over 70 retailers, distributors, importers and manufacturers of footwear and related products. In the petition, FDRA requested that the Commission extend the comment period until November 15, 1995. FDRA requests the additional time to engage in a consultative review process prior to submitting its comments.

In light of the importance of public comments in the Commission's

evaluation of the proposed Guides, the Commission believes that an extension of the comment period is appropriate. Therefore, in order to allow all interested persons the opportunity to supply the Commission with comments concerning the proposed Guides, the Commission grants an extension of the comment period to November 15, 1995.

#### List of Subjects in 16 CFR Part 24

Advertising, Distribution, Imitation-leather products, Labeling, Ladies' handbags, Leather and leather products industry, Luggage and related products, Shoes, Trade practices, Waist belts.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 41-58.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### 18 CFR Part 35

[Docket No. RM95-8-000]

#### Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities; Agendas for Technical Conferences

October 16, 1995.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; agendas for technical conference.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is announcing the agendas and times for the Commission technical conference on ancillary services and for the Commission Staff's conference on pro forma tariffs. The agenda for the Commission technical conference on comparability for power pools will be announced at a later date. The proposed rule was published on April 7, 1995 (60 FR 17662).

**DATES:** October 26 and 27, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Richard Armstrong, Office of Electric Power Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 10426, (202) 208-0241, facsimile (202) 208-0180 (about Staff conference on pro forma tariffs).

James Newton, Office of Electric Power Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0578, facsimile (202) 208-0190 (about Commission conference on ancillary services).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the Federal Register, the Commission also provides all interested persons an opportunity to inspect or copy the contents of this document during normal business hours in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS) an electronic bulletin board service, provides access to the text of formal documents issued by the Commission. CIPS is available at no charge to the user and may be accessed using a personal computer with a modem by dialing (800) 856-3920. To access CIPS, set your communications software to 19200, 14400, 12000, 9600, 7200, 4800, 2400, or 1200 bps, full duplex, no parity, 8 data bits and 1 stop bit. The full text of this document will be available on CIPS in ASCII and WordPerfect 5.1 format. The complete text on diskette in WordPerfect format may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, La Dorn Systems Corporation, also located in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission previously announced (60 FR 43997, August 24, 1995) that the Commission would be sponsoring a technical conference on ancillary services, to be held on October 26, 1995, and that the Commission's Staff would be sponsoring a conference on pro forma tariffs, to be held on October 27, 1995. Both conferences will be held at the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Attached to this notice are the tentative agendas and times for these upcoming technical conferences. Although the Commission and the Staff reserve the right to make minor revisions to these agendas, announcing the tentative agendas at this time will help the parties focus on pertinent issues as early as possible.

The Commission also previously announced that the Commission would sponsor a technical conference on comparatively for power pools, to be held on December 5 and 6, 1995. The