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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

7 CFR Part 1421

RIN 0560-AE28

Extension of Maturing 1994 and Subsequent Crop Year Wheat and Feed Grain Price Support Loans

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule would amend the regulations with respect to the price support loan programs for wheat and feed grains, which are administered by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) in accordance with the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (the 1949 Act), and other acts. Implementation of the changes made by this proposed rule will provide CCC authority to allow producers to extend maturing wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oat, and rye loans during times of abnormal marketing conditions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 4, 1995, in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be mailed to Grady Bilberry, Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA), United States Department of Agriculture, room 3628, South Building, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415. All written submissions will be made available for public inspection from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in room 3628, South Building, 14th and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Wright, CFSA, USDA, room 3627, South Building, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415, telephone 202-720-8481.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This proposed rule has been determined to be significant and was

reviewed by OMB under Executive Order 12866.

Federal Assistance Program

The title and number of the Federal Assistance Program, as found in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, to which this rule applies are Commodity Loans and Purchases—10.051.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

It has been determined that the Regulatory Flexibility Act is not applicable because the CCC is not required by 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other provision of law to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking with respect to the subject matter of these determinations.

Environmental Evaluation

It has been determined by an environmental evaluation that this action will have no significant impact on the quality of human environment.

Executive Order 12372

This program 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 rule has been reviewed pursuant to Executive Order 12778. To the extent State and local laws are in conflict with these regulatory provisions, it is the intent of CCC that the terms of the regulations prevail. The provisions of this rule are not retroactive. Prior to any judicial action in a court of competent jurisdiction, administrative review under 7 CFR part 780 must be exhausted.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The amendments to 7 CFR part 1421 set forth in this proposed rule do not contain additional information collections that require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. chapter 35. Existing information collections were approved by OMB and assigned OMB Control Numbers 0560-0087 and 0560-0129.

Comments

Comments are requested with respect to this proposed rule and such

comments shall be considered in developing the final rule.

Discussion

Producers with regular 9-month nonrecourse wheat and feed grain price support loans currently are authorized extension of the loan maturity date to such date as CCC determines necessary to participate in the farmer-owned reserve (FOR) program conducted in accordance with §§ 1421.200 through 1421.217.

CCC allows producers with outstanding wheat and feed grain CCC price support loans that mature during times of natural disasters to request an extension of the original maturity date of such loans until marketing and movement of commodities return to normal levels.

Although extensions are available to producers to allow participation in the FOR program or during times of natural disasters, producer's options are limited at maturity when these conditions do not exist. Giving CCC the authority to extend loans during times of abnormal marketing conditions to a date that will allow affected producers to market such commodities in a normal manner may prevent a significant number of loan forfeitures, strengthen markets, and increase economic opportunities for affected producers.

This proposed rule would amend 7 CFR part 1421 to provide CCC authority to allow producers to extend maturing wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oat, and rye loans when CCC has determined abnormal marketing conditions are present.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1421

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

Accordingly, 7 CFR part 1421 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 1421—GRAINS AND SIMILARLY HANDLED COMMODITIES

1. 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. Subpart—Rice Marketing Certificate Program is also issued under authority of 7 U.S.C. 1441-2; 15 U.S.C. 714b and 714c.

2. Section 1421.6 is amended by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 1421.6 Maturity and expiration dates.

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(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, CCC may allow producers with wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oat, and rye loans maturing during times of abnormal marketing conditions, as determined by CCC, to extend such loans beyond the maturity date specified in paragraph (a) of this section. If CCC determines that the commodity pledged as collateral for such loans cannot be marketed because of such abnormal marketing conditions, CCC may authorize such loans to be extended to a date that will allow affected producers to market such commodity in a normal manner.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 26, 1995.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 70

Workshop on the Regulation of Fuel Cycle Facilities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a public workshop on the method for improving NRC's regulation of fuel cycle facilities under 10 CFR Part 70, "Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material." The workshop is open to the public; however, for efficient conduct of the workshop, participation will be in the format of a roundtable discussion among invited representatives from affected interested parties. The NRC has prepared a workshop agenda and documents that identify regulatory issues of concern in the regulation of NRC-licensed fuel cycle facilities. These documents are available for review prior to the workshop, and interested parties are encouraged to review this information. The NRC will accept and consider written comments from interested parties on these regulatory issues.

DATES: The workshop will be held on November 30, 1995, from 9 am to 5 pm. The workshop will continue, if necessary, on December 1, 1995, from

8:30 am to 12 noon. Comments on these regulatory issues should be received no later than December 11, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Auditorium, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. (Note: The NRC is accessible to the White Flint Metro Station; visitor parking around the NRC building is limited.) Written comments can be provided at the workshop or by December 11, 1995, to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch. Copies of the agenda and related documents can be obtained from the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20037; Phone: 202-634-3273; FAX: 202-634-3343.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Francis X. Cameron, Mail Stop O-15 B18, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555; Phone: 301-415-1642; FAX: 301-415-3200; INTERNET:FXC@NRC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The occurrence of several serious incidents at NRC-licensed fuel cycle facilities led the NRC to conclude that improvements in regulating these facilities were needed. Accordingly, the NRC is currently reviewing its regulatory requirements for licensing the possession and use of special nuclear material, including general requirements for the content of license applications, in 10 CFR Part 70. The Commission has directed the staff to continue a dialogue with affected interested parties with the goal of improving the regulation of fuel cycle facilities. This workshop will focus on a number of issues related to the NRC's effort to establish a firm regulatory base for fuel cycle facility licensing and inspection activities and to ensure the adequacy of licensee performance.

The workshop will be an information exchange between the NRC and a diverse group of individuals who might be affected by subsequent changes to the method in which the NRC regulates fuel cycle facilities licensed under Part 70. This exchange should provide the NRC and workshop participants an opportunity to express their concerns and views on the method for improving NRC's regulation of fuel cycle facilities, how specific goals and objectives of improving NRC's safety regulations can be met, and the level of risk that is considered adequate for the protection of the public health and safety.

For efficient conduct of the workshop, the meeting format will be a roundtable discussion among invited

representatives from affected interests, e.g., fuel cycle industry, other Federal and state government agencies, and citizen groups. The workshop will be open to the public, and the public will be provided opportunities throughout the workshop to comment on the issues presented for discussion.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of October, 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Elizabeth Q. Ten Eyck,
Director, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Part 114

Policies of General Application

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: In response to President Clinton's regulatory review directive, the Small Business Administration has completed a page-by-page and line-by-line review of its regulations. As a result, SBA is proposing to clarify and streamline its regulations, revising or eliminating any duplicative, outdated, inconsistent or confusing provisions. This proposed rule would reorganize the entire Part 114 covering administrative claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act to make it more clear and easier to use. It would also amend the Part to streamline the review and adjustment of claims and provide for the use of alternative dispute resolution in appropriate cases.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 4, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to David R. Kohler, Regulatory Reform Team Leader (114), Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street S.W., Suite 13, Washington, D.C. 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Lane, Office of General Counsel, at (202) 205-6879.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Part 114 of chapter 1, 13 CFR contains policies governing the presentation, review and handling of administrative claims brought against the Federal Government for money damages for injuries or death arising from the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the Small Business Administration. The rule would reorganize the entire Part 114 to make it more clear and easier to use and amend it to create a more