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 5. Section 54.106 is amended by revising the third sentence in paragraph (b) (3), revising paragraphs (c) (1) and (c) (2) and removing paragraph (c) (3) as follows:

§ 54.106 Specifications for official United States standards for grades of carcass beef (quality-steer, heifer, cow).

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 (3) * * * * * In carcasses throughout the range of maturity included in this group, a minimum modest amount of marbling is required (see Figure 1) and the ribeye muscle is slightly firm.

(c) *Select* (1) For carcasses throughout the range of maturity permitted in the *Select* grade, the minimum degree of marbling required is a minimum slight amount (see Figure 1) and the ribeye may be moderately soft.

(2) Carcasses in the maturity group permitted range from the youngest that are eligible for the beef class to those at the juncture of the two youngest maturity groups, which have slightly red and slightly soft chine bones and cartilages on the ends of the thoracic vertebrae that have some evidence of ossification. In addition, the sacral vertebrae are completely fused and the cartilages on the ends of the lumbar vertebrae are nearly completely ossified. The rib bones are slightly wide and slightly flat and the ribeye muscle is slightly light red in color and is fine in texture.

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 Kenneth C. Clayton,
Acting Administrator.
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Foreign Agricultural Service
7 CFR Parts 1520, 2101, 2200, and 2507
Availability of Information to the Public and Removal of CFR Chapters
AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document revises regulations governing the availability of information to the public by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) to reflect reorganizations of the Department of Agriculture since these regulations were first published. The Foreign Economic Development Service has been eliminated and both the Office of International Cooperation and Development and the Office of the General Sales Manager are part of FAS and will not have separate Freedom of

Information Act responsibilities. Therefore, this regulation also removes 7 CFR parts 2101, 2200, and 2507 and their respective CFR chapters, relating to the availability of information by these offices. The regulation also makes other internal management changes to the regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 30, 1996.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Harris, (202) 690-1851.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the reorganization of the Department of Agriculture under Public Law 103-354, the Secretary of Agriculture reassigned departmental functions relating to foreign agricultural programs to the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. See 59 FR 66517, December 27, 1994. The Under Secretary delegated certain of those functions to the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service. See 60 FR 56433, November 8, 1995. In this document, the Foreign Agricultural Service is amending regulations governing the availability of information to the public to reflect the reorganization of these functions.

This rule relates to internal agency management. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, notice of proposed rulemaking and opportunity for comment are not required, and this rule may be made effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. Further, since this rule relates to internal agency management, it is exempt from the provisions of Executive Order Nos. 12778 and 12866. This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Pub. L. 96-354, and, thus, is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Parts 1520, 2101, 2200 and 2507

Freedom of information.

Accordingly, and under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 552, Title A of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER XV

PART 1520—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 1520 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552.

2. Section 1520.3 is revised to read as follows:

§ 1520.3 Public inspection and copying.

5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2) requires that certain materials be made available for public inspection and copying. Members of the public may request access to such materials through the Information

Division, FAS, Room 5074, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1004. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

3. Section 1520.4 is revised to read as follows:

§ 1520.4 Indexes.

5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2) requires that each agency publish or otherwise make available a current index of all materials required to be made available for public inspection and copying. Copies of the FAS Index may be obtained free of charge by telephoning (202) 720-7115 or writing to the Freedom of Information Officer, Information Division, FAS, Ag Box 1004, Department of Agriculture, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1004.

4. Section 1520.5 is revised to read as follows:

§ 1520.5 Request for records.

(a) Requests for records under 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3) shall be made in accordance with 7 CFR 1.3(a) and addressed to the Freedom of Information Officer, Information Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Ag Box 1004, Department of Agriculture, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1004.

(b) Processing of a request for information can be facilitated if "FOIA REQUEST" is placed in capital letters on the front of the envelope and at the top of the letter. Additional information may be obtained by telephoning the FAS Information Division on (202) 720-7115.

5. In section 1520.6, paragraph (a) is amended by removing "20250" and adding, in its place, "20250-1001", and paragraph (b) is amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence to read as follows:

§ 1520.6 Appeals.

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(b) * * * Additional information may be obtained by telephoning the FAS Information Division on (202) 720-7115.

CHAPTERS XXI, XXII, XXV—[REMOVED]

PARTS 2101, 2200, AND 2507—[REMOVED]

6. Parts 2101, 2200 and 2507 are removed and chapters XXI, XXII, and XXV are vacated.

Signed at Washington, DC on December 1, 1995.

August Schumacher, Jr.,
Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.
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Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Farm Service Agency

7 CFR Chapter XVIII

Agency Name Change

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service, and Farm Service Agency.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the regulations to change the names of the Rural Housing and Community Development Service to the Rural Housing Service and the Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service to the Rural Business-Cooperative Service as a result of the Department of Agriculture reorganization.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard A. Gartman, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, Rural Economic and Community Development, room 6348-S, Washington, DC 20250, telephone 202-720-9745.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Secretary of Agriculture announced that the agency previously referred to as the Rural Housing and Community Development Service (RHCD) is to be named the Rural Housing Service (RHS), and the agency previously referred to as the Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service (RBCDS) is to be named the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS). On December 26, 1995, USDA published in the Federal Register (60 FR 66713) a final rule that contained redelegations of authority for the Department of Agriculture and changed the names of RHCD to RHS and RBCDS to RBS. This rule includes amendments to 7 CFR chapter XVIII that are necessary to bring agency regulations into alignment with the departmental reorganization.

This action is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12866 since it involves only internal agency

management. This action is not published for comment under the Administrative Procedure Act since it involves only internal agency management and publication for comment is unnecessary.

Accordingly, 7 CFR Chapter XVIII is amended as follows:

1. The heading of 7 CFR chapter XVIII is revised to read as follows:

CHAPTER XVIII—RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE, RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE, AND FARM SERVICE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2. In 7 CFR chapter XVIII, all references to "Rural Housing and Community Development Service" are revised to read "Rural Housing Service", all references to "Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service" are revised to read "Rural Business-Cooperative Service", all references to "RHCD" are revised to read "RHS" and all references to "RBCDS" are revised to read "RBS".

Dated: January 23, 1996.
Arthur C. Campbell,
Acting Under Secretary, Rural Economic and Community Development.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 211

[Regulation K; Docket No. R-0754]

Foreign Banking Organizations

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Board is publishing amendments to Subpart B of Regulation K (Foreign Banking Organizations). The amendments permit the establishment of U.S. representative offices by certain foreign banks through prior notice procedures. These prior notice procedures are designed to permit foreign banks meeting certain requirements to establish representative offices without the need to file a formal application with the Board. A foreign bank that is subject to federal regulation under the Bank Holding Company Act (BHC Act), either directly or through the International Banking Act (IBA), and that the Board has previously determined is subject to comprehensive supervision or regulation on a consolidated basis by its home country supervisor, or which previously has been approved for a representative

office by Board order, would be permitted to establish a full service representative office by prior notice. In addition, the amendments clarify that only those foreign banking organizations subject to the IBA and the BHC Act may establish under general consent procedures a representative office to engage in limited administrative functions in connection with their existing U.S. banking operations. Lastly, the Board has determined to review and act upon inquiries by "special purpose government banks" seeking exemptions from regulation under the Foreign Bank Supervision Enhancement Act (FBSEA) on the basis that they do not fall within the definition of "foreign bank" under Regulation K. Such inquiries would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 24, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen M. O'Day, Associate General Counsel (202/452-3786), Ann E. Misback, Managing Senior Counsel (202/452-6406), or Andres L. Navarrete, Attorney (202/452-2300), Legal Division; William A. Ryback, Associate Director (202/452-2722), Michael G. Martinson, Assistant Director (202/452-2798), or Betsy Cross, Manager (202/452-2574), Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. For the users of Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) only, please contact Dorothea Thompson (202/452-3544), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets NW., Washington, DC 20551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FBSEA required for the first time that a foreign bank receive federal approval to establish a representative office. Prior to the FBSEA, federal regulation provided a limited definition of a representative office of a foreign bank and only required a foreign bank to register a representative office established in the United States with the Treasury Department. Federal law did not provide for the ongoing oversight or regulation of representative offices of foreign banks.

To fill these and other gaps in federal regulation of foreign banks, Congress adopted a broader definition of representative office in the FBSEA to ensure that all direct operations of a foreign bank are subject to federal regulation and supervision. The FBSEA expanded the definition of a representative office of a foreign bank in the IBA to include any place of business of a foreign bank that is not a branch, agency, or subsidiary.