# Proposed Rules

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

### 7 CFR Part 1205

[CN–98–002]

### 1998 Proposed Amendment to Cotton Board Rules and Regulations Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is proposing to amend the Cotton Board Rules and Regulations by lowering the value assigned to imported cotton for the purpose of calculating supplemental assessments collected for use by the Cotton Research and Promotion Program. This adjustment is required by this regulation on an annual basis to ensure that the assessments collected on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products remain similar to those paid on domestically produced cotton.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 30, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to USDA, AMS Cotton Program, STOP 0224, 1400 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington D.C., 20250–0224. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address during the hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Norma McDill, (202) 720–2145.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Executive Order 12866

This proposed rule has been determined to be ''not significant'' for purposes of Executive Order 12866, and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

### Executive Order 12988

This proposed rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. It is not intended to have retroactive effect. This proposed rule would not preempt any state or local laws, regulations, or policies, unless they present an irreconcilable conflict with this rule.

The Cotton Research and Promotion Act provides that administrative proceedings must be exhausted before parties may file suit in court. Under Section 12 of the Act, any person subject to an order may file with the Secretary a petition stating that the order, any provision of the plan, or any obligation imposed in connection with the order is not in accordance with law and requesting a modification of the order or to be exempted therefrom. Such person is afforded the opportunity for a hearing on the petition. After the hearing, the Secretary would rule on the petition. The Act provides that the District Court of the United States in any district in which the person is an inhabitant, or has his principal place of business, has jurisdiction to review the Secretary's ruling, provided a complaint is filed within 20 days from the date of the entry of the ruling.

### Regulatory Flexibility Act

Pursuant to requirements set forth in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) AMS has considered the economic impact of this action on small entities and has determined that its implementation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses.

There are an estimated 16,000 importers who are presently subject to rules and regulations issued pursuant to the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. This proposed rule would affect importers of cotton and cotton-containing products. The majority of these importers are small businesses under the criteria established by the Small Business Administration. This proposed rule would lower the assessments paid by the importers under the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. Even though the assessment would be lowered, the decrease is small and will not significantly affect small businesses.

The current assessment on imported cotton is $0.012412 per kilogram of imported cotton. The proposed assessment is $0.011850, a decrease of $0.000562 or a 4.5 percent decrease from the current assessment. From January through December 1997 approximately $20 million was collected at the $0.012412 per kilogram rate. Should the volume of cotton products imported into the U.S. remain at the same level in 1998, one could expect the decreased assessment to generate $19.1 million or a 4.5 percent decrease from 1997.

### Paperwork Reduction

In compliance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR Part 1320) which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the information collection requirements contained in the regulation to be amended have been previously approved by OMB and were assigned control number 0581–0093.

### Background

The Cotton Research and Promotion Act Amendments of 1990 enacted by Congress under Subtitle G of Title XIX of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 on November 28, 1990, contained two provisions that authorized changes in the funding procedures for the Cotton Research and Promotion Program.

These provisions are: (1) The assessment of imported cotton and cotton products; and (2) termination of the right of cotton producers to demand a refund of assessments.

An amended Cotton Research and Promotion Order was approved by producers and importers voting in a referendum held July 17–26, 1991 and the amended Order was published in the **Federal Register** on September 25, 1997, (62 FR 50244). Proposed rules implementing the amended Order were published in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 1991, (56 FR 65450). Implementing rules were published on July 1 and 2, 1992, (57 FR 29181) and (57 FR 29431), respectively.

This proposed rule would decrease the value assigned to imported cotton in the Cotton Board Rules and Regulations (7 CFR 1205.510 (b)(2)). This value is used to calculate supplemental assessments on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products. Supplemental assessments are the second part of a two-part assessment. The first part of the assessment is levied

on the weight of cotton produced or imported at a rate of $1 per bale of cotton which is equivalent to 500 pounds or $1 per 226.8 kilograms of cotton.

Supplemental assessments are levied at a rate of five-tenths of one percent of the value of domestically produced cotton, imported cotton, and the cotton content of imported products. The agency has adopted the practice of assigning the calendar year average price received by U.S. farmers for Upland cotton to represent the value of imported cotton. This is done so that the assessment on domestically produced cotton and the assessment on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products remain similar. The source for the average price statistic is ''Agricultural Prices'', a publication of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the Department of Agriculture. Use of the average price figure in the calculation of supplemental assessments on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products yields an assessment that approximates assessments paid on domestically produced cotton in the prior calendar year.

The current value of imported cotton as published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 46412) on September 2, 1997, for the purpose of calculating supplemental assessments on imported cotton is $1.6005 per kilogram. This number was calculated using the annual average price received by farmers for Upland cotton during the calendar year 1996 which was $0.726 per pound and

multiplying by the conversion factor 2.2046. Using the Average Price Received by U.S. farmers for Upland cotton for the calendar year 1997, which is $0.675 per pound, the new value of imported cotton is $1.4881 per kilogram. The amended value is $0.1124 per kilogram less than the previous value.

An example of the complete assessment formula and how the various figures are obtained is as follows:

One bale is equal to 500 pounds.
One kilogram equals 2.2046 pounds.
One pound equals 0.453597 kilograms.

*One Dollar Per Bale Assessment Converted to Kilograms*

A 500 pound bale equals 226.8 kg. (500×.453597).

$1 per bale assessment equals $0.002000 per pound (1÷500) or $0.004409 per kg. (1÷226.8)

*Supplemental Assessment of 5/10 of One Percent of the Value of the Cotton Converted to Kilograms*

The 1997 calendar year average price received by producers for Upland cotton is $0.675 per pound or $1.4881 per kg. (0.675×2.2046)=1.4881.

Five tenths of one percent of the average price in kg. equals $0.007441 per kg. (1.4881×.005).

*Total Assessment*

The total assessment per kilogram of raw cotton is obtained by adding the $1 per bale equivalent assessment of $0.004409 per kg. and the supplemental

assessment $0.007441 per kg. which equals $0.011850 per kg.

The current assessment on imported cotton is $0.012412 per kilogram of imported cotton. The proposed assessment is $0.011850, a decrease of $0.000562 per kilogram. This decrease reflects the decrease in the Average Price of Upland Cotton Received by U.S. Farmers during the period January through December 1997.

Since the value of cotton is the basis of the supplemental assessment calculation and the figures shown in the right hand column of the Import Assessment Table 1205.510 (b)(3) are a result of such a calculation, the figures in this table have been revised. These figures indicate the total assessment per kilogram due for each Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) number subject to assessment.

Eight HTS numbers subject to assessment pursuant to this regulation and found in the assessment table have been changed. In order to maintain consistency between the HTS and the assessment table, the changes to these eight numbers have been incorporated into the assessment table. The last two digits of these numbers were changed to provide for statistical reporting purposes and involve no physical change to the products they represent. Therefore, the assessment rate is not affected by the change. The assessment rate for each of the eight numbers has been applied to each of the new replacement numbers in the assessment table. The following table represents the changes:

| Old No. | New No. | Conversion factor | Assessment cents/kg. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5208523040 | 5208523045 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208524040 | 5208524045 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208524060 | 5208524065 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208592020 | 5208592025 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208592090 | 5208592095 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209516030 | 5209516035 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209590020 | 5209590025 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5211590020 | 5211590025 | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |

A thirty day period is provided to comment on the changes to the Cotton Board Rules and Regulations proposed herein. This period is deemed appropriate because this proposal would lower the value assigned to imported cotton for the purpose of calculating supplemental assessments collected and would lower the assessments paid by importers under the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. Accordingly, the change proposed in this rule, if adopted, should be implemented as soon as possible.

**List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1205**

Advertising, Agricultural research, Cotton, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR Part 1205 is proposed to be amended as follows:

**PART 1205—COTTON RESEARCH AND PROMOTION**

1. The authority citation for part 1205 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 2101–2118.

2. In § 1205.510, paragraphs (b)(2) and the table in paragraph (b)(3)(ii) are revised to read as follows:

**§ 1205.510  Levy of assessments.**

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(b) \* \* \*

(2) The 12-month average of monthly average prices received by U.S. farmers will be calculated annually. Such average will be used as the value of imported cotton for the purpose of levying the supplemental assessment on

imported cotton and will be expressed in kilograms. The value of imported cotton for the purpose of levying this supplemental assessment is $1.4881 per kilogram.

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### IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE
[Raw Cotton Fiber]

| HTS No. | Conventional Factors | Cents/kg. |
|---|---|---|
| 5201000500 .................. | 0 | 1.185 |
| 5201001200 .................. | 0 | 1.185 |
| 5201001400 .................. | 0 | 1.185 |
| 5201001800 .................. | 0 | 1.185 |
| 5201002200 .................. | 0 | 1.185 |
| 5201002400 .................. | 0 | 1.185 |
| 5201002800 .................. | 0 | 1.185 |
| 5201003400 .................. | 0 | 1.185 |
| 5201003800 .................. | 0 | 1.185 |
| 5204110000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5204200000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205111000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205112000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205121000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205122000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205131000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205132000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205141000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205210020 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205210090 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205220020 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205220090 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205230020 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205230090 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205240020 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205240090 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205310000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205320000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205330000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205340000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205410020 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205410090 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205420020 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205420090 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205440020 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5205440090 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5206120000 .................. | 0.5556 | 0.6584 |
| 5206130000 .................. | 0.5556 | 0.6584 |
| 5206140000 .................. | 0.5556 | 0.6584 |
| 5206220000 .................. | 0.5556 | 0.6584 |
| 5206230000 .................. | 0.5556 | 0.6584 |
| 5206240000 .................. | 0.5556 | 0.6584 |
| 5206310000 .................. | 0.5556 | 0.6584 |
| 5207100000 .................. | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5207900000 .................. | 0.5556 | 0.6584 |
| 5208112020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208112040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208112090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208114020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208114060 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208114090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208118090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208124020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208124040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208124090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208126020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208126040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208126060 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208126090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208128020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |

### IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE—Continued
[Raw Cotton Fiber]

| HTS No. | Conventional Factors | Cents/kg. |
|---|---|---|
| 5208128090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208130000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208192020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208192090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208194020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208194090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208196020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208196090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208224040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208224090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208226020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208226060 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208228020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208230000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208292020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208292090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208294090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208296090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208298020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208312000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208321000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208323020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208323040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208323090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208324020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208324040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208325020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208330000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208392020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208392090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208394090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208396090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208398020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208412000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208416000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208418000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208421000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208423000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208424000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208425000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208430000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208492000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208494020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208494090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208496010 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208496090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208498090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208512000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208516060 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208518090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208523020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208523045 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208523090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208524020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208524045 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208524065 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208525020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208530000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208592025 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208592095 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208594090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5208596090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209110020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209110035 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209110090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209120020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209120040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209190020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |

### IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE—Continued
[Raw Cotton Fiber]

| HTS No. | Conventional Factors | Cents/kg. |
|---|---|---|
| 5209190040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209190060 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209190090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209210090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209220020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209220040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209290040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209290090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209313000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209316020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209316035 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209316050 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209316090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209320020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209320040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209390020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209390040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209390060 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209390080 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209390090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209413000 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209416020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209416040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209420020 .................. | 1.0309 | 1.2216 |
| 5209420040 .................. | 1.0309 | 1.2216 |
| 5209430030 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209430050 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209490020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209490090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209516035 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209516050 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209520020 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209590025 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209590040 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5209590090 .................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5210114020 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210114040 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210116020 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210116040 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210116060 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210118020 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210120000 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210192090 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210214040 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210216020 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210216060 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210218020 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210314020 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210314040 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210316020 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210318020 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210414000 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210416000 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210418000 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210498090 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210514040 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210516020 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210516040 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5210516060 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5211110090 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5211120020 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5211190020 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5211190060 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5211210025 .................. | 0.4165 | 0.4936 |
| 5211210035 .................. | 0.4165 | 0.4936 |
| 5211210050 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5211290090 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5211320020 .................. | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |

IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE—Continued

[Raw Cotton Fiber]

| HTS No. | Conventional Factors | Cents/kg |
|---|---|---|
| 5211390040 | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5211390060 | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5211490020 | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5211490090 | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5211590025 | 0.6873 | 0.8145 |
| 5212146090 | 0.9164 | 1.0859 |
| 5212156020 | 0.9164 | 1.0859 |
| 5212216090 | 0.9164 | 1.0859 |
| 5509530030 | 0.5556 | 0.6584 |
| 5509530060 | 0.5556 | 0.6584 |
| 5513110020 | 0.4009 | 0.4751 |
| 5513110040 | 0.4009 | 0.4751 |
| 5513110060 | 0.4009 | 0.4751 |
| 5513110090 | 0.4009 | 0.4751 |
| 5513120000 | 0.4009 | 0.4751 |
| 5513130020 | 0.4009 | 0.4751 |
| 5513210020 | 0.4009 | 0.4751 |
| 5513310000 | 0.4009 | 0.4751 |
| 5514120020 | 0.4009 | 0.4751 |
| 5516420060 | 0.4009 | 0.4751 |
| 5516910060 | 0.4009 | 0.4751 |
| 5516930090 | 0.4009 | 0.4751 |
| 5601210010 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5601210090 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5601300000 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5602109090 | 0.5727 | 0.6786 |
| 5602290000 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5602906000 | 0.526 | 0.6233 |
| 5604900000 | 0.5556 | 0.6584 |
| 5607902000 | 0.8889 | 1.0533 |
| 5608901000 | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5608902300 | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5609001000 | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5609004000 | 0.5556 | 0.6584 |
| 5701104000 | 0.0556 | 0.0659 |
| 5701109000 | 0.1111 | 0.1317 |
| 5701901010 | 1.0444 | 1.2376 |
| 5702109020 | 1.1 | 1.3035 |
| 5702312000 | 0.0778 | 0.0922 |
| 5702411000 | 0.0722 | 0.0856 |
| 5702412000 | 0.0778 | 0.0922 |
| 5702421000 | 0.0778 | 0.0922 |
| 5702913000 | 0.0889 | 0.1053 |
| 5702991010 | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5702991090 | 1.1111 | 1.3167 |
| 5703900000 | 0.4489 | 0.5319 |
| 5801210000 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5801230000 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5801250010 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5801250020 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5801260020 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5802190000 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5802300030 | 0.5727 | 0.6786 |
| 5804291000 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5806200010 | 0.3534 | 0.4188 |
| 5806200090 | 0.3534 | 0.4188 |
| 5806310000 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 5806400000 | 0.4296 | 0.5091 |
| 5808107000 | 0.5727 | 0.6786 |
| 5808900010 | 0.5727 | 0.6786 |
| 5811002000 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 6001106000 | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 6001210000 | 0.8591 | 1.018 |
| 6001220000 | 0.2864 | 0.3394 |
| 6001910010 | 0.8591 | 1.018 |
| 6001910020 | 0.8591 | 1.018 |
| 6001920020 | 0.2864 | 0.3394 |
| 6001920030 | 0.2864 | 0.3394 |
| 6001920040 | 0.2864 | 0.3394 |
| 6002203000 | 0.8681 | 1.0287 |
| 6002206000 | 0.2894 | 0.3429 |
| 6002420000 | 0.8681 | 1.0287 |
| 6002430010 | 0.2894 | 0.3429 |
| 6002430080 | 0.2894 | 0.3429 |
| 6002921000 | 1.1574 | 1.3715 |
| 6002930040 | 0.1157 | 0.1371 |
| 6002930080 | 0.1157 | 0.1371 |
| 6101200010 | 1.0094 | 1.1961 |
| 6101200020 | 1.0094 | 1.1961 |
| 6102200010 | 1.0094 | 1.1961 |
| 6102200020 | 1.0094 | 1.1961 |
| 6103421020 | 0.8806 | 1.0435 |
| 6103421040 | 0.8806 | 1.0435 |
| 6103421050 | 0.8806 | 1.0435 |
| 6103421070 | 0.8806 | 1.0435 |
| 6103431520 | 0.2516 | 0.2981 |
| 6103431540 | 0.2516 | 0.2981 |
| 6103431550 | 0.2516 | 0.2981 |
| 6103431570 | 0.2516 | 0.2981 |
| 6104220040 | 0.9002 | 1.0667 |
| 6104220060 | 0.9002 | 1.0667 |
| 6104320000 | 0.9207 | 1.091 |
| 6104420010 | 0.9002 | 1.0667 |
| 6104420020 | 0.9002 | 1.0667 |
| 6104520010 | 0.9312 | 1.1035 |
| 6104520020 | 0.9312 | 1.1035 |
| 6104622006 | 0.8806 | 1.0435 |
| 6104622011 | 0.8806 | 1.0435 |
| 6104622016 | 0.8806 | 1.0435 |
| 6104622021 | 0.8806 | 1.0435 |
| 6104622026 | 0.8806 | 1.0435 |
| 6104622028 | 0.8806 | 1.0435 |
| 6104622030 | 0.8806 | 1.0435 |
| 6104622060 | 0.8806 | 1.0435 |
| 6104632006 | 0.3774 | 0.4472 |
| 6104632011 | 0.3774 | 0.4472 |
| 6104632026 | 0.3774 | 0.4472 |
| 6104632028 | 0.3774 | 0.4472 |
| 6104632030 | 0.3774 | 0.4472 |
| 6104632060 | 0.3774 | 0.4472 |
| 6104692030 | 0.3858 | 0.4572 |
| 6105100010 | 0.985 | 1.1672 |
| 6105100020 | 0.985 | 1.1672 |
| 6105100030 | 0.985 | 1.1672 |
| 6105202010 | 0.3078 | 0.3647 |
| 6105202030 | 0.3078 | 0.3647 |
| 6106100010 | 0.985 | 1.1672 |
| 6106100020 | 0.985 | 1.1672 |
| 6106100030 | 0.985 | 1.1672 |
| 6106202010 | 0.3078 | 0.3647 |
| 6106202030 | 0.3078 | 0.3647 |
| 6107110010 | 1.1322 | 1.3417 |
| 6107110020 | 1.1322 | 1.3417 |
| 6107120010 | 0.5032 | 0.5963 |
| 6107210010 | 0.8806 | 1.0435 |
| 6107220015 | 0.3774 | 0.4472 |
| 6107220025 | 0.3774 | 0.4472 |
| 6107910040 | 1.2581 | 1.4908 |
| 6108210010 | 1.2445 | 1.4747 |
| 6108210020 | 1.2445 | 1.4747 |
| 6108310010 | 1.1201 | 1.3273 |
| 6108310020 | 1.1201 | 1.3273 |
| 6108320010 | 0.2489 | 0.2949 |
| 6108320015 | 0.2489 | 0.2949 |
| 6108320025 | 0.2489 | 0.2949 |
| 6108910005 | 1.2445 | 1.4747 |
| 6108910015 | 1.2445 | 1.4747 |
| 6108910025 | 1.2445 | 1.4747 |
| 6108910030 | 1.2445 | 1.4747 |
| 6108920030 | 0.2489 | 0.2949 |
| 6109100005 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109100007 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109100009 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109100012 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109100014 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109100018 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109100023 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109100027 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109100037 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109100040 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109100045 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109100060 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109100065 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109100070 | 0.9956 | 1.1798 |
| 6109901007 | 0.3111 | 0.3687 |
| 6109901009 | 0.3111 | 0.3687 |
| 6109901049 | 0.3111 | 0.3687 |
| 6109901050 | 0.3111 | 0.3687 |
| 6109901060 | 0.3111 | 0.3687 |
| 6109901065 | 0.3111 | 0.3687 |
| 6109901090 | 0.3111 | 0.3687 |
| 6110202005 | 1.1837 | 1.4027 |
| 6110202010 | 1.1837 | 1.4027 |
| 6110202015 | 1.1837 | 1.4027 |
| 6110202020 | 1.1837 | 1.4027 |
| 6110202025 | 1.1837 | 1.4027 |
| 6110202030 | 1.1837 | 1.4027 |
| 6110202035 | 1.1837 | 1.4027 |
| 6110202040 | 1.1574 | 1.3715 |
| 6110202045 | 1.1574 | 1.3715 |
| 6110202065 | 1.1574 | 1.3715 |
| 6110202075 | 1.1574 | 1.3715 |
| 6110909022 | 0.263 | 0.3117 |
| 6110909024 | 0.263 | 0.3117 |
| 6110909030 | 0.3946 | 0.4676 |
| 6110909040 | 0.263 | 0.3117 |
| 6110909042 | 0.263 | 0.3117 |
| 6111201000 | 1.2581 | 1.4908 |
| 6111202000 | 1.2581 | 1.4908 |
| 6111203000 | 1.0064 | 1.1926 |
| 6111205000 | 1.0064 | 1.1926 |
| 6111206010 | 1.0064 | 1.1926 |
| 6111206020 | 1.0064 | 1.1926 |
| 6111206030 | 1.0064 | 1.1926 |
| 6111206040 | 1.0064 | 1.1926 |
| 6111305020 | 0.2516 | 0.2981 |
| 6111305040 | 0.2516 | 0.2981 |
| 6112110050 | 0.7548 | 0.8944 |
| 6112120010 | 0.2516 | 0.2981 |
| 6112120030 | 0.2516 | 0.2981 |
| 6112120040 | 0.2516 | 0.2981 |
| 6112120050 | 0.2516 | 0.2981 |
| 6112120060 | 0.2516 | 0.2981 |
| 6112390010 | 1.1322 | 1.3417 |
| 6112490010 | 0.9435 | 1.118 |
| 6114200005 | 0.9002 | 1.0667 |
| 6114200010 | 0.9002 | 1.0667 |
| 6114200015 | 0.9002 | 1.0667 |
| 6114200020 | 1.286 | 1.5239 |
| 6114200040 | 0.9002 | 1.0667 |
| 6114200046 | 0.9002 | 1.0667 |
| 6114200052 | 0.9002 | 1.0667 |
| 6114200060 | 0.9002 | 1.0667 |
| 6114301010 | 0.2572 | 0.3048 |

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| HTS No. | Conventional Factors | Cents/kg. |
|---|---|---|
| 6114301020 ................. | 0.2572 | 0.3048 |
| 6114303030 ................. | 0.2572 | 0.3048 |
| 6115198010 ................. | 1.0417 | 1.2344 |
| 6115929000 ................. | 1.0417 | 1.2344 |
| 6115936020 ................. | 0.2315 | 0.2743 |
| 6116101300 ................. | 0.3655 | 0.4331 |
| 6116101720 ................. | 0.8528 | 1.0106 |
| 6116926420 ................. | 1.0965 | 1.2994 |
| 6116926430 ................. | 1.2183 | 1.4437 |
| 6116926440 ................. | 1.0965 | 1.2994 |
| 6116928800 ................. | 1.0965 | 1.2994 |
| 6117809510 ................. | 0.9747 | 1.155 |
| 6117809540 ................. | 0.3655 | 0.4331 |
| 6201121000 ................. | 0.948 | 1.1234 |
| 6201122010 ................. | 0.8953 | 1.0609 |
| 6201122050 ................. | 0.6847 | 0.8114 |
| 6201122060 ................. | 0.6847 | 0.8114 |
| 6201134030 ................. | 0.2633 | 0.312 |
| 6201921000 ................. | 0.9267 | 1.0981 |
| 6201921500 ................. | 1.1583 | 1.3726 |
| 6201922010 ................. | 1.0296 | 1.2201 |
| 6201922021 ................. | 1.2871 | 1.5252 |
| 6201922031 ................. | 1.2871 | 1.5252 |
| 6201922041 ................. | 1.2871 | 1.5252 |
| 6201922051 ................. | 1.0296 | 1.2201 |
| 6201922061 ................. | 1.0296 | 1.2201 |
| 6201931000 ................. | 0.3089 | 0.366 |
| 6201933511 ................. | 0.2574 | 0.305 |
| 6201933521 ................. | 0.2574 | 0.305 |
| 6201999060 ................. | 0.2574 | 0.305 |
| 6202121000 ................. | 0.9372 | 1.1106 |
| 6202122010 ................. | 1.1064 | 1.3111 |
| 6202122025 ................. | 1.3017 | 1.5425 |
| 6202122050 ................. | 0.8461 | 1.0026 |
| 6202122060 ................. | 0.8461 | 1.0026 |
| 6202134005 ................. | 0.2664 | 0.3157 |
| 6202134020 ................. | 0.333 | 0.3946 |
| 6202921000 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6202921500 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6202922026 ................. | 1.3017 | 1.5425 |
| 6202922061 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6202922071 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6202931000 ................. | 0.3124 | 0.3702 |
| 6202935011 ................. | 0.2603 | 0.3085 |
| 6202935021 ................. | 0.2603 | 0.3085 |
| 6203122010 ................. | 0.1302 | 0.1543 |
| 6203221000 ................. | 1.3017 | 1.5425 |
| 6203322010 ................. | 1.2366 | 1.4654 |
| 6203322040 ................. | 1.2366 | 1.4654 |
| 6203332010 ................. | 0.1302 | 0.1543 |
| 6203392010 ................. | 1.1715 | 1.3882 |
| 6203399060 ................. | 0.2603 | 0.3085 |
| 6203422010 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6203422025 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6203422050 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6203422090 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6203424005 ................. | 1.2451 | 1.4754 |
| 6203424010 ................. | 1.2451 | 1.4754 |
| 6203424015 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6203424020 ................. | 1.2451 | 1.4754 |
| 6203424025 ................. | 1.2451 | 1.4754 |
| 6203424030 ................. | 1.2451 | 1.4754 |
| 6203424035 ................. | 1.2451 | 1.4754 |
| 6203424040 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6203424045 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6203424050 ................. | 0.9238 | 1.0947 |
| 6203424055 ................. | 0.9238 | 1.0947 |
| 6203424060 ................. | 0.9238 | 1.0947 |

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| HTS No. | Conventional Factors | Cents/kg. |
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| 6203431500 ................. | 0.1245 | 0.1475 |
| 6203434010 ................. | 0.1232 | 0.146 |
| 6203434020 ................. | 0.1232 | 0.146 |
| 6203434030 ................. | 0.1232 | 0.146 |
| 6203434040 ................. | 0.1232 | 0.146 |
| 6203498045 ................. | 0.249 | 0.2951 |
| 6204132010 ................. | 0.1302 | 0.1543 |
| 6204192010 ................. | 0.1302 | 0.1543 |
| 6204198090 ................. | 0.2603 | 0.3085 |
| 6204221000 ................. | 1.3017 | 1.5425 |
| 6204223030 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6204223040 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6204223050 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6204223060 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6204223065 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6204292040 ................. | 0.3254 | 0.3856 |
| 6204322010 ................. | 1.2366 | 1.4654 |
| 6204322030 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6204322040 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6204423010 ................. | 1.2728 | 1.5083 |
| 6204423030 ................. | 0.9546 | 1.1312 |
| 6204423040 ................. | 0.9546 | 1.1312 |
| 6204423050 ................. | 0.9546 | 1.1312 |
| 6204423060 ................. | 0.9546 | 1.1312 |
| 6204522010 ................. | 1.2654 | 1.4995 |
| 6204522030 ................. | 1.2654 | 1.4995 |
| 6204522040 ................. | 1.2654 | 1.4995 |
| 6204522070 ................. | 1.0656 | 1.2627 |
| 6204522080 ................. | 1.0656 | 1.2627 |
| 6204533010 ................. | 0.2664 | 0.3157 |
| 6204594060 ................. | 0.2664 | 0.3157 |
| 6204622010 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6204622025 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6204622050 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6204624005 ................. | 1.2451 | 1.4754 |
| 6204624010 ................. | 1.2451 | 1.4754 |
| 6204624020 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6204624025 ................. | 1.2451 | 1.4754 |
| 6204624030 ................. | 1.2451 | 1.4754 |
| 6204624035 ................. | 1.2451 | 1.4754 |
| 6204624040 ................. | 1.2451 | 1.4754 |
| 6204624045 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6204624050 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6204624055 ................. | 0.9854 | 1.1677 |
| 6204624060 ................. | 0.9854 | 1.1677 |
| 6204624065 ................. | 0.9854 | 1.1677 |
| 6204633510 ................. | 0.2546 | 0.3017 |
| 6204633530 ................. | 0.2546 | 0.3017 |
| 6204633532 ................. | 0.2437 | 0.2888 |
| 6204633540 ................. | 0.2437 | 0.2888 |
| 6204692510 ................. | 0.249 | 0.2951 |
| 6204692540 ................. | 0.2437 | 0.2888 |
| 6204699044 ................. | 0.249 | 0.2951 |
| 6204699046 ................. | 0.249 | 0.2951 |
| 6204699050 ................. | 0.249 | 0.2951 |
| 6205202015 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6205202020 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6205202025 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6205202030 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6205202035 ................. | 1.1206 | 1.3279 |
| 6205202046 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6205202050 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6205202060 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6205202065 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6205202070 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6205202075 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6205302010 ................. | 0.3113 | 0.3689 |
| 6205302030 ................. | 0.3113 | 0.3689 |

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| HTS No. | Conventional Factors | Cents/kg. |
|---|---|---|
| 6205302040 ................. | 0.3113 | 0.3689 |
| 6205302050 ................. | 0.3113 | 0.3689 |
| 6205302070 ................. | 0.3113 | 0.3689 |
| 6205302080 ................. | 0.3113 | 0.3689 |
| 6206100040 ................. | 0.1245 | 0.1475 |
| 6206303010 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6206303020 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6206303030 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6206303040 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6206303050 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6206303060 ................. | 0.9961 | 1.1804 |
| 6206403010 ................. | 0.3113 | 0.3689 |
| 6206403030 ................. | 0.3113 | 0.3689 |
| 6206900040 ................. | 0.249 | 0.2951 |
| 6207110000 ................. | 1.0852 | 1.286 |
| 6207199010 ................. | 0.3617 | 0.4286 |
| 6207210010 ................. | 1.1085 | 1.3136 |
| 6207210030 ................. | 1.1085 | 1.3136 |
| 6207220000 ................. | 0.3695 | 0.4379 |
| 6207911000 ................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 6207913010 ................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 6207913020 ................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 6208210010 ................. | 1.0583 | 1.2541 |
| 6208210020 ................. | 1.0583 | 1.2541 |
| 6208220000 ................. | 0.1245 | 0.1475 |
| 6208911010 ................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 6208911020 ................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 6208913010 ................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 6209201000 ................. | 1.1577 | 1.3719 |
| 6209203000 ................. | 0.9749 | 1.1553 |
| 6209205030 ................. | 0.9749 | 1.1553 |
| 6209205035 ................. | 0.9749 | 1.1553 |
| 6209205040 ................. | 1.2186 | 1.444 |
| 6209205045 ................. | 0.9749 | 1.1553 |
| 6209205050 ................. | 0.9749 | 1.1553 |
| 6209303020 ................. | 0.2463 | 0.2919 |
| 6209303040 ................. | 0.2463 | 0.2919 |
| 6210109010 ................. | 0.2291 | 0.2715 |
| 6210403000 ................. | 0.0391 | 0.0463 |
| 6210405020 ................. | 0.4556 | 0.5399 |
| 6211111010 ................. | 0.1273 | 0.1509 |
| 6211111020 ................. | 0.1273 | 0.1509 |
| 6211118010 ................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 6211118020 ................. | 1.1455 | 1.3574 |
| 6211320007 ................. | 0.8461 | 1.0026 |
| 6211320010 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6211320015 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6211320030 ................. | 0.9763 | 1.1569 |
| 6211320060 ................. | 0.9763 | 1.1569 |
| 6211320070 ................. | 0.9763 | 1.1569 |
| 6211330010 ................. | 0.3254 | 0.3856 |
| 6211330030 ................. | 0.3905 | 0.4627 |
| 6211330035 ................. | 0.3905 | 0.4627 |
| 6211330040 ................. | 0.3905 | 0.4627 |
| 6211420010 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6211420020 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6211420025 ................. | 1.1715 | 1.3882 |
| 6211420060 ................. | 1.0413 | 1.2339 |
| 6211420070 ................. | 1.1715 | 1.3882 |
| 6211430010 ................. | 0.2603 | 0.3085 |
| 6211430030 ................. | 0.2603 | 0.3085 |
| 6211430040 ................. | 0.2603 | 0.3085 |
| 6211430050 ................. | 0.2603 | 0.3085 |
| 6211430060 ................. | 0.2603 | 0.3085 |
| 6211430066 ................. | 0.2603 | 0.3085 |
| 6212105020 ................. | 0.2412 | 0.2858 |
| 6212109010 ................. | 0.9646 | 1.1431 |
| 6212109020 ................. | 0.2412 | 0.2858 |

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| HTS No. | Conven-<br>tional<br>Factors | Cents/<br>kg. |
|---|---|---|
| 6212200020 .................. | 0.3014 | 0.3572 |
| 6212900030 .................. | 0.1929 | 0.2286 |
| 6213201000 .................. | 1.1809 | 1.3994 |
| 6213202000 .................. | 1.0628 | 1.2594 |
| 6213901000 .................. | 0.4724 | 0.5598 |
| 6214900010 .................. | 0.9043 | 1.0716 |
| 6216000800 .................. | 0.2351 | 0.2786 |
| 6216001720 .................. | 0.6752 | 0.8001 |
| 6216003800 .................. | 1.2058 | 1.4289 |
| 6216004100 .................. | 1.2058 | 1.4289 |
| 6217109510 .................. | 1.0182 | 1.2066 |
| 6217109530 .................. | 0.2546 | 0.3017 |
| 6301300010 .................. | 0.8766 | 1.0388 |
| 6301300020 .................. | 0.8766 | 1.0388 |
| 6302100010 .................. | 1.1689 | 1.3851 |
| 6302215010 .................. | 0.8182 | 0.9696 |
| 6302215020 .................. | 0.8182 | 0.9696 |
| 6302217010 .................. | 1.1689 | 1.3851 |
| 6302217020 .................. | 1.1689 | 1.3851 |
| 6302217050 .................. | 1.1689 | 1.3851 |
| 6302219010 .................. | 0.8182 | 0.9696 |
| 6302219020 .................. | 0.8182 | 0.9696 |
| 6302219050 .................. | 0.8182 | 0.9696 |
| 6302222010 .................. | 0.4091 | 0.4848 |
| 6302222020 .................. | 0.4091 | 0.4848 |
| 6302313010 .................. | 0.8182 | 0.9696 |
| 6302313050 .................. | 1.1689 | 1.3851 |
| 6302315050 .................. | 0.8182 | 0.9696 |
| 6302317010 .................. | 1.1689 | 1.3851 |
| 6302317020 .................. | 1.1689 | 1.3851 |
| 6302317040 .................. | 1.1689 | 1.3851 |
| 6302317050 .................. | 1.1689 | 1.3851 |
| 6302319010 .................. | 0.8182 | 0.9696 |
| 6302319040 .................. | 0.8182 | 0.9696 |
| 6302319050 .................. | 0.8182 | 0.9696 |
| 6302322020 .................. | 0.4091 | 0.4848 |
| 6302322040 .................. | 0.4091 | 0.4848 |
| 6302402010 .................. | 0.9935 | 1.1773 |
| 6302511000 .................. | 0.5844 | 0.6925 |
| 6302512000 .................. | 0.8766 | 1.0388 |
| 6302513000 .................. | 0.5844 | 0.6925 |
| 6302514000 .................. | 0.8182 | 0.9696 |
| 6302600010 .................. | 1.1689 | 1.3851 |
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| 6505902545 .................. | 0.5844 | 0.6925 |

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# DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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# DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## 38 CFR Part 21

**RIN 2900–AI68**

## Reservists Education: Monthly Verification of Enrollment and Other Reports

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense, Department of Transportation (Coast Guard), and Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes to amend the educational assistance and educational benefit regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). It proposes to expand the current requirement that some reservists receiving educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve (MGIB–SR) verify their pursuit of a program of education monthly to include those reservists who are pursuing a standard college degree. At the same time the document proposes reducing the number of reports VA receives from educational institutions. It appears that this would be a cost-effective way to reduce overpayments.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 1, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand deliver written comments to Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to ''RIN 2900–AI68.'' All written comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Comments on the collection of information contained in this proposal should be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of

Veterans Affairs, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503, with copies mailed or hand delivered to the Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to ''RIN 2900-AI68.'' All written comments to VA will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William G. Susling, Jr., Education Advisor, Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration (202) 273–7187.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** VA is required by statute (38 U.S.C. 3680(g)) to withhold payments of educational assistance until VA receives proof of an individual's pursuit of a program of education. The statute goes on to state that VA may accept the individual's monthly certification of enrollment in and satisfactory pursuit of a program of education as satisfactory proof. Currently, regulations governing the MGIB–SR require such a monthly certification from a reservist pursuing a course not leading to a standard college degree, but this is not required from a reservist who is pursuing a standard college degree.

VA analyzes its information collection burdens periodically to see if they are cost-effective. In 1997 an analysis was done of the monthly certification process. The analysis included an examination of the verification process in other VA education programs such as the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (MGIB) where students pursuing a standard college degree are required to verify their continued pursuit monthly.

The analysis found that if monthly verifications were eliminated entirely, the current establishment of debt in the education programs VA administers would increase from $5.6 million to $14 million annually. While the cost of processing verifications would be eliminated, the cost of collecting debts would increase. Conversely, the analysis projected that if monthly verifications were required in all the education programs VA administers, the establishment of debt in those programs would decrease from $5.6 million to $2.4 million annually, while the costs of processing those verifications would increase by $0.3 million annually. Accordingly, it would appear that overpayments of educational assistance