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Acting Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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Commodity Credit Corporation

7 CFR Part 1421

RIN 0560-AD74

General Price Support Regulations for Grain, Rice, and Oilseeds for 1993 and Subsequent Crop Years

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule adopts, without change, the interim rule published in the **Federal Register** at 59 FR 34345 on July 5, 1994, with respect to the price support loan programs for grains and similarly handled commodities, including oilseeds (canola, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower seed, soybeans, and sunflower seed).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 5, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Wright, Program Specialist, Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA), USDA, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415; telephone 202-720-8481.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866 and therefore has not been reviewed by Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

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 Commodity Credit Corporation (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 final 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 final 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

Public reporting burden for the information collections contained in this regulation with respect to price support programs is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collections of information. The information collections have previously been cleared under the current regulations by OMB, and assigned OMB Nos. 0560-0087 and 0560-0129. In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 35, the information collection requirements that are revised as a result of this rule will be resubmitted to OMB for review.

Interim Rule

The interim rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 5, 1994, amended the regulations governing the price support loan programs for grains and similarly handled commodities to: Provide greater clarity, enhance the administration of CCC programs by providing uniformity between CCC price support programs, eliminate obsolete provisions, provide more authority to State and county committees in administering the programs, lessen the administrative actions CCC imposes on producers who violate the loan and loan deficiency payment agreements, and correct errors.

Discussion of Comments

Comments were received by one respondent supporting CCC's proposed price support regulations. They believe the changes make the programs more

farmer friendly and at the same time achieve program objectives.

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, the interim rule which amended 7 CFR part 1421 published at 59 FR 34345 on July 5, 1994, is adopted as a final rule without change.

Signed in Washington, DC on December 23, 1994.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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7 CFR Part 1427

RIN 0560-AD82

1994 Cotton Loan and LDP Provisions

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On August 2, 1994, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) issued an interim rule with respect to the cotton price support program which is conducted by the CCC in accordance with The Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (the 1949 Act). This interim rule provided greater clarity, enhanced the administration of CCC programs by providing uniformity between CCC price support programs, provided more authority to State and county committees in administering the programs, lessened administrative actions CCC imposes on producers who violate the loan and loan deficiency payment agreements, eliminated obsolete provisions, and more appropriately reflected loan eligibility requirement for the 1994 and subsequent year crops. This rule adopts as final the interim rule published on August 2, 1994 at 59 FR 39251. In addition, this rule amends 7 CFR Chapter XIV to reflect the abolishment of ASCS and the establishment of the Consolidated Farm Service Agency in the recent Department of Agriculture reorganization.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 5, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip Sharp, Program Specialist, Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA), USDA, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415; telephone 202-720-7988.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Executive Order 12866**

This rule has been determined to be not-significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866 and therefore has not been reviewed by Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

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 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 not have a 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 jurisdiction, administrative review under 7 CFR part 780 must be exhausted.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Public reporting burden for the information collections contained in this regulation with respect to price support programs is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The information collections have previously been cleared under the current regulations by OMB, and assigned OMB Nos. 0560-0087 and 0560-0129. The content and format of

the information collections have not changed as a result of this amendment to 7 CFR part 1427; however, the frequency of reporting has been reduced. CFSA will submit a burden correction worksheet to OMB for review.

Discussion of Comments

One letter was timely received in response to the interim rule published on August 2, 1994, requesting public comments on the interim regulations for implementing the price support loan programs for upland cotton and extra long staple cotton which are administered by the CCC.

The respondent was generally supportive of the provisions of the interim rule; however, they expressed a need for a more detailed explanation of why the reference to incentive payments was removed from section 1427.5(c)(2)(ii). The removal of the reference to incentive payments was to remove the possible interpretation that incentive payments automatically resulted in the loss of beneficial interest. In fact, payments by buyers to producers for services, such as transportation and storage, will not cause beneficial interest to be transferred if such payment is not conditioned on the eventual sale of the cotton.

If buyers question whether or not incentive payments made to producers will result in the producer losing beneficial interest prematurely, such buyers are encouraged to have their contracts reviewed by the CFSA.

Establishment of the Consolidated Farm Service Agency

Pursuant to Public Law 103-354, the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, the Secretary of Agriculture issued Secretary's Memorandum 1010-1, Reorganization of the Department of Agriculture, on October 20, 1994. That memorandum orders the abolishment of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and the establishment of the Consolidated Farm Service Agency, which assumes the functions previously performed by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. This rule includes amendments to 7 CFR chapter XIV which are necessary to bring agency regulations into alignment with the departmental reorganization.

Accordingly, 7 CFR Chapter XIV and part 1427 are amended as follows:

1. In 7 CFR chapter XIV, all references to "Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service" are revised to read "Consolidated Farm Service

Agency" and all references to "ASCS" are revised to read "CFSA".

2. Under authority of 7 U.S.C. 1421, 1423, 1425, 1444, and 1444-2; 15 U.S.C. 714b and 714c, the interim rule amending 7 CFR part 1427 that was published at 59 FR 39251 on August 2, 1994 is adopted as a final rule without change.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 23, 1994.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Rural Utilities Service**7 CFR Part 1755****Telecommunications Standards and Specifications for Materials, Equipment and Construction; Correcting Amendments**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is correcting its telephone regulations in order to add a recently approved Office of Management and Budget (OMB) information collection control number to recently published RUS telephone specifications and to replace the old control numbers in the existing regulations with the recently approved control number.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 5, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jill M. Eberhart, Management Analyst, Program Support Staff, Rural Utilities Service, room 2242, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-1500, telephone number (202) 720-0380.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Pursuant to the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-354, 108 Stat. 3178), the United States Secretary of Agriculture simultaneously abolished the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) and established the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) recently issued three standards and specifications that need the addition of an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number in the regulatory text. RUS stated in the preambles of these three rules that RUS would publish a technical amendment to add this number to the rules when the information collection was reapproved. As OMB recently