

| | Tons | |
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| (7) Increase to encourage increased sales (5 percent of Item 6) | 208 | |
| (8) Less declared carryin as of July 1, 1994, not subject to regulation | 603 | |
| (9) Adjusted Inshell Trade Demand | 3,775 | |
| (10) 15 percent of the average trade acquisitions of inshell filberts/hazelnuts for three prior years (Item 6) | 626 | |
| (11) Adjusted Inshell Trade Demand plus 15 percent for carryout (Item 9 plus Item 10) | 4,401 | |
| | Free | Restricted |
| Percentages: | | |
| (12) Interim final percentages (Item 9 divided by Item 5) ×100 | 19 | 81 |
| (13) Final percentages (Item 11 divided by Item 5) ×100 | 23 | 77 |

In addition to complying with the provisions of the marketing order, the Board also considered the Department's 1982 "Guidelines for Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crop Marketing Orders" (Guidelines) when making its computations in the marketing policy. The volume control regulation provides a method to collectively limit the supply of inshell filberts/hazelnuts available for sale in domestic markets. The Guidelines provide that the domestic inshell market have available a quantity equal to 110 percent of prior years' shipments in those outlets before secondary market allocations are approved. This provides for plentiful supplies for consumers and for market expansion while retaining the mechanism for dealing with oversupply situations. At its August 25, 1994, meeting, the Board recommended that an increase of 5 percent (208 tons) for market expansion be included in the inshell trade demand. The established final percentages, which release 100 percent of the inshell trade demand, will make available 4,401 tons from the 1994 crop plus 603 tons of declared carryin which is 120 percent of prior years' sales, thus exceeding the goal of the Guidelines.

Based on these considerations, the Administrator of the AMS has determined that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

After consideration of all relevant material presented, the information and recommendations submitted by the Committee, and other information, it is found that finalizing the interim final rule, without change, as published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 5561, January 30, 1995), will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 982

Filberts, Hazelnuts, Marketing agreements, Nuts, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 982 is amended as follows:

PART 982—FILBERTS/HAZELNUTS GROWN IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON

Accordingly, the interim final rule amending 7 CFR part 982, which was published at 60 FR 5561 on January 30, 1995, is adopted as a final rule without change.

Dated: March 28, 1995.

Sharon Bomer Lauritsen,

Deputy Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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7 CFR Part 985

[Docket No. FV95-985-1IFR]

Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Expenses and Assessment Rate for the 1995-96 Fiscal Year

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim Final Rule with Request for comments.

SUMMARY: This interim final rule authorizes expenses and establishes an assessment rate for the Spearmint Oil Administrative Committee (Committee) under Marketing Order No. 985 for the 1995-96 fiscal year. Authorization of this budget enables the Committee to incur expenses that are reasonable and necessary to administer this program. Funds to administer this program are derived from assessments on handlers. **DATES:** Effective beginning June 1, 1995, through May 31, 1996. Comments received by May 3, 1995 will be considered prior to issuance of a final rule.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this interim final rule. Comments must be sent in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, room 2523-S, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456; Fax # (202) 720-5698. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue

of the **Federal Register** and will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Caroline C. Thorpe, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, room 2523-S, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456, telephone: (202) 720-5127; or Robert Curry, Northwest Marketing Field Office, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, 1220 SW. Third Avenue, room 369, Portland, Oregon 97204, telephone: (503) 326-2724.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This interim final rule is issued under Marketing Agreement and Order No. 985 (7 CFR Part 985), regulating the handling of spearmint oil produced in the Far West. The marketing agreement and order are effective under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), hereinafter referred to as the Act.

The Department of Agriculture (Department) is issuing this rule in conformance with Executive Order 12866.

This interim final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform. Under the marketing order provisions now in effect, spearmint oil produced in the Far West is subject to assessments. It is intended that the assessment rate specified herein will be applicable to all assessable oil produced during the 1995-96 fiscal year, beginning June 1, 1995, through May 31, 1996. This interim final rule will not preempt any State or local laws, regulations, or policies, unless they present an irreconcilable conflict with this rule.

The Act provides that administrative proceedings must be exhausted before parties may file suit in court. Under section 608c(15)(A) of the Act, any handler subject to an order may file with the Secretary a petition stating that the order, any provision of the order, 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 handler 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 handler is an inhabitant, or has his or her principal place of business, has jurisdiction in equity to review the Secretary's ruling on the petition, provided a bill in equity is filed not later than 20 days after date of the entry of the ruling.

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has considered the economic impact of this rule on small entities.

The purpose of the RFA is to fit regulatory actions to the scale of business subject to such actions in order that small businesses will not be unduly or disproportionately burdened. Marketing orders issued pursuant to the Act, and rules issued thereunder, are unique in that they are brought about through group action of essentially small entities acting on their own behalf. Thus, both statutes have small entity orientation and compatibility.

There are 8 handlers of spearmint oil regulated under the marketing order each season and approximately 260 spearmint oil producers in the Far West. Small agricultural producers have been defined by the Small Business Administration (13 CFR 121.601) as those having annual receipts of less than \$500,000, and small agricultural service firms are defined as those whose annual receipts are less than \$5,000,000. A minority of these producers and handlers may be classified as small entities.

The marketing order, administered by the Department, requires that the assessment rate for a particular fiscal year apply to all assessable spearmint oil handled from the beginning of such year. Annual budgets of expenses are prepared by the Committee, the agency responsible for local administration of this marketing order, and submitted to the Department for approval. The members of the Committee are handlers and producers of spearmint oil. They are familiar with the Committee's needs and with the costs for goods, services, and personnel in their local area, and are thus in a position to formulate appropriate budgets. The Committee's budget is formulated and discussed in a public meeting. Thus, all directly affected persons have an opportunity to participate and provide input.

The assessment rate recommended by the Committee is derived by dividing

the anticipated expenses by expected shipments of spearmint oil. Because that rate is applied to actual shipments, it must be established at a rate which will provide sufficient income to pay the Committee's expected expenses.

The Committee met on February 22, 1995, and unanimously recommended a total expense amount of \$233,272 for its 1995-96 budget. This is \$4,567 less in expenses than the 1994-95 budget.

The Committee also unanimously recommended an assessment rate of \$.10 per pound for the 1995-96 fiscal year, which is \$.01 more than the assessment rate from the 1994-95 fiscal year. The assessment rate, when applied to anticipated shipments of 2,000,000 pounds from the 1995-96 spearmint oil production, would yield \$200,000.00 in assessment income. This, along with approximately \$24,272 from the Committee's authorized reserves, and \$9,000 interest will be adequate to cover estimated expenses.

Major expense categories for the 1995-96 fiscal year include \$101,300 for salaries, \$20,000 for market development, and \$23,000 for travel. Funds in the reserve at the beginning of the 1995-96 fiscal year are estimated at \$160,000, which is within the maximum permitted by the order of one fiscal year's expenses.

While this action will impose some additional costs on handlers, the costs are in the form of uniform assessments on all handlers. Some of the additional costs may be passed on to producers. However, these costs should be significantly offset by the benefits derived from the operation of the marketing order. Therefore, the Administrator of the AMS has determined that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

After consideration of all relevant matter presented, including the information and recommendations submitted by the Committee and other available information, it is hereby found that this rule as hereinafter set forth will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, it is also found and determined upon good cause that it is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest to give preliminary notice prior to putting this rule into effect because: (1) The Committee needs to have sufficient funds to pay its expenses which are incurred on a continuous basis; (2) the 1995-96 fiscal year starts on June 1, 1995, and the marketing order requires that the rate of assessment for the fiscal year apply to all assessable spearmint oil handled during the fiscal year; (3)

handlers are aware of this rule which was recommended by the Committee at a public meeting; and (4) this interim final rule provides a 30-day comment period, and all comments timely received will be considered prior to finalization of this rule.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 985

Marketing agreements, Oils and fats, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Spearmint oil.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 985 is amended as follows:

PART 985—MARKETING ORDER REGULATING THE HANDLING OF SPEARMINT OIL PRODUCED IN THE FAR WEST

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR Part 985 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601-674.

Note: This section will not appear in the annual Code of Federal Regulations.

2. A new §985.315 is added to read as follows:

§985.315 Expenses and assessment rate.

Expenses of \$233,272.00 by the Spearmint Oil Administrative Committee are authorized and an assessment rate of \$.10 per pound of assessable spearmint oil is established for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1996. Unexpended funds may be carried over as a reserve.

Dated: March 28, 1995.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 226

[Regulation Z; Docket No. R-0863]

Truth in Lending

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Final rule; official staff interpretation.

SUMMARY: The Board is publishing revisions to the official staff commentary to Regulation Z (Truth in Lending). The commentary applies and interprets the requirements of Regulation Z. The revisions clarify regulatory provisions and provide further guidance on issues of general interest, such as the treatment of various fees and taxes associated with real estate-secured loans and a creditor's