

turn being passed on to the recipient agencies.

In addition, FCS' review of the certified public accountant audit reports submitted by multi-State processors participating in the processing program has disclosed that the majority of processors participating in the program are operating in compliance with the regulations and their processing agreements. Also, representatives from AMS have indicated that processors are properly accounting for meat and poultry.

FCS is interested in attracting more companies to participate in the processing program in order to increase competition. Increased competition should lower costs, improve quality, and provide a greater variety of end products for recipient agencies. Reducing unnecessarily burdensome requirements should further reduce the cost to recipient agencies. FCS has identified certain provisions in the regulations that could be modified or eliminated. The Department is interested in conducting demonstration projects in these areas to determine if changing the rules will result in increased competition and lower costs in the program. In order to conduct such projects, it will be necessary for FCS to waive certain requirements contained in the regulations.

This rule proposes to permit FCS to waive any of the requirements of the Food Distribution Program regulations at Part 250 for the purposes of conducting demonstration projects to test program changes designed to improve the State processing of donated foods.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 250

Agricultural commodities, Food assistance programs, Food processing.

For reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR Part 250 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 250—DONATION OF FOODS FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS AND AREAS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION

1. The authority citation for Part 250 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 7 U.S.C. 612c, 612c note, 1431, 1431b, 1431e, 1431 note, 1446a-1, 1859; 15 U.S.C. 713c; 22 U.S.C. 1922; 42 U.S.C. 1751, 1755, 1758, 1760, 1761, 1762a, 1766, 3030a, 5179, 5180.

2. In § 250.30, a new paragraph (t) is added to read as follows:

§ 250.30 State processing of donated foods.

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(t) *Waiver authority.* The Food and Consumer Service may waive any of the requirements contained in this part for the purpose of conducting demonstration projects to test program changes designed to improve the State processing of donated foods.

Dated: April 6, 1995.

William E. Ludwig,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

10 CFR Part 430

[Docket No. EE-RM-94-403]

RIN 1904-AA67

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Three Cleaning Products

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; extending comment period for dishwashers.

SUMMARY: Today's notice is to extend the comment period for dishwashers for persons to comment on the Department's Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning energy conservation standards for three cleaning products.

DATES: Written comments in response to this document must be received by September 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments are to be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, "Energy Efficiency Standards for Consumer Products," (Docket No. EE-RM-94-403), Room 1J-018, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7574.

Copies of the public comments received may be read at the Department's Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-6020 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anthony T. Balducci, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Forrestal Building, Mail Station EE-431, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-8459

Eugene Margolis, Esq., U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, Forrestal Building, Mail Station GC-72, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Energy Conservation Standards for Three Cleaning Products. (59 FR 56423, November 14, 1994). The Department published a notice extending the comment period for dishwashers until April 17, 1995. (60 FR 5880, January 31, 1995).

In its letter of March 24, 1995, to the Department, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), on behalf of its members, and the American Council for Energy Efficient Economy, the Natural Resources Defense Council, California Energy Commission, Pacific Gas and Electric, Seattle Water Department and American Water Works Association, and Southern California Edison, requested an extension of the deadline for written comments for dishwashers from April 17, 1995, to September 30, 1995. AHAM stated it and other interested persons need additional time for further data collection and analysis to respond adequately to the issues raised in the advance notice.

In addition, the above parties are engaged in discussions to develop a joint recommendation to the Department regarding standard levels for dishwashers. AHAM and the other organizations need the additional time to collect engineering, energy, and cost data. These data will be used in developing dishwasher standard levels to be recommended to the Department for adoption as part of this rulemaking. The substance and possible results of these discussions may significantly affect the nature of the comments on the advance notice. The extension of time for the comment period should not impair or slow the Department's ability to promulgate standards.

The Department encourages these discussions between AHAM, its members and non-industry persons. Based on these representations, the Department is extending the written comment period to September 30, 1995.

Issued in Washington, DC, April 7, 1995.
Christine A. Ervin,
*Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Energy.*
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

19 CFR Chapter I

Review of Customs Regulations

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service,
Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Review of regulations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the President directing each agency to conduct a page-by-page review of all of each agency's regulations now in force to eliminate or revise those that are outdated or otherwise in need of reform, this document requests that the public assist Customs to identify regulations that could be modified or eliminated.

DATES: Responses should be submitted on or before April 25, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Responses (preferably in triplicate) shall be addressed to the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Franklin Court, 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold Singer, Regulations Branch, 202-482-6930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In a memorandum for Heads of Departments and Agencies signed by the President on March 4, 1995, on the subject of the Regulatory Reinvention Initiative, President Clinton directed each agency, as one of four steps which are an integral part of our ongoing Regulatory Reform Initiative, to conduct a page-by-page review of its regulations now in force and eliminate or revise those that are outdated or otherwise in need of reform. The President requests a report of regulations planned to be eliminated or modified by June 1, 1995. The review should include careful consideration of at least the following issues:

- (1) Is this regulation obsolete?
- (2) Could its intended goal be achieved in more efficient, less intrusive ways?
- (3) Are there better private sector alternatives, such as market mechanisms that can better achieve the public good envisioned by the regulation?

(4) Could private business, setting its own standards and being subject to public accountability, do the job as well?

(5) Could the States or local governments do the job, making Federal regulation unnecessary?

Customs Request for Public Input

As most of Customs customers and stakeholders are aware, Customs is in the midst of its own reorganization and business process improvement. Since the passage of the Customs Modernization Act (the popular name for Title VI of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act), which allows Customs to streamline and modernize its operations, Customs has been holding public meetings to determine how its business processes should be revised and what revision of its regulations are necessary to best accomplish its mission and serve the international trade community efficiently and effectively. Obsolete regulations are soon to be eliminated as Customs is targeting close to 90 per cent of its regulations for modification. As an extension of the process of getting public input regarding Customs business process improvement and implementation of the Customs Modernization Act, and consistent with the President's Regulatory Reinvention Initiative, Customs is asking the public to assist the agency in identifying any sections of the Customs Regulations that are outdated or in need of reform.

Please bear in mind in responding to this request for input that Customs is not seeking comments in this document regarding specific draft proposals for regulatory changes to implement the Customs Modernization Act or concept papers concerning Customs processes that are being changed pursuant to the Customs Modernization Act that have been publicly discussed and/or released. Persons who have commented on specific Customs Modernization draft proposals or concept papers need not further respond to this request for suggested regulatory changes. Public meetings will continue to be held and draft proposals will continue to be posted on the Customs Electronic Bulletin Board soliciting public input on specific Customs Modernization draft proposals and concept papers. What Customs is looking for in this exercise are particular sections of the Customs Regulations that are believed to be outdated or too burdensome, and that should be eliminated or modified, regardless of how Customs ultimately revises its regulatory procedures pursuant to the Customs Modernization Act.

Customs has prepared the attached outline for use by members of the public who wish to offer suggestions on those Customs regulations which they believe can be eliminated or modified. Recommendations for modification or repeal should be as specific as possible. The information you submit is crucial to any decision to amend or repeal regulations and is necessary to be provided due to the time constraints involved in the program. The more detailed the information Customs receives, the easier it will be for Customs to evaluate the suggestion.

Responses should be submitted no later than April 25, 1995. Comments should be sent directly to: Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Franklin Court, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20229.

Outline for Public Input

(1) What is the subject of the regulations you are recommending be modified or repealed?

(2) Which sections in particular are you recommending be modified or repealed?

(3) What is the exact nature of your suggestion as how the regulations can be amended or repealed? If you are recommending an amendment, please specify the precise nature of the change.

(4) As far as you are aware, is Customs already in the process of developing an amendment to these regulations based on authority granted to the agency by the Customs Modernization Act?

(5) What is the expected benefit in your suggested modification or repeal? Specify savings in time and/or money and whether to Customs, the public, or both. Quantify, if possible.

Dated: April 11, 1995.
George J. Weise,
Commissioner of Customs.
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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

27 CFR Chapter I

[Notice No. 809; 95R-007T]

Review of Existing Regulations

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is soliciting public comment as to which,