

Subpart A—Servicing and Liquidation of Chattel Security

5. Section 1962.34 is amended by revising the second sentence of paragraph (h) to read as follows:

§ 1962.34 Transfer of chattel security and EO property and assumption of debts.

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(h) * * * When the Agency debt less the market value and prior liens is \$1 million or more (including principal, interest and other charges), release of liability must be approved by the Administrator or designee; otherwise, the State Director must approve the release of liability. * * *

PART 1965—REAL PROPERTY

6. The authority citation for part 1965 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1989; 42 U.S.C. 1480; 5 U.S.C. 301; 7 CFR 2.23; 7 CFR 2.70.

Subpart A—Servicing of Real Estate Security for Farmer Program Loans and Certain Note-Only Cases

7. Section 1965.26 is amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph (f)(5)(ii) to read as follows:

§ 1965.26 Liquidation action.

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(f) * * *

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(ii) When the Agency debt less the market value and prior liens is \$1 million or more (including principal, interest and other charges), release of liability must be approved by the Administrator or designee; otherwise, the State Director must approve the release of liability. * * *

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8. Section 1965.27 is amended by revising the second sentence of paragraph (f) to read as follows:

§ 1965.27 Transfer of real estate security.

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(f) * * * When the Agency debt less the market value and prior liens is \$1 million or more (including principal, interest and other charges), release of liability must be approved by the Administrator or designee; otherwise, the State Director must approve the release of liability. * * *

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Dated: May 3, 1995.

Eugene Moos,

Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Dated: May 3, 1995.

Michael V. Dunn,

Acting Under Secretary, Rural Economic and Community Development.

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7 CFR Part 1956

Reporting Discharged Debts to the Internal Revenue Service

AGENCIES: Rural Housing and Community Development Service, Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service, Rural Utilities Service, and Consolidated Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing and Community Development Service (RHCD), Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service (RBCDS), Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA), amends their debt settlement regulations. The intended effect is to remove debt settlement regulations concerning the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirement that certain agency discharges of indebtedness be reported to the IRS. This action is necessary to remove strictly internal procedural requirements from the debt settlement regulation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 31, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra A. Deters, Accountant, Operations Division, Rural Housing and Community Development Service, USDA, Finance Office, Room 3529, 1520 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103, Telephone (314) 539-2492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Classification

This final rule has been determined to be not-significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866 because it has no adverse impact on borrowers or other members of the public and involves only internal Agency management. Since this rule relates only to internal agency procedures, notice of proposed rulemaking and opportunity for

comment are not required. For the same reason, this rule is exempt from the provisions of Executive Order No. 12778, 56 FR 55195 (1991), and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Pub. L. No. 96-354. This rule is being made effective immediately upon publication in the **Federal Register** since it concerns internal management and public loans, grants, benefits, or contracts. These subjects are exempted from 5 U.S.C. 553 requirements. The Agencies are amending their debt settlement regulations to remove internal procedures for reporting discharges of indebtedness to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). These procedures will be covered by internal instructions consistent with IRS policy.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements contained in these regulations have been previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 and have been assigned OMB control numbers 0575-0118 and 0575-0124 in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3507). This rule does not revise or impose any new information collection requirement from those approved by OMB.

Environmental Impact Statement

This document has been reviewed in accordance with 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G, "Environmental Program." It is the determination of RHCD, RBCDS, RUS, and CFSA that this action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Pub. L. 91-190, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Intergovernmental Consultation

1. This activity is not subject to Executive Order (EO) 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials and is not listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, however, affected programs 10.411, 10.416, and 10.437 are subject to the provisions of EO 12372.

Program Affected

These changes affect the following USDA programs listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under numbers:

- 10.404 Emergency Loans
- 10.406 Farm Operating Loans
- 10.407 Farm Ownership Loans
- 10.411 Rural Housing Site

- 10.416 Soil and Water Loans
 10.417 Very Low-Income Housing
 Repair Loans and Grants
 10.421 Indian Tribes and Tribal
 Corporation Loans
 10.435 Agricultural Loan Mediation
 Program
 10.437 Interest Assistance Program

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1956

Accounting, Loan programs—
 Agriculture, Rural areas. Therefore,
 chapter XVIII, title 7, Code of Federal
 Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 1956—DEBT SETTLEMENT

1. The authority citation for part 1956
 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1989; 42 U.S.C. 1480;
 5 U.S.C. 301; 31 U.S.C. 3711; 7 CFR 2.23; 7
 CFR 2.70

Subpart B—Debt Settlement—Farmer Programs and Housing

§ 1956.86 [Removed]

2. Section 1956.86 is removed and
 reserved.

Subpart C—Debt Settlement— Community and Business Programs

§ 1956.146 [Removed]

3. Section 1956.146 is removed and
 reserved.

Dated: April 20, 1995.

Dallas R. Smith,

*Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign
 Agricultural Services.*

Dated: April 6, 1995.

Michael V. Dunn,

*Acting, Under Secretary for Rural Economic
 and Community Development.*

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 78

[Docket No. 95-033-1]

Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Nebraska

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health
 Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim rule and request for
 comments.

SUMMARY: We are amending the
 brucellosis regulations concerning the
 interstate movement of cattle by
 changing the classification of Nebraska
 from Class A to Class Free. We have
 determined that Nebraska meets the
 standards for Class Free status. This
 action relieves certain restrictions on

the interstate movement of cattle from
 Nebraska.

DATES: Interim rule effective May 31,
 1995. Consideration will be given only
 to comments received on or before July
 31, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and
 three copies of your comments to
 Docket No. 95-033-1, Regulatory
 Analysis and Development, PPD,
 APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road
 Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.
 Please state that your comments refer to
 Docket No. 95-033-1. Comments
 received may be inspected at USDA,
 room 1141, South Building, 14th Street
 and Independence Avenue, SW.,
 Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and
 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday,
 except holidays. Persons wishing to
 inspect comments are requested to call
 ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate
 entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr.
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 Veterinarian, Cattle Diseases and
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 7708.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Brucellosis is a contagious disease
 affecting animals and humans, caused
 by bacteria of the genus *Brucella*.

The brucellosis regulations, contained
 in 9 CFR part 78 (referred to below as
 the regulations), provide a system for
 classifying States or portions of States
 according to the rate of *Brucella*
 infection present, and the general
 effectiveness of a brucellosis control and
 eradication program. The classifications
 are Class Free, Class A, Class B, and
 Class C. States or areas that do not meet
 the minimum standards for Class C are
 required to be placed under Federal
 quarantine.

The brucellosis Class Free
 classification is based on a finding of no
 known brucellosis in cattle for the 12
 months preceding classification as Class
 Free. The Class C classification is for
 States or areas with the highest rate of
 brucellosis. Class B and Class A fall
 between these two extremes.
 Restrictions on moving cattle interstate
 become less stringent as a State
 approaches or achieves Class Free
 status.

The standards for the different
 classifications of States or areas entail
 (1) maintaining a cattle herd infection
 rate not to exceed a stated level during
 12 consecutive months; (2) tracing back
 to the farm of origin and successfully
 closing a stated percent of all brucellosis

reactors found in the course of Market
 Cattle Identification (MCI) testing; (3)
 maintaining a surveillance system that
 includes testing of dairy herds,
 participation of all recognized
 slaughtering establishments in the MCI
 program, identification and monitoring
 of herds at high risk of infection
 (including herds adjacent to infected
 herds and herds from which infected
 animals have been sold or received),
 and having an individual herd plan in
 effect within a stated number of days
 after the herd owner is notified of the
 finding of brucellosis in a herd he or she
 owns; and (4) maintaining minimum
 procedural standards for administering
 the program.

Before the effective date of this
 interim rule, Nebraska was classified as
 a Class A State.

To attain and maintain Class Free
 status, a State or area must (1) remain
 free from field strain *Brucella abortus*
 infection for 12 consecutive months or
 longer; (2) trace back at least 90 percent
 of all brucellosis reactors found in the
 course of MCI testing to the farm of
 origin; (3) successfully close at least 95
 percent of the MCI reactor cases traced
 to the farm of origin during the 12
 consecutive month period immediately
 prior to the most recent anniversary of
 the date the State or area was classified
 Class Free; and (4) have a specified
 surveillance system, as described above,
 including an approved individual herd
 plan in effect within 15 days of locating
 the source herd or recipient herd.

After reviewing the brucellosis
 program records for Nebraska, we have
 concluded that the State meets the
 standards for Class Free status.
 Therefore, we are removing Nebraska
 from the list of Class A States in
 § 78.41(b) and adding it to the list of
 Class Free States in § 78.41(a). This
 action relieves certain restrictions on
 moving cattle interstate from Nebraska.

Immediate Action

The Administrator of the Animal and
 Plant Health Inspection Service has
 determined that there is good cause for
 publishing this interim rule without
 prior opportunity for public comment.
 Immediate action is warranted to
 remove unnecessary restrictions on the
 interstate movement of cattle from
 Nebraska.

Because prior notice and other public
 procedures with respect to this action
 are impracticable and contrary to the
 public interest under these conditions,
 we find good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553
 to make it effective upon publication in
 the **Federal Register**. We will consider
 comments that are received within 60
 days of publication of this rule in the