Technical Amendments to the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order and Rules and Regulations

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule and Termination Order.

SUMMARY: A review of the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order (Order) and rules and regulations implementing the pork promotion and research program identified a number of changes to eliminate sections which are duplicative or obsolete and will avoid current and future conflict. The revisions eliminate certain sections dealing with membership on the National Pork Producers Delegate Body (Delegate Body), obtaining refunds, and other miscellaneous provisions.


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PART 1230—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR Part 1230 continues to read as follows:


§1230.30 [Amended]

2. In §1230.30, paragraphs (b)(2) and (c)(2) are removed and reserved and in paragraphs (b)(3) and (c)(3) the word "thereafter" is removed.

§1230.31 [Amended]

3. In §1230.31, paragraph (a) is removed and reserved and the first three words "for each subsequent" and the comma "," after Body of paragraph (b) are removed.

§1230.72 [Amended]

4. In §1230.72, paragraph (a) in the second sentence the words "less the amount of refunds paid to producers in that State" are removed and in paragraph (b) in the first sentence the words "and to which no refund was received" are removed.

§1230.77 [Removed and reserved]

5. Section 1230.77 is removed and reserved.

§§1230.501-1230.512 [Removed and Reserved]

6. Sections 1230.501 through 1230.512 are removed and reserved.


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Effect on Small Entities
The Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has determined that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), because the changes are primarily to remove obsolete and duplicate material.

Paperwork Reduction
Information collection requirements and recordkeeping provisions contained in 7 CFR part 1260 have been previously approved by OMB and assigned OMB Control No. 0581-0093 under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

No additional recordkeeping requirements are imposed as a result of this rule.

Background and Proposed Changes
A review of the Order and regulations was conducted in response to the President's Regulatory Review Initiative of March 4, 1995. As a result, a number of paragraphs were identified that could be removed without adverse impact to the program. The amendments eliminate sections which are duplicative or obsolete or will avoid conflicting information.

Sections which are obsolete or are duplicated in other sections involve initial membership on the Board (§ 1260.580 and § 1260.590). Other sections (§ 1260.150, 151, 173, 174, and 181) originally implemented a statutory provision allowing producers to request refunds prior to the May 1988 referendum and provided for establishing escrow accounts to pay refunds. These sections became obsolete after a referendum in which producers voted in favor of mandatory assessments.

A definition which is obsolete as a consequence of removing the sections it pertains to is: Referendum (§ 1260.110).

After consideration of all relevant material with regard to the removal of the provisions as hereinafter set forth, it is found that these provisions no longer tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, it is also found and determined that, upon good cause, it is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest to give preliminary notice or to engage in further public procedure prior to implementing this action because: The sections being removed are either duplicative or obsolete and removal will not alter any aspect of the program.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1260
Advertising, Agricultural research, Imports, Marketing agreements, Meat and meat products, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 1260 is amended as follows:

PART 1260—BEEF PROMOTION AND RESEARCH

1. The authority citation for part 1260 is revised to read as follows:


2. In part 1260, §§ 1260.110, 1260.150(i) and (j), 1260.151(c), 1260.173, 1260.174, 1260.181(b)(5), 1260.580, and 1260.590 are removed and reserved.

§§ 1260.110, 1260.173, 1260.174, 1260.580, and 1260.590 [Removed and reserved]

§§ 1260.150, 1260.151, and 1260.181 [Amended]

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

12 CFR Parts 701, 705 and 741
Requirements for Insurance and Technical Amendments

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The final rule consolidates all current regulations and requirements that apply to federally insured state-chartered credit unions (FISCUs) in one place, the regulations on requirements for insurance. The rule does not impose any new requirements on FISCUs. This rule will aid FISCUs by simplifying the process of determining which regulations they must follow.