

Idaho and Eastern Oregon and Marketing Order No. 959 regulates onions grown in South Texas. Fresh onion shipments from Idaho-Eastern Oregon are regulated throughout the year, while onion shipments from South Texas had been regulated from March 1 through June 15 each year. On the basis of past shipment data, the Secretary determined that onions imported during the March 10 through June 15 period were in most direct competition with onions grown in South Texas and found that the minimum grade, size, quality, and maturity requirements for onions imported during that period should be the same as those established for South Texas onions under Marketing Order No. 959. The Secretary further determined that onions imported during the June 16 through March 9 period were in most direct competition with onions grown in Idaho-Eastern Oregon and that the minimum grade, size, quality, and maturity requirements for onions imported during that period should be the same as those established for Idaho-Eastern Oregon onions under Marketing Order No. 959.

Based on a recommendation of the South Texas Onion Committee (committee), the agency responsible for local administration of Marketing Order No. 959, the Department is proposing to change the end of the South Texas regulatory period from June 15 to June 4. Because South Texas onions would no longer be regulated after June 4, and Idaho-Eastern Oregon onions are regulated throughout the year, it is proposed that onions imported during the March 10 through June 4 period are in most direct competition with onions produced in South Texas and that the minimum grade, size, quality, and maturity requirements established under the South Texas marketing order should apply to onions imported during the March 10 through June 4 period, instead of the current March 10 through June 15 period. Imports of onions during the June 5 through March 9 period should be required to meet minimum grade, size, quality, and maturity requirements based on those established under the Idaho-Eastern Oregon marketing order.

In accordance with section 8e of the Act, the U.S. Trade Representative has concurred with the issuance of this proposed rule.

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

A 30-day comment period is provided to allow interested persons to respond to this proposal. All written comments

timely received will be considered before a final determination is made on this matter.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 980

Food grades and standards, Imports, Marketing agreements, Onions, Potatoes, Tomatoes.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 980 is proposed to be amended as follows:

### **PART 980—VEGETABLES; IMPORT REGULATIONS**

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 980 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

#### **§ 980.117 [Amended]**

2. In § 980.117, paragraph (a)(2) is amended by removing "June 16" and adding in its place "June 5" and by removing "June 15" and adding in its place "June 4"; paragraph (b)(1) is amended by removing "June 16" and adding in its place "June 5"; and paragraph (b)(2) is amended by removing "June 15" and adding in its place "June 4".

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **14 CFR Chapter I**

[Summary Notice No. PR-96-1]

#### **Petition for Rulemaking Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for rulemaking received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for rulemaking (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions requesting the initiation of rulemaking procedures for the amendment of specified provisions of the Federal Aviation Regulations and of denials or withdrawals of certain petitions previously received. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this

notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received April 9, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rules Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132. Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: nprmcmts@mail.hq.faa.gov.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mr. D. Michael Smith, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-7470.

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Disposition of Petitions

*Docket No.:* 27375.

*Petitioner:* Professional Pilots Federation.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 121.383(c).

*Description of Rule change Sought:* To repeal § 121.383(c), referred to as the Age 60 rule.

*Petitioner's Reason for the Request:* The petitioner feels that Federal law and policy, operational regulatory developments since promulgation of the rule, and the results of the Hilton Study warrant the removal.

*Denial; December 28, 1995.*

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