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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

7 CFR Parts 800 and 810

RIN 0580-AA14

United States Standards for Barley

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule; postponement of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document postpones the effective date of the final rule (61 FR 18486) to revise the United States Standards for Barley from June 1, 1996, until June 1, 1997. This action is being taken to postpone the implementation of the United States Standards for Barley from the beginning of the 1996 marketing season to the beginning of the 1997 marketing season. The extension of the effective date is being taken to prevent disruption in the marketing of Barley on the domestic and international markets. Postponing the effective date to the beginning of the 1997 marketing session will allow adequate time for the market to make adjustments to the changes being made in the standards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the final rule is postponed from June 1, 1996, to June 1, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 22, 1995, the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture, under authority of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended published a proposed rule (60 FR 15075) to revise the United States Standards for Barley.

The proposed rule was adopted, with changes, and a final rule was published on April 26, 1996, (61 FR 18486), with an effective date of June 1, 1996.

Since the publication of the final rule, GIPSA has determined it is in the best interest of the barley market to postpone the effective date. Immediate implementation may not generate anticipated benefits to the market but may adversely affect merchandisers of grain, especially because of contracting concerns. After consultation with the trade and taking into account trade views both for and against a change in the effective date, GIPSA determined that it would be less disruptive if the effective date for implementing the revisions to the United States Standards for Barley were changed from June 1, 1996 to June 1, 1997. Also providing a one year delay in implementing the standards would allow for seasonal adjustment of markets.

Background

On page 18490, in the third column, second paragraph, the second and third sentences "Pursuant to that section of the Act, it has been determined that in the public interest the revision becomes effective June 1, 1996. This effective date will coincide with the beginning of the 1996 crop year and facilitate domestic and export marketing of barley" are revised to read "It has been determined that in the public interest the revision becomes effective June 1, 1997. This effective date will coincide with the beginning of the 1997 crop year and facilitate domestic and export marketing of barley".

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.).

Dated: May 8, 1996.

David Orr,

Acting Administrator.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Parts 20, 30, 40, 61, 70, and 72

RIN 3150-AF17

Termination or Transfer of Licensed Activities: Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations pertaining to the disposition of certain records when a licensee terminates licensed activities or licensed activities are transferred to another licensee. The final rule requires a licensee to transfer records pertaining to decommissioning, and certain records pertaining to offsite releases and waste disposal, to the new licensee if licensed activities will continue at the same site, and it requires the new licensee to forward these same records to the NRC before the license is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 17, 1996.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

While evaluating an incident involving some offsite contamination, the NRC identified a deficiency in the current recordkeeping requirements. The NRC was unable to determine how much radioactive material was released to a sanitary sewerage system because records of previous releases by the original holder of the license were not available. In addition, the regulations were unclear with regard to the final disposition of these records when licensed activities have ceased and the license is terminated. A proposed rule requiring licensees to forward certain records to the NRC once licensed activities ceased, or to a new owner if they would be taking over licensed activities, was published for comment in the Federal Register on December 28, 1994 (59 FR 66814).