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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. 95-089-2]

Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Addition of Regulated Areas

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the Mexican fruit fly regulations by adding California to the list of quarantined States and by designating portions of Los Angeles County and San Diego County, CA, as regulated areas. The interim rule was necessary to impose certain restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from the regulated areas in California in order to prevent the spread of the Mexican fruit fly to noninfested areas of the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interim rule was effective on January 22, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael B. Stefan, Operations Officer, Domestic and Emergency Operations, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 134, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-8247; or e-mail: mstefan@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective January 22, 1996, and published in the Federal Register on January 26, 1996 (61 FR 2391-2393, Docket No. 95-089-1), we amended the Mexican fruit fly regulations in 7 CFR 301.64 by quarantining the State of California and designating as regulated areas portions

of Los Angeles County and San Diego County, CA.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before March 26, 1996. We did not receive any comments. The facts presented in the interim rule still provide a basis for the rule.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 12372 and 12778, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived the review process required by Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 301

Agricultural commodities, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

PART 301—DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICES

Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 7 CFR part 301 and that was published at 61 FR 2391-2393 on January 26, 1996.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 150bb, 150dd, 150ee, 150ff; 161, 162, and 164-167; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(c).

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of May 1996.

William S. Wallace,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Farm Service Agency

7 CFR Part 703

RIN 0560-AE83

Wetlands Reserve Program

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule removes obsolete regulations pertaining to the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). Under the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, Public Law 103-354, WRP program authority was transferred to the Natural Resources

Conservation Service. This action is being taken as part of the National Performance Review program to eliminate unnecessary regulations and improve those that remain in force.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 28, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Zavodny, Chief, Conservation Programs Branch, Conservation and Environmental Protection Division, USDA, FSA, P.O. Box 2415, Ag Box 0513, Washington, DC 20013-2415 or call 202-720-7333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This rule has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 and therefore has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

It has been determined that the Regulatory Flexibility Act is not applicable to this final rule since the Commodity Credit Corporation is not required by 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other provision of law to publish a notice of final rulemaking with respect to the subject matter of these determinations.

Environmental Evaluation

It has been determined by an environmental evaluation that this action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is needed.

Executive Order 12778

This final rule has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12778. The provisions of the final rule do not preempt State laws, are not retroactive, and do not involve administrative appeals.

Executive Order 12372

This program/activity is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. See notice related to 7 CFR Part 3015, subpart V, published at 48 FR 29115 (June 24, 1983).