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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Parts 911 and 944

[Docket No. FV96-911-2PR]

Limes Grown in Florida and Imported Limes; Reopening of Comment Period To File Written Comments to the Change in Regulatory Period

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Reopening of the comment period to file written comments to the proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the time period for filing written comments on the proposed changes to the regulatory period currently prescribed under the lime marketing order and the lime import regulations is reopened until July 8, 1996.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this proposal. Comments must be sent in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, room 2525-S, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456, FAX Number (202) 720-5698. All comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the Federal Register and will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Britthany Beadle, Marketing Order Administration Branch, F&V, AMS, USDA, room 2522-S, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456; telephone: (202) 720-5127; or Aleck Jonas, Southeast Marketing Field Office, Marketing Order Administration Branch, F&V, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 2276, Winter Haven, Florida 33883; telephone: (941) 299-4770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposed rule was issued on May 2,

1996, and published in the Federal Register (61 FR 20754). The proposed rule would modify language in both the domestic and import regulations to change the regulatory period to January 1 through May 31, from its current continuous, year round, implementation. A 30-day comment period was provided for interested persons to respond to the proposed rule. The comment period ended June 7, 1996. One comment was received.

The Department of Agriculture (Department) has received a request from Gail A. Knodel, Manager of the Florida Lime Administrative Committee, asking that additional time be provided for interested persons to analyze the proposed rule. Manager Knodel stated that the proposal is a major change in the industry. Reopening the comment period to July 8, 1996, would allow interested person more time to review the proposed rule and address their concerns.

This delay should not substantially add to the time required to complete this action. Accordingly, the period in which to file written comments is reopened until July 8, 1996. This notice is issued pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601-674.

Dated: June 19, 1996.

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Acting Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.
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7 CFR Part 927

[Docket No. AO-99-A7; FV96-927-1]

Winter Pears Grown in Oregon, Washington, and California; Hearings on Proposed Amendment of Marketing Order No. 927

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings on proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of public hearings to consider amending Marketing Agreement and Order No. 927 (order). The order regulates the handling of winter pears grown in Oregon, Washington, and California. The purpose of the hearings is to receive evidence on proposed amendments to provisions of the order. With the

exception of a proposal submitted by the Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), to make conforming changes and necessary revisions, the proposed amendments were submitted by the Winter Pear Control Committee (Committee), the agency responsible for the local administration of the order. The proposals would remove the State of California from the order and make related changes to the key provisions concerning the production area, districts and establishment and membership of the Committee. Another proposal would allow use of "Telecopiers" in the mail voting procedures. The Committee believes that the proposed changes would improve the administration, operation, and functioning of the order. **DATES:** The hearings will begin July 9, 1996, at the Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, California, and July 10, 1996, at the Holiday Inn Airport, 8439 N. East Columbia Blvd., Portland, Oregon. Both hearing sessions will begin at 9:00 am.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Britthany E. Beadle, Marketing Specialist, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, Room 2523-S, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456; telephone: (202) 720-5127 or FAX (202) 720-5698; or Teresa Hutchinson, Marketing Specialist, Northwest Marketing Field Office, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, 1220 S.W. Third Avenue, room 369, Portland, OR 97204-2807; telephone: (509) 326-2724 or FAX (509) 326-7440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is governed by the provisions of sections 556 and 557 of title 5 of the United States Code and is therefore excluded from the requirements of Executive Order 12866. The hearings are called pursuant to the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (Act), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), and the applicable rules of practice and procedure governing the formulation of marketing agreements and orders (7 CFR part 900).

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (95 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) seeks to ensure that within the statutory authority of a program, the regulatory and informational requirements are tailored to the size and nature of small businesses. Interested persons are invited to present evidence at the