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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

7 CFR Part 19

Licensing Department Inventions

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action is being taken as part of the National Performance Review program to eliminate unnecessary regulations and improve those that remain. This final rule removes obsolete regulations pertaining to licensing departmental inventions. USDA regulations have been superseded by Department of Commerce regulations governing the licensing of Government-owned inventions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 15, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard M. Parry, Jr., Assistant Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Room 358-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-3973.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 7 CFR Part 19 was issued in 1970 pursuant to the authority of the Secretary under 5 U.S.C. 301 and the President's Memorandum of October 10, 1963, and Statement of Government Patent Policy, 28 FR 10943. The enactment of a Governmentwide regulation in 1987, 37 CFR 404, under the authority of 35 U.S.C. 206, superseded 7 CFR Part 19. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, good cause is found that notice of proposed rulemaking and opportunity for comment are not required, and good cause is found for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

This rule has been determined to be not significant for the purpose of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget. Also, this rule

will not cause a significant economic impact or other substantial effect on small entities and, therefore, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. et seq., do not apply. Requests for information relating to licensing departmental inventions may be obtained through the ARS Assistant Administrator pursuant to 7 CFR Part 3700.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 19

Inventions and patents.

PART 19—[REMOVED AND RESERVED]

Accordingly, 7 CFR Part 19 is removed and reserved.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301

Done at Washington, DC, this 12th day of August 1996.

Floyd P. Horn,

Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.

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7 CFR Part 400

Organization and Functions

AGENCY: Economics Management Staff, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule removes obsolete regulations pertaining to the organization and function of the Economics Management Staff (EMS) to reflect an internal reorganization of the Department of Agriculture (USDA).

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 15 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane L. Giles, Deputy Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Room 324-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, (202) 690-2575.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1), requires Federal agencies to publish in the Federal Register descriptions of its central and field organizations. 7 CFR Part 400 set forth the organization and functions of the EMS. It was issued pursuant to the authority formerly delegated to EMS in 7 CFR 2.87. Pursuant to the internal reorganization of USDA, EMS has been integrated into the Agricultural Research Service (ARS). This document

removes 7 CFR Part 400. Requests for information relating to functions formerly performed by EMS may be obtained through the ARS Deputy Administrator pursuant to 7 CFR Part 3700. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, since this rule relates to internal agency management, notice of proposed rulemaking and opportunity for comment are not required, and this rule may be made effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. Further, because it relates to internal agency management, it is exempt from the provisions of Executive Orders 12988 and 12866. In addition, this rule will not cause a significant economic impact or other substantial effect on small entities. Therefore, the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 602, do not apply.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 400

Organization and functions, (Government agencies).

PART 400—[REMOVED AND RESERVED]

Accordingly, 7 CFR Part 400 is removed and reserved.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301 and 552.

Done at Washington, DC, this 12th day of August 1996.

Floyd P. Horn,

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

11 CFR Part 104

[Notice 1996-16]

Electronic Filing of Reports by Political Committees

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Final rules; transmittal of regulations to Congress.

SUMMARY: The Federal Election Commission is implementing an electronic filing system for reports of campaign finance activity filed with the agency. The Commission is publishing new rules today as part of the process of implementing this system. The new rules establish general requirements for