

determined by the Secretary, during the 5 marketing years immediately preceding the marketing year for which the determination is being made, excluding the year in which the average price was the highest and the year in which the average price was the lowest in such period, is greater or less than:

(II) The average price received by producers for burley tobacco on the United States auction markets, as determined by the Secretary, during the 5 marketing years immediately preceding the marketing year prior to the marketing year for which the determination is being made, excluding the year in which the average price was the highest and the year in which the average price was the lowest in such period; and

(B) 33.3 percent of the change, expressed as a cost per pound of tobacco, in the index of prices paid by the tobacco producers from January 1 to December 31 of the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the determination is made.

The difference between the two 5-year averages (i.e., the difference between (A) (I) and (II)) is 1.8 cents per pound. The difference in the cost index from January 1 to December 31, 1995, is 1.8 cents per pound. Applying these components to the price support formula (1.8 cents per pound, two-thirds weight; 1.8 cents per pound, one-third weight) results in a weighted total of 1.8 cents per pound. As indicated, section 106 provides that the Secretary may, on the basis of supply and demand conditions, limit the change in the price support level to no less than 65 percent of that amount. In order to remain competitive in foreign and domestic markets, the Secretary used his discretion to limit the increase to 65 percent of the maximum allowable increase. Accordingly, the 1996 crop of burley tobacco will be supported at 173.7 cents per pound, 1.2 cents higher than in 1995.

List of Subjects

7 CFR Part 723

Acreage allotments, marketing quotas, penalties, reporting and recordkeeping requirements, tobacco.

7 CFR Part 1464

Loan programs—agriculture, price support programs, tobacco, reporting and recordkeeping requirements, warehouses.

Accordingly, 7 CFR parts 723 and 1464 are amended as follows:

PART 723—TOBACCO

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 723 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1301, 1311–1314, 1314–1, 1314b, 1314b-1, 1314b-2, 1314c, 1314d, 1314e, 1314f, 1314i, 1315, 1316, 1362, 1363, 1372–75, 1421, 1445–1, and 1445–2.

2. Section 723.112 is amended by adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 723.112 Burley (type 31) tobacco.

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(d) The 1996 crop national marketing quota is 633.8 million pounds.

PART 1464—TOBACCO

3. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 1464 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1421, 1423, 1441, 1445, 1445–1 and 1445–2; 15 U.S.C. 714b and 714c.

4. Section 1464.19 is amended by adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 1464.19 Burley (type 31) tobacco.

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(d) The 1996 crop national price support level is 173.7 cents per pound.

Signed at Washington, DC, on September 17, 1996.

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Administrator, Farm Service Agency and Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 304, 308, 310, 320, 327, 381, 416, and 417

[Docket No. 93–016–4N]

International Meeting on Implementation

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding a briefing, “International Meeting on Implementation,” to discuss with representatives of foreign countries how the final rule, “Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems,” will be implemented in the United States.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on October 8, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The conference will be held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Back

of the South Building Cafeteria (between the 2nd and 3rd Wings).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the conference, call (703) 812–6299 for international calls; (800) 485–4429 for domestic calls; FAX (202) 501–7642, or E-mail usdafs/s=confer@mhs.attmail.com. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations, contact Ms. Shelia Johnson at (202) 501–7138 by October 1, 1996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 25, 1996, FSIS published a final rule, “Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems” (61 FR 38805). This rule introduced sweeping changes to the U.S. meat and poultry inspection system. FSIS is holding a series of meetings to discuss the implementation of the rule.

On October 8, 1996, FSIS officials will brief representatives of foreign countries on how the Agency will implement the “Pathogen Reduction/HACCP” final rule domestically. At the briefing, there will be presentations about Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures, *E. coli* verification testing, HACCP requirements, and *Salmonella* testing. After the presentations, FSIS officials will answer questions.

Done at Washington, DC, on September 18, 1996.

Michael R. Taylor,

Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety.

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9 CFR Parts 304, 308, 310, 320, 327, 381, 416, and 417

[Docket No. 93–016–5N]

Public Hearing on Criteria for Equivalence of Foreign Inspection Systems

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) will hold a hearing, “Public Hearing on Criteria for Equivalence of Foreign Inspection Systems,” to discuss issues related to the equivalence of foreign inspection systems to the United States’ system. At the hearing, FSIS will provide material outlining the issues involved in determining the equivalence of foreign inspection systems. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss this material and present their own information and views related to the