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Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
7 CFR Part 433
Dry Bean Crop Insurance Regulations

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Interim rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) hereby amends the Dry Bean Crop Insurance Regulations (7 CFR part 433), effective for the 1997 crop year only, to extend the contract change date to February 15, 1997.

The intended effect of this rule is to extend the contract change date, which is the date by which all contract changes must be on file in the service office, in order to provide sufficient time for FCIC to publish a final rule amending the policy for insuring dry beans.

DATES: This interim rule is effective December 30, 1996. Written comments, data, and opinions on this interim rule must be submitted not later than February 28, 1997 to be sure of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Chief, Product Development Branch, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, United States Department of Agriculture, 9435 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. Written comments will be available for public inspection and copying in room 0324, South Building, United States Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arden Routh, Program Analyst, Research and Development Division, Product Development Branch, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, United States Department of Agriculture, 9435 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131, telephone (816) 926-7730.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed under the USDA procedures established by Departmental Regulation 1521-1. This action constitutes a review as to the need, currency, clarity, and effectiveness of the Dry Bean Crop Insurance Regulations affected by this rule under those procedures.

Executive Order No. 12866
The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined this rule to be exempt for the purposes of Executive Order No. 12866, and, therefore, this rule has not been reviewed by OMB.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995
The title of this information collection is “CATAstrophic Risk Protection Plan and Related Requirements including, Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Dry Bean Crop Insurance Regulations.” The information to be collected includes a crop insurance application and an acreage report. Information collected from the application and acreage report is electronically submitted to FCIC by the reinsured companies. Potential respondents to this information collection are producers of fresh market tomatoes that are eligible for Federal crop insurance.

The information requested is necessary for the reinsured companies and FCIC to provide insurance and reinsurance, determine eligibility, determine the correct parties to the agreement or contract, determine and collect premiums or other monetary amounts, and pay benefits.

All information is reported annually. The reporting burden of this collection of information is estimated to average 16.9 minutes per response for each of the 3.6 responses from approximately 1,755,015 respondents. The total annual burden on the public for this information collection is 2,669,932 hours.

FCIC is requesting comments for the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms or information gathering technology.

Comments regarding paperwork reduction should be submitted to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

FCIC is soliciting comments on this rule for 60 days following publication in the Federal Register. This rule will be scheduled for review so that any amendment made necessary by public comments may be published as soon as possible.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995
Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA), Public Law 104-4, establishes requirements for Federal agencies to assess the effects of their regulatory actions on state, local, and tribal governments and the private sector. This rule contains no Federal mandates (under the regulatory provisions of Title II of the UMRA) for state, local, and tribal governments or the private sector. Thus, this rule is not subject to the requirements of sections 202 and 205 of the UMRA.

Executive Order No. 12612
It has been determined under section 6(a) of Executive Order No. 12612, Federalism, that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment. The provisions contained in this rule will not have a substantial direct effect on state, local, and tribal governments or their political subdivisions, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

Regulatory Flexibility Act
This regulation will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. New provisions included in this rule will not impact small entities to a greater extent than large entities. Under the current regulations, a producer is required to complete an application and acreage report. If the crop is damaged or destroyed, the insured is required to give notice of loss and provide the necessary information to complete a claim for indemnity. This regulation does not alter those requirements. The amount of work required of the insurance companies delivering and servicing these policies will not increase significantly from the amount of work currently required. This rule does not have any greater or lesser impact on the producer. Therefore, this action is determined to be exempt from the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605), and no Regulatory Flexibility Analysis was prepared.

Federal Assistance Program
This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.450.

Executive Order No. 12372
This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 12372, which require intergovernmental consultation with state and local
officials. See the Notice related to 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, published at 48 FR 29115, June 24, 1983.

Executive Order No. 12778

The Office of the General Counsel has determined that these regulations meet the applicable standards provided in subsections 2(a) and 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778. The provisions of this rule will not have a retroactive effect prior to the effective date. The provisions of this rule will preempt state and local laws to the extent such state and local laws are inconsistent herewith. The administrative appeal provisions published at 7 CFR parts 11 and 780 must be exhausted before any action for judicial review may be brought.

Environmental Evaluation

This action is not expected to have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment, health, and safety. Therefore, neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is needed.

National Performance Review

This regulatory action is not being taken as part of the National Performance Review Initiative to eliminate unnecessary or duplicative regulations and improve those that remain in force.

Background

FCIC herewith amends the Dry Bean Crop Insurance Regulations (7 CFR part 433) to extend the contract change date to February 15, 1997. This action is taken in order to provide sufficient time for FCIC to receive and respond to comments on the proposed rule and to publish a final rule for insuring dry beans.

The contract change date, included in the crop insurance policy, is the date by which all contract changes must be on file in the service office. FCIC has under consideration a proposal to add to the Common Crop Insurance Policy (7 CFR part 457) a new section, 7 CFR 457.150, Dry Bean Crop Provisions. It is felt that there is not sufficient time for FCIC to solicit and respond to public comment and publish a final rule addressing the complete proposed rule before the December 31, 1996, contract change date.

Therefore, Kenneth D. Ackerman, Manager, FCIC has determined that the extension of the contract change date is necessary to provide sufficient time for FCIC to complete the comment process and publish a final rule amending the dry bean crop insurance policy for the 1997 crop year.

It is further determined that such extension will not be detrimental to any program recipient, and that publication of the extended contract change date as a proposed rule for notice and comment is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest. Therefore, good cause is shown for making this rule effective upon publication.

Lists of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 433

Crop insurance, Dry beans.

Interim Rule

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation hereby amends 7 CFR part 433, in the following instance:

PART 433—DRY BEAN CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS

§ 433.7 The application and policy.

18. Contract changes.

We may change any terms and provisions of the contract from year to year. If your price election at which indemnities are computed is no longer offered, the actuarial table will provide the price election which you are deemed to have elected. All contract changes will be available at your service office by December 31 preceding the cancellation date (February 15, 1997, for the 1997 crop year only). A acceptance of any change will be conclusively presumed in the absence of any notice from you to cancel the contract.

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Signed in Washington, D.C., on December 23, 1996.

Kenneth D. Ackerman,
Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

12 CFR Parts 9 and 19

RIN 1557–AB12

Fiduciary Activities of National Banks; Rules of Practice and Procedure

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) is revising its rules that govern the fiduciary activities of national banks. The OCC also is relocating provisions concerning disciplinary sanctions imposed by clearing agencies to its rules of practice and procedure. This final rule is another component of the OCC’s Regulation Review Program, which is intended to update and streamline OCC regulations and to reduce unnecessary regulatory costs and other burdens.


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