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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Secretary
7 CFR Parts 2 and 371
[Docket No. 96–058–1]

Humane Treatment of Slaughter Horses; Delegation of Authority

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document delegates the authority given to the Secretary of Agriculture under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to regulate the care provided to horses being transported to slaughter. Authority is delegated from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs; from the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs to the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and from the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to the Deputy Administrator for Veterinary Services.

This rule relates to the internal agency management. Therefore, this rule is exempt from the provisions of Executive Orders 12866 and 12988. Moreover, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, notice of proposed rulemaking and opportunity for comment are not required for this rule, and it may be made effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. In addition, under 5 U.S.C. 804, this rule is not subject to review under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104–121. Finally, this action is not a rule as defined by 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq., the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

List of Subjects
7 CFR Part 2
Authority delegations (Government agencies).
7 CFR Part 371
Organization and functions (Government agencies).

Accordingly, 7 CFR parts 2 and 371 are amended as follows:

PART 2—DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT
1. The authority citation for part 2 continues to read as follows:


Subpart C—Delegations of Authority to the Deputy Secretary, the Under Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries
2. Section 2.22 is amended by adding a new paragraph (a)(2)(xiv) to read as follows:

§2.22 Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.
(a) * * * *(xlv) Sections 901–905 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note).
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Subpart N—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs
3. Section 2.80 is amended by adding a new paragraph (a)(50) to read as follows:

§2.80 Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.
(a) * * * *(50) Sections 901–905 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note).
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PART 371—ORGANIZATION, FUNCTIONS, AND DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY
4. The authority citation for part 371 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301.
5. Section 371.2 is amended by adding a new paragraph (d)(2)(xix) to read as follows:

§371.2 The Office of the Administrator.
(d) * * * *(xix) Sections 901–905 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note).
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For Part 2, Subpart C:
Dated: December 23, 1996.
Dan Glickman,
Secretary of Agriculture.
For Part 2, Subpart N:
Dated: December 9, 1996.
Michael V. Dunn,
Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.
For Part 371:
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.

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...