

notice of proposed rulemaking that provides that animal protein derived from ruminant and mink tissues is not generally recognized as safe for use in ruminant feeds and is a food additive under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. As such, without a food additive regulation or an exemption, its use in ruminant feeds would be prohibited. While the proposed rule is a preventive measure, the public forums are not preventive measures. Issuance of the proposed rule is part of a series of preventive measures that the agency has taken to protect animals from transmissible degenerative neurological diseases and to minimize any potential risk that such diseases could be transmitted from animal to humans. The agency's proposal and related policy issues will be discussed at the forums. The forums are intended to provide an opportunity for comments from industry and consumers.

DATES: The public forums are scheduled as follows:

1. Tuesday, February 4, 1997, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., St. Louis, MO.
2. Thursday, February 13, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 12 m., Washington, DC.

ADDRESSES: The open public forums will be held at the following locations:

St. Louis—Henry VIII Hotel and Conference Center, 4690 North Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO, 314-731-3040.

Washington—Holiday Inn—Capitol, 550 C St. SW., Washington, DC, 202-479-4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regarding the St. Louis, MO, open public forum: Charles M. Breen, Office of Regulatory Affairs (HFR-SW400), Food and Drug Administration, 12 Sunnen Dr., suite 122, St. Louis, MO 63143, 314-645-1167, FAX 314-645-2969.

Regarding the Washington, DC, open public forum: Susan Mackie, Office of Consumer Affairs (HFE-3), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-4407, FAX 301-443-9767.

Those persons interested in attending the St. Louis, MO, open public forum, should register by faxing their name(s), firm name/affiliation, address, telephone and facsimile numbers to Charles M. Breen at 314-645-2969, or send a request for registration by mail to Charles Breen (address above).

Those persons interested in attending the Washington, DC, open public forum, should register by calling Susan Mackie at 301-827-4407 or by faxing or mailing their name(s), firm name/affiliation, address, telephone and facsimile numbers to Susan Mackie (address above).

Persons unable to attend this open public forum, or those who wish to submit their questions or comments in advance of this open public forum, should submit them to the appropriate contact person listed above.

There is no registration fee for these open public forums. However, due to space limitations, preregistration is required and early registration is recommended.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of January 3, 1997 (62 FR 552), FDA published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would prohibit using rendered animal protein from mink and from ruminants, animals such as cows, sheep, and goats, in the manufacture of ruminant feeds. FDA will hold two open public forums to discuss its proposal, which is the latest in a series of preventive measures, including a voluntary industry moratorium, that FDA, other Federal agencies, and industry have taken to protect animals from transmissible degenerative neurological diseases and to minimize any potential risk that such diseases could be transmitted from animals to humans. These animal diseases are known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE's). Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) is among the more commonly known of these diseases.

FDA's proposed regulation would prohibit the use of rendered ruminant and mink proteins in feed intended for ruminants. In addition to prohibiting products with the potential to spread TSE's, the proposed rule also requires process and control systems to ensure that ruminant feed does not contain the prohibited tissues.

The agency's proposal and related policy issues will be discussed at the forums. The forums are intended to provide an opportunity for feedback and comments from industry and consumers.

The St. Louis, MO, open public forum is intended primarily to discuss the interests of renderers, animal feed manufacturers, and feedlot operators. The agency will be prepared to consider questions related to the economic assessment. The Washington, DC, open public forum is intended primarily to discuss the interests of consumers and the general public.

Full transcripts of each open public forum will be made. The transcripts will be incorporated into the administrative record of the proposed rule and placed on file in the public docket (Docket No. 96N-0135) for the proposal.

Persons submitting comments or (questions) at the open public forums are encouraged to submit their

comments in advance in writing. Such comments will be placed in the public docket for the proposed rule and presented at the open public forums. Persons unable to attend the forums are also encouraged to submit comments on the proposal to the public docket, and any such questions or comments submitted in advance will be presented at the forums.

Persons making comments at the forums should limit their remarks to a few minutes and if possible to fewer than 5 minutes to encourage dialogue during the forum and to permit as many people as possible to participate. Persons may submit expanded versions of their oral comments in writing to the public docket.

Dated: January 22, 1997.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[REG-254394-96]

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Section 42(d)(5) Federal Grants

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations.

SUMMARY: In the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the Federal Register, the IRS is issuing temporary regulations with respect to the low-income housing tax credit relating to the application of section 42(d)(5) to certain rental assistance programs under section 42(g)(2)(B)(i). The text of those temporary regulations also serves as the text of these proposed regulations.

DATES: Written comments and requests for a public hearing must be received by April 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send submissions to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG-254394-96), room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG-254394-96), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Alternatively,

taxpayers may submit comments electronically via the Internet by selecting the "Tax Regs" option on the IRS Home Page, or by submitting comments directly to the IRS Internet site at http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/tax_regs/comments/html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher J. Wilson (202) 622-3040 (not a toll-free call).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Temporary regulations published in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the Federal Register provide rules with respect to the low-income housing tax credit relating to the application of section 42(d)(5) to certain rental assistance programs under section 42(g)(2)(B)(i). The text of those temporary regulations also serves as the text of these proposed regulations. The preamble to the temporary regulations explains the temporary regulations.

Special Analyses

It has been determined that this notice of proposed rulemaking is not a significant regulatory action as defined in EO 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It also has been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations and, because these regulations do not impose on small entities a collection of information requirement, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) does not apply. Therefore, a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required. Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, this notice of proposed rulemaking will be submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on its impact on small business.

Comments and Requests for a Public Hearing

Before these proposed regulations are adopted as final regulations, consideration will be given to any written comments (a signed original and eight (8) copies) that are submitted timely to the IRS. All comments will be available for public inspection and copying. A public hearing may be scheduled if requested in writing by a person that timely submits written comments. If a public hearing is scheduled, a notice of the date, time, and place for the hearing will be published in the Federal Register.

Drafting Information

The principal author of these regulations is Christopher J. Wilson,

Office of Assistant Chief Counsel (Passthroughs and Special Industries). However, other personnel from the IRS and Treasury Department participated in their development.

List of Subjects 26 CFR Part 1

Income taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Proposed Amendments to the Regulations

Accordingly, 26 CFR part 1 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 1—INCOME TAXES

Paragraph 1. The authority citation for part 1 is amended by adding an entry in numerical order to read in part as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805 * * *

Section 1.42-16 also issued under 26 U.S.C. 42(n); * * *

Par. 2. Section 1.42-16 is added to read as follows:

§ 1.42-16 Eligible basis reduced by federal grants.

[The text of this proposed section is the same as the text of § 1.42-16T published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register].

Margaret Milner Richardson,

Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 441

[FRL-5680-9]

Public Meeting on the Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Industrial Laundries (IL) Industry

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Office of Science and Technology (OST) within EPA's Office of Water (OW) is conducting a public meeting prior to proposing effluent limitations guidelines and standards for the industrial laundries industry. The EPA intends to propose effluent limitations guidelines and standards later this year, and this is the only public meeting that the Agency plans to sponsor prior to proposal. The meeting is intended to be a forum, in which EPA can report on the status of the regulatory development and in which interested parties can provide information and

ideas to the Agency on key technical, scientific, economic, and other issues.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center Auditorium, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Patuxent Research Refuge, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Burris, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone (202) 260-5379, fax (202) 260-7185, or E-Mail burris.susan@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is developing effluent limitations guidelines and standards for the Industrial Laundries Category under authority of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.). The Industrial Laundries Category includes facilities that launder or dry-clean industrial garments and uniforms, shop towels, printer towels, mops, mats, and dust control items. The items that are laundered are owned either by the laundry facilities or their customers. Often these facilities wash other items that are not classified as industrial laundry items, such as linen supply garments, linen flatwork, health-care items, and other miscellaneous items.

The public meeting will include a discussion of the scope of the regulation, subcategorization, summary of industry information, preliminary plans for technology-based regulatory options, and other regulatory issues. The meeting will not be recorded by a reporter or transcribed for inclusion in the record for the Industrial Laundries Category rulemaking. Documents relating to the topics mentioned above and a more detailed agenda will be available at the meeting.

Driving directions to the National Wildlife Visitor Center: Take the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (I-295) to the exit for the Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (Powder Mill Road (East)). Go approximately 2.0 miles and turn right into Visitor Center entrance (Scarlett Tanager Loop). Go 1.4 miles to Visitor Center Parking area.

Dated: January 17, 1997.

Tudor Davies,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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