

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Commodity Supplemental Food Program: Elderly Poverty Income Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the adjusted poverty income guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of elderly persons applying to participate in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). These poverty income guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the CSFP Regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillie F. Ragan, Assistant Branch Chief, Household Programs Section, Food Distribution Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1594, or telephone (703) 305-2661.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.565 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, 48 FR 29112).

Description

On December 23, 1985 the President signed the Food Security Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198). This legislation amended section 5(f) and (g) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) to require that the Secretary permit agencies administering the CSFP to serve elderly persons if such service can be provided without reducing service levels for women, infants, and children.

The law also mandates establishment of income eligibility requirements for elderly participation. Prior to enactment of Public Law 99-198, elderly participation was restricted by law to three designated pilot projects which served the elderly in accordance with agreements with the Department.

In order to implement the CSFP mandates of Public Law 99-198, the Department published an interim rule on September 17, 1986 at 51 FR 32895 and a final rule on February 18, 1988 at 58 FR 8287. These regulations define "elderly persons" as those who are 60 years of age or older. The final rule further stipulates that elderly persons certified on or after September 17, 1986 must have "household income at or below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines published annually by the Department of Health and Human Services" (7 CFR 247.7(a)(3)).

These poverty income guidelines are revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The revision for 1997 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the **Federal Register** for March 10, 1997 at 62 FR 10855. To establish income limits of 130 percent, the poverty income guidelines were multiplied by 1.30 and the results rounded up to the next whole dollar.

At this time the Department is publishing the income limits of 130 percent of the poverty income guidelines. The table in this notice contains the income limits by household size to be used for elderly certification in the CSFP for the period July 1, 1997-June 30, 1998.

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[130 Percent of Poverty Income Guidelines]

Family size	Annual	Month	Week
1	10,257	855	198
2	13,793	1,150	266
3	17,329	1,445	334
4	20,865	1,739	402
5	24,401	2,034	470
6	27,937	2,329	538
7	31,473	2,623	606
8	35,009	2,918	674
For each additional family member add:	+3,536	+295	+68

Dated: April 10, 1997.

William E. Ludwig,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Cameron-Creole Maintenance Project (CS-4a), Cameron Parish, Louisiana

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Cameron-Creole Maintenance Project (CS-4a), Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, telephone (318) 473-7751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed on this project.

The purpose of this project is to provide maintenance on a completed 113,000 acre PL-566 watershed project through PL-646. The original project and maintenance proposal has already gone through public review.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various federal, state and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.