

7 CFR Part 998

Marketing agreements, Peanuts, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR parts 997 and 998 are amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR parts 997 and 998 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601-674.

PART 997—PROVISIONS REGULATING THE QUALITY OF DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED PEANUTS HANDLED BY PERSONS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PEANUT MARKETING AGREEMENT

§ 997.101 [Amended]

2. Section 997.101 is amended by removing "July 1, 1996," and adding in its place "July 1, 1997," and by removing "\$0.70" and adding in its place "\$0.35."

PART 998—MARKETING AGREEMENT REGULATING THE QUALITY OF DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED PEANUTS

§ 998.409 [Amended]

3. Section 998.409 is amended by removing "July 1, 1996," and adding in its place "July 1, 1997," and by removing "\$0.70" and by adding in its place "\$0.35."

Dated: September 12, 1997.

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Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 78

[Docket No. 97-009-2]

Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Tennessee

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the brucellosis regulations concerning the interstate movement of cattle by changing the classification of Tennessee from Class A to Class Free. We have determined that Tennessee meets the standards for Class Free status. The interim rule was necessary

to relieve certain restrictions on the interstate movement of cattle from Tennessee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interim rule was effective on February 28, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective February 28, 1997, and published in the **Federal Register** on March 6, 1997 (62 FR 10192-10193, Docket No. 97-009-1), we amended the brucellosis regulations in 9 CFR part 78 by removing Tennessee from the list of Class A States in § 78.41(b) and adding it to the list of Class Free States in § 78.41(a).

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before May 5, 1997. We did not receive any comments. The facts presented in the interim rule still provide a basis for the rule.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 12372 and 12988, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived the review process required by Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 78

Animal diseases, Bison, Cattle, Hogs, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

PART 78—BRUCELLOSIS

Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 9 CFR part 78 and that was published at 62 FR 10192-10193 on March 6, 1997.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 111-114a-1, 114g, 115, 117, 120, 121, 123-126, 134b, and 134f; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 11th day of September 1997.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 94

[Docket No. 97-021-2]

Change in Disease Status of Northern Ireland and Norway Because of Exotic Newcastle Disease

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the regulations by removing Northern Ireland and Norway from the list of countries that are considered to be free of exotic Newcastle disease. We took this action based on reports we received from the Office International des Epizooties and the Governments of Northern Ireland and Norway that outbreaks of exotic Newcastle disease have occurred in Northern Ireland and Norway. This action restricts the importation of live birds, poultry, and poultry products into the United States from Northern Ireland and Norway.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interim rule was effective on April 15, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective April 15, 1997, and published in the **Federal Register** on April 18, 1997 (62 FR 19032-19033, Docket No. 97-021-1), we amended the regulations in 9 CFR part 94 by removing Northern Ireland and Norway from the list of countries in § 94.6(a)(2) that are considered to be free of exotic Newcastle disease.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before June 17, 1997. We did not receive any comments. The facts presented in the interim rule still provide a basis for the rule.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Order 12988, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived the