

previously guaranteed under 38 U.S.C. 3712, the loan term, if being refinanced under 38 U.S.C. 3710(a)(9)(B)(i), may exceed the original term of the loan but may not exceed the maximum loan term allowed under 38 U.S.C. 3703(d)(1).

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3703(c)(1), 3710(e)(1))

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3. In § 36.4337, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 36.4337 Underwriting standards, processing procedures, lender responsibility and lender certification.

(a) *Use of standards.* The standards contained in paragraphs (c) through (j) of this section will be used to determine that the veteran's present and anticipated income and expenses, and credit history are satisfactory. These standards do not apply to loans guaranteed pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3710(a)(8) except for cases where the Secretary is required to approve the loan in advance under § 36.4306a.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3703, 3710)

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 159

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Reporting Requirements for Risk/Benefit Information, Final Rule and Corrections; Notification to the Secretary of Agriculture

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification to the Secretary of Agriculture.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that the Administrator of EPA has forwarded to the Secretary of Agriculture a final regulation and notice of corrections under section 6(a)(2) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The rule is to make a minor amendment and several technical corrections to the final regulations published on September 19, 1997 (62 FR 49370)(FRL-5739-1) which codified EPA's interpretation and enforcement policy regarding the requirement of pesticide registrants to report information concerning unreasonable adverse effects of their products as mandated in section 6(a)(2) of FIFRA. EPA is issuing a final rule to amend the definition of a registrant in the

regulation to comport with that which is in the statute. The Agency is also making several technical corrections to the regulation for clarification purposes.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 25(a)(2) of FIFRA provides that the Administrator shall provide the Secretary of Agriculture a copy of any final regulation at least 30 days before signing it for publication in the **Federal Register**. If the Secretary comments in writing regarding the final regulation within 15 days after receiving it, the Administrator shall issue for publication in the **Federal Register**, with the final regulation, the comments of the Secretary, if requested by the Secretary, and the response of the Administrator concerning the Secretary's comments. If the Secretary does not comment in writing within 15 days after receiving the final regulation, the Administrator may sign the regulation for publication in the **Federal Register** anytime thereafter.

I. Regulatory Assessment Requirements

This action does not impose any requirements. As such, this action does not require review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866, entitled *Regulatory Planning and Review* (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, or Executive Order 13045, entitled *Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks* (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997). For the same reason, it does not require any action under Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) (Pub. L. 104-4), Executive Order 12875, entitled *Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership* (58 FR 58093, October 28, 1993), or Executive Order 12898, entitled *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations* (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994). In addition, since this type of action does not require any proposal, no action is needed under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*).

II. Submission to Congress and the Comptroller General

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, does not apply because this action is not a rule, as that term is defined in 5 U.S.C. 804(3).

List of subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pest, Policy statements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

42 CFR Chapter IV

[HCFA-3250-NOI]

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Medicare Program; Coverage and Administrative Policies for Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests; Intent to Form Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Form Negotiated Rulemaking Committee and Notice of Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 requires the Secretary to establish a Negotiated Rulemaking Committee under the Negotiated Rulemaking Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Negotiated Rulemaking Committee's (the Committee) purpose will be to negotiate national coverage and administrative policies for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests under Part B of the Medicare program as required by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA). The Committee will consist of representatives of interested parties that are likely to be significantly affected by the proposed rule. The Committee will be assisted by a neutral facilitator.

The BBA outlines the scope of issues to be negotiated by the Committee. We specifically request public comment as to whether we have identified the interests that will be affected by key issues listed below.

DATES: Comments and requests for representation or for membership on the