

payments by the Department of Energy to reimburse the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund for the estimated increase in the unfunded liability to the Fund are based on estimated additional costs of using courier service only since October 1, 1977, to provide the enhanced benefits and early retirement.

Accordingly, we are now adopting the interim regulations as final without change.

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because the regulation will only affect retirement benefits of retired nuclear materials couriers and their survivors.

#### Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Review

This rule has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with Executive Order 12866.

#### List of Subjects in 5 CFR Parts 831 and 842

Administrative practice and procedure, Air traffic controllers, Alimony, Claims, Disability benefits, Firefighters, Government employees, Income taxes, Intergovernmental relations, Law enforcement officers, Pensions, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Retirement.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**  
*Director.*

Accordingly, OPM is adopting its interim rules amending 5 CFR parts 831 and 842 published on January 18, 2000, at 65 FR 2521, as final rules without change.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. 99-044-3]

##### Oriental Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area

**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 Oriental fruit fly

regulations by removing the quarantine on a portion of Hillsborough County, FL, and by removing the restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from that area. The quarantine was necessary to prevent the spread of the Oriental fruit fly to noninfested areas of the United States. We have determined that the Oriental fruit fly has been eradicated from this area and that restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from this area are no longer necessary. This portion of Hillsborough County, FL, was the last remaining area in Florida quarantined for Oriental fruit fly. Therefore, as a result of this action, there are no longer any areas in Florida quarantined for Oriental fruit fly.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The interim rule became effective on October 7, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael B. Stefan, Operations Officer, Invasive Species and Pest Management Staff, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 134, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-8247.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

##### Background

In an interim rule effective October 7, 1999, and published in the **Federal Register** on October 15, 1999 (64 FR 55811-55812, Docket No. 99-044-2), we amended the Oriental fruit fly regulations, contained in § 301.93 through 301.93-10, by removing a portion of Hillsborough County, FL, from the list of quarantined areas in § 301.93-3(c). That action relieved unnecessary restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from this area.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before December 14, 1999. We did not receive any comments. Therefore, for the reasons given in the interim rule, we are adopting the interim rule as a final 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 7 CFR Part 301

Agricultural commodities, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 7 CFR part 301 and

that was published at 64 FR 55811-55812 on October 15, 1999.

#### PART 301—DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICES

**Authority:** Title IV, Pub. L. 106-224, 114 Stat. 438, U.S.C. 7701-7772; 7 U.S.C. 166; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of August 2000.

**Bobby R. Acord,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. 98-084-2]

##### Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Removal of Regulated Area

**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 Mexican fruit fly regulations by removing the quarantined portion of Los Angeles County, CA, from the list of areas regulated because of the Mexican fruit fly. The quarantine was necessary to prevent the spread of the Mexican fruit fly to noninfested areas of the United States. We have determined that the Mexican fruit fly has been eradicated from Los Angeles County, CA, and that restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from the previously regulated area are no longer necessary.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The interim rule became effective on August 15, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael B. Stefan, Operations Officer, Domestic and Emergency Operations Office, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 134, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236 (301) 734-8247.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

In an interim rule effective August 15, 1998, and published in the **Federal Register** on August 20, 1998 (63 FR 44537-44538, Docket No. 98-084-1), we amended the Mexican fruit fly regulations (contained in 7 CFR 301.64 through 301.64-10) by removing a portion of Los Angeles County, CA,