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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 630

RIN 3206-AJ51

Absence and Leave; Use of Restored Annual Leave

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Interim rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects the effective date of the interim regulations that were originally published in the *Federal Register* on Friday, November 2, 2001 (66 FR 55557). The interim regulations provide that employees who would forfeit excess annual leave because of their work to support the Nation during the current national emergency will be deemed to have scheduled their excess annual leave in advance. The correct effective date of the interim regulations is November 2, 2001.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the interim rule published on November 2, 2001 at 66 FR 55557 is corrected to read "November 2, 2001."

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 2, 2001, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued interim regulations to aid agencies and employees responding to the "National Emergency by Reason of Certain Terrorist Attacks" on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The interim regulations provide that employees who would forfeit excess annual leave because of their work to support the Nation during the current national emergency will be deemed to have scheduled their excess annual leave in advance. These employees will be

entitled to restoration of their annual leave under these regulations.

The effective date of the interim regulations were incorrect. The effective date of the interim regulations is November 2, 2001, the date of publication in the *Federal Register*. In its "Waiver of Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Delay in Effective Date," OPM stated that there was good cause for making this rule effective in less than 30 days. The delay in the effective date is being waived to give affected employees the benefit of these new provisions as quickly as possible.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that these regulations will not have significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they will affect only Federal agencies and employees.

List of Subjects 5 in CFR Part 630

Government employees.
Office of Personnel Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 93

[Docket No. 00-010-2]

Horses From Iceland; Quarantine Requirements

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are amending the regulations regarding the importation of horses to exempt horses imported from Iceland from testing for dourine, glanders, equine piroplasmosis, and equine infectious anemia during the quarantine period. Given that Iceland has never had a reported case of dourine, glanders, equine piroplasmosis, or equine infectious anemia, we have determined that horses imported from Iceland pose a negligible risk of introducing those diseases into the United States. This action relieves certain testing requirements for horses

imported from Iceland while continuing to protect against the introduction of communicable diseases of horses into the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 6, 2001.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 18, 2001, we published in the *Federal Register* (66 FR 19898-19899, Docket No. 00-010-1), a proposal to amend the animal importation regulations in 9 CFR part 93 to exempt horses imported from Iceland from testing for dourine, glanders, equine piroplasmosis and equine infectious anemia (EIA) during the quarantine period. Iceland has never had a reported case of dourine, glanders, equine piroplasmosis, or EIA. The Government of Iceland requested that the U.S. Department of Agriculture exempt horses imported from Iceland from testing for dourine, glanders, equine piroplasmosis, and EIA during the quarantine period.

We solicited comments concerning our proposal for 60 days ending June 18, 2001. We did not receive any comments. Therefore, for the reasons given in the proposed rule, we are adopting the proposed rule as a final rule, without change.

Effective Date

This is a substantive rule that relieves restrictions and, pursuant to the provision of 5 U.S.C. 553, may be made effective less than 30 days after publication in the *Federal Register*. This rule exempts horses imported from Iceland from the requirement for testing for dourine, glanders, equine piroplasmosis, and EIA during the quarantine period based on our determination that horses from Iceland present a negligible risk of introducing those diseases into the United States. Therefore, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has determined that this rule should be effective upon publication in the *Federal Register*.