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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 1205

[CN-01-001]

2001 Amendment to Cotton Board Rules and Regulations Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is amending the Cotton Board Rules and Regulations by raising the value assigned to imported cotton for the purpose of calculating supplemental assessments collected for use by the Cotton Research and Promotion Program. An adjustment is required on an annual basis to ensure that the assessments collected on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products remain similar to those paid on domestically produced cotton.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 20, 2001.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

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

Executive Order 12988

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. It is not intended to have retroactive effect. This rule would not preempt any state or local laws, regulations, or policies, unless they present an irreconcilable conflict with this rule.

The Cotton Research and Promotion Act provides that administrative

proceedings must be exhausted before parties may file suit in court. Under section 12 of the Act, any person subject to an order may file with the Secretary a petition stating that the order, any provision of the plan, or any obligation imposed in connection with the order is not in accordance with law and requesting a modification of the order or to be exempted therefrom. Such person is afforded the opportunity for a hearing on the petition. After the hearing, the Secretary would rule on the petition. The Act provides that the District Court of the United States in any district in which the person is an inhabitant, or has his principal place of business, has jurisdiction to review the Secretary's ruling, provided a complaint is filed within 20 days from the date of the entry of ruling.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Pursuant to requirements set forth in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) AMS has considered the economic impact of this action on small entities and has determined that its implementation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses.

There are an estimated 10,000 importers who are presently subject to rules and regulations issued pursuant to the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. This rule will affect importers of cotton and cotton-containing products. The majority of these importers are small businesses under the criteria established by the Small Business Administration. This rule will raise the assessments paid by the importers under the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. Even though the assessment would be raised, the increase is small and will not significantly affect small businesses. The current assessment on imported cotton is \$0.009833 per kilogram of imported cotton. The new assessment is \$0.009965, an increase of \$0.000132 or a 1.34 percent increase. From January through December 2000 approximately \$20 million was collected at the \$0.009833 per kilogram rate. Should the volume of cotton products imported into the U.S. remain at the same level in 2001, one could expect the increased assessment to generate approximately \$20.2 million or a 1.34 percent increase from 2000.

Paperwork Reduction

In compliance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR part 1320) which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the information collection requirements contained in the regulation to be amended have been previously approved by OMB and were assigned control number 0581-0093.

Background

The Cotton Research and Promotion Act Amendments of 1990 enacted by Congress under Subtitle G of Title XIX of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 on November 28, 1990, contained two provisions that authorized changes in the funding procedures for the Cotton Research and Promotion Program.

These provisions are: (1) The assessment of imported cotton and cotton products; and (2) termination of the right of cotton producers to demand a refund of assessments.

An amended Cotton Research and Promotion Order was approved by producers and importers voting in a referendum held July 17-26, 1991, and the amended Order was published in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 1991, (56 FR 64470). A proposed rule implementing the amended Order was published in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 1991, (56 FR 65450). Implementing rules were published on July 1 and 2, 1992, (57 FR 29181) and (57 FR 29431), respectively.

This rule will increase the value assigned to imported cotton in the Cotton Board Rules and Regulations (7 CFR 1205.510(b)(2)). This value is used to calculate supplemental assessments on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products. Supplemental assessments are the second part of a two-part assessment. The first part of the assessment is levied on the weight of cotton produced or imported at a rate of \$1 per bale of cotton which is equivalent to 500 pounds or \$1 per 226.8 kilograms of cotton.

Supplemental assessments are levied at a rate of five-tenths of one percent of the value of domestically produced cotton, imported cotton, and the cotton content of imported products. The agency has adopted the practice of assigning the calendar year weighted

average price received by U.S. farmers for Upland cotton to represent the value of imported cotton. This is done so that the assessment on domestically produced cotton and the assessment on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products remain similar. The source for the average price statistic is "Agricultural Prices", a publication of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the Department of Agriculture. Use of the weighted average price figure in the calculation of supplemental assessments on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products yields an assessment that approximates assessments paid on domestically produced cotton in the prior calendar year.

The current value of imported cotton as published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 25236) on May 1, 2000, for the purpose of calculating supplemental assessments on imported cotton is \$1.0847 per kilogram. This number was calculated using the annual weighted average price received by farmers for Upland cotton during the calendar year 1999 which was \$0.492 per pound and multiplying by the conversion factor 2.2046. Using the Average Weighted Price Received by U.S. farmers for Upland cotton for the calendar year 2000, which is \$0.504 per pound, the new value of imported cotton is \$1.1111 per kilogram. The amended value is

\$.0264 per kilogram more than the previous value.

An example of the complete assessment formula and how the various figures are obtained is as follows:

- One bale is equal to 500 pounds.
- One kilogram equals 2.2046 pounds.
- One pound equals 0.453597 kilograms.

One Dollar Per Bale Assessment Converted to Kilograms

A 500 pound bale equals 226.8 kg. (500 x .453597).

\$1 per bale assessment equals \$0.002000 per pound (1/500) or \$0.004409 per kg. (1/226.8).

Supplemental Assessment of 1/5 of One Percent of the Value of the Cotton Converted to Kilograms

The 2000 calendar year weighted average price received by producers for Upland cotton is \$0.504 per pound or \$1.1111 per kg. (0.504 x 2.2046) = 1.1111.

Five tenths of one percent of the average price in kg. equals \$0.005556 per kg. (1.1111 x .005).

Total Assessment

The total assessment per kilogram of raw cotton is obtained by adding the \$1 per bale equivalent assessment of \$0.004409 per kg. and the supplemental assessment \$0.005556 per kg. which equals \$0.009965 per kg.

The current assessment on imported cotton is \$0.009833 per kilogram of imported cotton. The amended assessment is \$0.009965, an increase of \$0.000132 per kilogram. This increase reflects the increase in the Average Weighted Price of Upland Cotton Received by U.S. Farmers during the period January through December 2000.

Since the value of cotton is the basis of the supplemental assessment calculation and the figures shown in the right hand column of the Import Assessment Table 1205.510(b)(3) are a result of such a calculation, the figures in this table have been revised. These figures indicate the total assessment per kilogram due for each Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) number subject to assessment.

One HTS number subject to assessment pursuant to this regulation and found in the assessment table has been changed. In order to maintain consistency between HTS and the assessment table, the changes to this one number have been incorporated into the assessment table. The last two digits of this number were changed to provide for statistical reporting purposes and involve no physical change to the products they represent. The assessment rate for the one number has been applied to each of the new replacement numbers in the assessment table. The following table represents the changes:

Old No.	New No.	Conversion Factor	Assessment cents/kg.
6303910000	6303910010	0.6249	0.6406
	6303910020	0.6249	0.6406

A proposed rule with a request for comments was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 42464) on August 13, 2001. No comments were received during the period (August 13 through September 12, 2001).

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1205

Advertising, Agricultural research, Cotton, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 1205 is amended as follows:

PART 1205—COTTON RESEARCH AND PROMOTION

1. The authority citation for Part 1205 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2101–2118.

2. In § 1205.510, paragraph (b)(2) and the table in paragraph (b)(3)(ii) are revised to read as follows:

§ 1205.510 Levy of assessments.

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(2) The 12-month average of monthly weighted average prices received by U.S. farmers will be calculated annually. Such weighted average will be used as the value of imported cotton for the purpose of levying the supplemental assessment on imported cotton and will be expressed in kilograms. The value of imported cotton for the purpose of levying this supplemental assessment is \$0.9965 per kilogram.

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IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE

[Raw Cotton Fiber]

HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
5201000500	0	0.9965
5201001200	0	0.9965
5201001400	0	0.9965
5201001800	0	0.9965

IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE—Continued

[Raw Cotton Fiber]

HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
5201002200	0	0.9965
5201002400	0	0.9965
5201002800	0	0.9965
5201003400	0	0.9965
5201003800	0	0.9965
5204110000	1.1111	1.1072
5204200000	1.1111	1.1072
5205111000	1.1111	1.1072
5205112000	1.1111	1.1072
5205121000	1.1111	1.1072
5205122000	1.1111	1.1072
5205131000	1.1111	1.1072
5205132000	1.1111	1.1072
5205141000	1.1111	1.1072
5205210020	1.1111	1.1072
5205210090	1.1111	1.1072
5205220020	1.1111	1.1072
5205220090	1.1111	1.1072
5205230020	1.1111	1.1072
5205230090	1.1111	1.1072
5205240020	1.1111	1.1072

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.	HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.	HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
5205240090	1.1111	1.1072	5208416000	1.1455	1.1415	5210114020	0.6873	0.6849
5205310000	1.1111	1.1072	5208418000	1.1455	1.1415	5210114040	0.6873	0.6849
5205320000	1.1111	1.1072	5208421000	1.1455	1.1415	5210116020	0.6873	0.6849
5205330000	1.1111	1.1072	5208423000	1.1455	1.1415	5210116040	0.6873	0.6849
5205340000	1.1111	1.1072	5208424000	1.1455	1.1415	5210116060	0.6873	0.6849
5205410020	1.1111	1.1072	5208425000	1.1455	1.1415	5210118020	0.6873	0.6849
5205410090	1.1111	1.1072	5208430000	1.1455	1.1415	5210120000	0.6873	0.6849
5205420020	1.1111	1.1072	5208492000	1.1455	1.1415	5210192090	0.6873	0.6849
5205420090	1.1111	1.1072	5208494020	1.1455	1.1415	5210214040	0.6873	0.6849
5205440020	1.1111	1.1072	5208494090	1.1455	1.1415	5210216020	0.6873	0.6849
5205440090	1.1111	1.1072	5208496010	1.1455	1.1415	5210216060	0.6873	0.6849
5206120000	0.5556	0.5537	5208496090	1.1455	1.1415	5210218020	0.6873	0.6849
5206130000	0.5556	0.5537	5208498090	1.1455	1.1415	5210314020	0.6873	0.6849
5206140000	0.5556	0.5537	5208512000	1.1455	1.1415	5210314040	0.6873	0.6849
5206220000	0.5556	0.5537	5208516060	1.1455	1.1415	5210316020	0.6873	0.6849
5206230000	0.5556	0.5537	5208518090	1.1455	1.1415	5210318020	0.6873	0.6849
5206240000	0.5556	0.5537	5208523020	1.1455	1.1415	5210414000	0.6873	0.6849
5206310000	0.5556	0.5537	5208523045	1.1455	1.1415	5210416000	0.6873	0.6849
5207100000	1.1111	1.1072	5208523090	1.1455	1.1415	5210418000	0.6873	0.6849
5207900000	0.5556	0.5537	5208524020	1.1455	1.1415	5210498090	0.6873	0.6849
5208112020	1.1455	1.1415	5208524045	1.1455	1.1415	5210514040	0.6873	0.6849
5208112040	1.1455	1.1415	5208524065	1.1455	1.1415	5210516020	0.6873	0.6849
5208112090	1.1455	1.1415	5208525020	1.1455	1.1415	5210516040	0.6873	0.6849
5208114020	1.1455	1.1415	5208530000	1.1455	1.1415	5210516060	0.6873	0.6849
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5208114090	1.1455	1.1415	5208592095	1.1455	1.1415	5211120020	0.6873	0.6849
5208118090	1.1455	1.1415	5208594090	1.1455	1.1415	5211190020	0.6873	0.6849
5208124020	1.1455	1.1415	5208596090	1.1455	1.1415	5211190060	0.6873	0.6849
5208124040	1.1455	1.1415	5209110020	1.1455	1.1415	5211210025	0.6873	0.6849
5208124090	1.1455	1.1415	5209110035	1.1455	1.1415	5211210035	0.4165	0.4150
5208126020	1.1455	1.1415	5209110090	1.1455	1.1415	5211210050	0.6873	0.6849
5208126040	1.1455	1.1415	5209120020	1.1455	1.1415	5211290090	0.6873	0.6849
5208126060	1.1455	1.1415	5209120040	1.1455	1.1415	5211320020	0.6873	0.6849
5208126090	1.1455	1.1415	5209190020	1.1455	1.1415	5211390040	0.6873	0.6849
5208128020	1.1455	1.1415	5209190040	1.1455	1.1415	5211390060	0.6873	0.6849
5208128090	1.1455	1.1415	5209190060	1.1455	1.1415	5211490020	0.6873	0.6849
5208130000	1.1455	1.1415	5209190090	1.1455	1.1415	5211490090	0.6873	0.6849
5208192020	1.1455	1.1415	5209210090	1.1455	1.1415	5211590025	0.6873	0.6849
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5208224090	1.1455	1.1415	5209316035	1.1455	1.1415	5513110040	0.4009	0.3995
5208226020	1.1455	1.1415	5209316050	1.1455	1.1415	5513110060	0.4009	0.3995
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5208230000	1.1455	1.1415	5209320040	1.1455	1.1415	5513130020	0.4009	0.3995
5208292020	1.1455	1.1415	5209390020	1.1455	1.1415	5513210020	0.4009	0.3995
5208292090	1.1455	1.1415	5209390040	1.1455	1.1415	5513310000	0.4009	0.3995
5208294090	1.1455	1.1415	5209390060	1.1455	1.1415	5514120020	0.4009	0.3995
5208296090	1.1455	1.1415	5209390080	1.1455	1.1415	5516420060	0.4009	0.3995
5208298020	1.1455	1.1415	5209390090	1.1455	1.1415	5516910060	0.4009	0.3995
5208312000	1.1455	1.1415	5209413000	1.1455	1.1415	5516930090	0.4009	0.3995
5208321000	1.1455	1.1415	5209416020	1.1455	1.1415	5601210010	1.1455	1.1415
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5208323040	1.1455	1.1415	5209420020	1.0309	1.0273	5601300000	1.1455	1.1415
5208323090	1.1455	1.1415	5209420040	1.0309	1.0273	5602109090	0.5727	0.5707
5208324020	1.1455	1.1415	5209430030	1.1455	1.1415	5602290000	1.1455	1.1415
5208324040	1.1455	1.1415	5209430050	1.1455	1.1415	5602906000	0.526	0.5242
5208325020	1.1455	1.1415	5209490020	1.1455	1.1415	5604900000	0.5556	0.5537
5208330000	1.1455	1.1415	5209490090	1.1455	1.1415	5607902000	0.8889	0.8858
5208392020	1.1455	1.1415	5209516035	1.1455	1.1415	5608901000	1.1111	1.1072
5208392090	1.1455	1.1415	5209516050	1.1455	1.1415	5608902300	1.1111	1.1072
5208394090	1.1455	1.1415	5209520020	1.1455	1.1415	5609001000	1.1111	1.1072
5208396090	1.1455	1.1415	5209590025	1.1455	1.1415	5609004000	0.5556	0.5537
5208398020	1.1455	1.1415	5209590040	1.1455	1.1415	5701104000	0.0556	0.0554
5208412000	1.1455	1.1415	5209590090	1.1455	1.1415	5701109000	0.1111	0.1107

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.	HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.	HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
5701901010	1.0444	1.0407	6104632011	0.3774	0.3761	6110909030	0.3946	0.3932
5702109020	1.1	1.0962	6104632026	0.3774	0.3761	6110909040	0.263	0.2621
5702312000	0.0778	0.0775	6104632028	0.3774	0.3761	6110909042	0.263	0.2621
5702411000	0.0722	0.0719	6104632030	0.3774	0.3761	6111201000	1.2581	1.2537
5702412000	0.0778	0.0775	6104632060	0.3774	0.3761	6111202000	1.2581	1.2537
5702421000	0.0778	0.0775	6104692030	0.3858	0.3844	6111203000	1.0064	1.0029
5702913000	0.0889	0.0886	6105100010	0.985	0.9816	6111205000	1.0064	1.0029
5702991010	1.1111	1.1072	6105100020	0.985	0.9816	6111206010	1.0064	1.0029
5702991090	1.1111	1.1072	6105100030	0.985	0.9816	6111206020	1.0064	1.0029
5703900000	0.4489	0.4473	6105202010	0.3078	0.3067	6111206030	1.0064	1.0029
5801210000	1.1455	1.1415	6105202030	0.3078	0.3067	6111206040	1.0064	1.0029
5801230000	1.1455	1.1415	6106100010	0.985	0.9816	6111305020	0.2516	0.2507
5801250010	1.1455	1.1415	6106100020	0.985	0.9816	6111305040	0.2516	0.2507
5801250020	1.1455	1.1415	6106100030	0.985	0.9816	6112110050	0.7548	0.7522
5801260020	1.1455	1.1415	6106202010	0.3078	0.3067	6112120010	0.2516	0.2507
5802190000	1.1455	1.1415	6106202030	0.3078	0.3067	6112120030	0.2516	0.2507
5802300030	0.5727	0.5707	6107110010	1.1322	1.1282	6112120040	0.2516	0.2507
5804291000	1.1455	1.1415	6107110020	1.1322	1.1282	6112120050	0.2516	0.2507
5806200010	0.3534	0.3522	6107120010	0.5032	0.5014	6112120060	0.2516	0.2507
5806200090	0.3534	0.3522	6107210010	0.8806	0.8775	6112390010	1.1322	1.1282
5806310000	1.1455	1.1415	6107220015	0.3774	0.3761	6112490010	0.9435	0.9402
5806400000	0.4296	0.4281	6107220025	0.3774	0.3761	6114200005	0.9002	0.8970
5808107000	0.5727	0.5707	6107910040	1.2581	1.2537	6114200010	0.9002	0.8970
5808900010	0.5727	0.5707	6108210010	1.2445	1.2401	6114200015	0.9002	0.8970
5811002000	1.1455	1.1415	6108210020	1.2445	1.2401	6114200020	1.286	1.2815
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6001210000	0.8591	0.8561	6108310020	1.1201	1.1162	6114200046	0.9002	0.8970
6001220000	0.2864	0.2854	6108320010	0.2489	0.2480	6114200052	0.9002	0.8970
6001910010	0.8591	0.8561	6108320015	0.2489	0.2480	6114200060	0.9002	0.8970
6001910020	0.8591	0.8561	6108320025	0.2489	0.2480	6114301010	0.2572	0.2563
6001920020	0.2864	0.2854	6108910005	1.2445	1.2401	6114301020	0.2572	0.2563
6001920030	0.2864	0.2854	6108910015	1.2445	1.2401	6114303030	0.2572	0.2563
6001920040	0.2864	0.2854	6108910025	1.2445	1.2401	6115198010	1.0417	1.0381
6002203000	0.8681	0.8651	6108910030	1.2445	1.2401	6115929000	1.0417	1.0381
6002206000	0.2894	0.2884	6108920030	0.2489	0.2480	6115936020	0.2315	0.2307
6002420000	0.8681	0.8651	6109100005	0.9956	0.9921	6116101300	0.3655	0.3642
6002430010	0.2894	0.2884	6109100007	0.9956	0.9921	6116101720	0.8528	0.8498
6002430080	0.2894	0.2884	6109100009	0.9956	0.9921	6116926420	1.0965	1.0927
6002921000	1.1574	1.1533	6109100012	0.9956	0.9921	6116926430	1.2183	1.2140
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6204624005	1.2451	1.2407	6209303040	0.2463	0.2454	6302322020	0.4091	0.4077
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6204624035	1.2451	1.2407	6211111020	0.1273	0.1269	6302513000	0.5844	0.5824

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[Raw Cotton Fiber]

HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6302514000	0.8182	0.8153
6302600010	1.1689	1.1648
6302600020	1.052	1.0483
6302600030	1.052	1.0483
6302910005	1.052	1.0483
6302910015	1.1689	1.1648
6302910025	1.052	1.0483
6302910035	1.052	1.0483
6302910045	1.052	1.0483
6302910050	1.052	1.0483
6302910060	1.052	1.0483
6303110000	0.9448	0.9415
6303910010	0.6429	0.6406
6303910020	0.6429	0.6406
6304111000	1.0629	1.0592
6304190500	1.052	1.0483
6304191000	1.1689	1.1648
6304191500	0.4091	0.4077
6304192000	0.4091	0.4077
6304910020	0.9351	0.9318
6304920000	0.9351	0.9318
6505901540	0.181	0.1804
6505902060	0.9935	0.9900
6505902545	0.5844	0.5824

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Dated: November 14, 2001.

A. J. Yates,
Administrator, Agricultural Marketing
Service.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION**

10 CFR Part 72

RIN 3150-AG83

**List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage
Casks: NAC-MPC Revision;
Confirmation of Effective Date**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of
effective date.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory
Commission (NRC) is confirming the
effective date of November 13, 2001, for
the direct final rule that appeared in the
Federal Register of August 30, 2001 (66
FR 45749). This direct final rule
amended the NRC's regulations by
revising the NAC-MPC cask system
listing within the "List of Approved
Spent Fuel Storage Casks" to include
Amendment No. 1 to Certificate of
Compliance No. 1025. This document
confirms the effective date.

DATES: The effective date of November
13, 2001, is confirmed for this direct
final rule.

ADDRESSES: Documents related to this
rulemaking, including comments
received, may be examined at the NRC
Public Document Room, 11555
Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. These
same documents may also be viewed
and downloaded electronically via the
rulemaking website ([http://
ruleforum.llnl.gov](http://ruleforum.llnl.gov)). For information
about the interactive rulemaking
website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher
(301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jayne M. McCausland, Office of Nuclear
Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S.
Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Washington, DC 20555, Telephone (301)
415-6219 (E-mail: jmm2@nrc.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August
30, 2001 (66 FR 45749), the NRC
published in the **Federal Register** a
direct final rule amending its
regulations in 10 CFR part 72 by
revising the NAC-MPC cask system
listing within the "List of Approved
Spent Fuel Storage Casks" to include
Amendment No. 1 to Certificate of
Compliance No. 1025. Amendment No.
1 modifies the present cask system
design to permit a licensee to use an
alternate fuel basket design with
enlarged fuel tubes in corner locations;
increase the operational time limits
provided in the Technical
Specifications for canister loading,
closure, and transfer when canister heat
loads are lower than design basis heat
loads; revise the canister surface
contamination limits in Technical
Specifications to maintain worker dose
as low as is reasonably achievable; and
revise some drawings to reflect changes
identified during cask and component
fabrication under a general license. In
the direct final rule, NRC stated that if
no significant adverse comments were
received, the direct final rule would
become final on the date noted above.
The NRC did not receive any comments
that warranted withdrawal of the direct
final rule. Therefore, this rule will
become effective as scheduled.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day
of November, 2001.

Michael T. Lesar,
Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division
of Administrative Services, Office of
Administration.

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**NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING
COMMISSION**

25 CFR Part 513

RIN 3141-AA25

Debt Collection

AGENCY: National Indian Gaming
Commission.

ACTION: Interim rule with request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The National Indian Gaming
Commission (Commission) is issuing
interim regulations that set forth
procedures for collecting debts. The
Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966,
as amended by the Debt Collection Act
of 1982 and the Debt Collection
Improvement Act of 1996, requires
agencies to issue regulations on their
debt collection procedures. The interim
rule outlines procedures mandated by
statutes and regulations promulgated
jointly by the departments of the
Treasury and Justice and by the Office
of Personnel Management. The rule
includes procedures for collection of
debts through administrative, tax, and
salary offset and administrative wage
garnishment. The Commission requests
comments on these regulations.

DATES: These regulations are effective
on November 20, 2001. Written
comments on these regulations must be
received by January 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Debt
Collection Standards, National Indian
Gaming Commission, Suite 9100, 1441 L
St., NW., Washington, DC 20005; telefax
number (202) 632-7066 (not a toll-free
number). Public comments may be read
or delivered between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.
and 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through
Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Cynthia Omberg, at (202) 632-7003 (not
a toll-free number) or by fax at (202)
632-7066 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These
regulations implement the requirements
of the Federal Claims Collection Act of
1966 (Pub. L. 89-508, 80 Stat. 308) as
amended by the Debt Collection Act of
1982 and the Debt Collection
Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-
134, 110 Stat. 1321). These regulations
are issued in conformity with the
Federal Claims Collection Standards (31
CFR Ch. IX). Under these regulations,
the Commission may collect debts owed
to it through various methods, including
administrative offset, tax refund offset,
or salary offset.

Subpart A of the regulation addresses
the collection of debts in general and
incorporates the debt collection