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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 1240

[Docket No. FV-01-709]

Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Order; Continuance Referendum

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Referendum order.

SUMMARY: This document directs that a referendum be conducted among eligible producers of honey and importers of honey or honey products to determine whether they favor continuance of the Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Order (Order).

DATES: The referendum will be conducted from February 4 through March 1, 2002. To vote in this referendum, producers and importers must have been producing honey or importing honey or honey products during the period from October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Order may be obtained from: Referendum Agent, Research and Promotion Branch (RP), Fruit and Vegetable Programs (FV), AMS, USDA, Stop 0244, Room 2535-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0244.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathie Birdsell, RP, FV, AMS, USDA, Stop 0244, Room 2535-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0244, telephone 888-720-9917 (toll free), fax 202-205-2800, e-mail kathie.birdsell@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act, as amended (Act) [7 U.S.C. 4601-4613], it is hereby directed that a referendum be conducted to ascertain whether continuance of the Order is favored by producers of honey and importers of honey or honey

products. The Order is authorized under the Act.

The representative period for establishing voter eligibility for the referendum shall be the period from October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2001. Persons who are producers of honey or importers of honey or honey products at the time of the referendum and during the representative period are eligible to vote. Persons who received an exemption from assessments for the entire representative period are ineligible to vote. The referendum shall be conducted by mail ballot from February 4 through March 1, 2002.

Section 13(c) of the Act provides that the Department of Agriculture (Department) shall conduct a referendum every five years to determine if persons subject to assessment under the Order approve continuance of the Order. Previous continuance referenda were conducted in 1991 and 1996.

Sections 12(b)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act provide that the Department shall continue the Order if continuance of the Order is approved by a majority of the producers and importers voting in the referendum and that the producers and importers comprising this majority produce or import not less than 50 percent of the quantity of the honey or honey products produced or imported during the representative period by those voting in the referendum.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [44 U.S.C. Chapter 35], the referendum ballot has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and assigned OMB No. 0581-0093. It has been estimated that there are approximately 3,500 producers and 700 importers who will be eligible to vote in the referendum. It will take an average of 15 minutes for each voter to read the voting instructions and complete the referendum ballot.

Referendum Order

Kathie M. Birdsell, Margaret B. Irby, and Martha B. Ransom, RP, FV, AMS, USDA, Stop 0244, Room 2535-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0244, are designated as the referendum agents to conduct this referendum. The referendum procedures [7 CFR 1240.200 through 1240.207], which were issued pursuant to the Act, shall be used to conduct the referendum.

The referendum agents will mail the ballots to be cast in the referendum and voting instructions to all known producers and importers prior to the first day of the voting period. Persons who are producers or importers at the time of the referendum and during the representative period are eligible to vote. Persons who received an exemption from assessments during the entire representative period are ineligible to vote. Any eligible producer or importer who does not receive a ballot should contact the referendum agents no later than one week before the end of the voting period. Ballots must be received by the referendum agents on or before March 1, 2002, in order to be counted.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1240

Advertising, Agricultural research, Honey, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 4601-4613 and 7 U.S.C. 7401.

Dated: January 3, 2002.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[AK-21-1709-b; FRL-7123-3]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Inspection and Maintenance Program and Fuel Requirements: Alaska

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to approve two revisions to the carbon monoxide (CO) Alaska State Implementation Plan (SIP) in the Alaska Administrative Code (AAC). These two revisions to the SIP were submitted on February 24, 2000 and February 2, 2001. EPA is also proposing to grant final approval of Alaska's revised Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program SIP credit claim to 100% of credit applied to centralized I/M programs under Section

348 of the National Highway System Designation Act. This was resubmitted on November 7, 2001.

DATES: Written comments must be received in writing by February 7, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Wayne Elson, Environmental Protection Specialist (OAQ-107), Office of Air Quality, at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the state submittal are available at the following addresses for inspection during normal business hours. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Office of Air Quality, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 105, Juneau, AK 99801-1795.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Wayne Elson, Office of Air Quality, (OAQ-107), EPA, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 553-1463.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SIP revisions cover amendments to I/M requirements for Motor Vehicles (18 AAC 52), the State Air Quality Control Plan (18 AAC 50), and Fuel Requirements for Motor Vehicles (18 AAC 53). The most salient aspects of these rule changes include: new I/M equipment specifications and amending the Alaska I/M Program Manual; delayed start date for On-Board Diagnostic (OBD II) I/M test requirements; making vehicle stickers mandatory; removing the "fast fail" option and begin to require that all inspections be full and complete; and streamline and update several portions of the Alaska Air Quality Control Plan for more efficient reading and organization. This final approval of Alaska's I/M program credit claim to 100% removes the interim status of EPA's interim approvals of October 10, 1996 (61 FR 53163) and May 19, 1997 (62 FR 27199) for 85% of credit applied to centralized I/M programs.

In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If the EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public

comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if we receive adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, we may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

For additional information, see the Direct Final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 12, 2001.

L. John Iani,

Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 63

[VA001-1000; FRL-7126-7]

Approval of Section 112(I) Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants; State of Virginia; Department of Environmental Quality

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (VADEQ's) request for delegation of authority to implement and enforce its hazardous air pollutant regulations for perchloroethylene dry-cleaning facilities, hard and decorative chromium electroplating and chromium anodizing tanks, ethylene oxide sterilization facilities, halogenated solvent cleaning, secondary lead smelting, hazardous waste combustors, Portland cement manufacturing, and secondary aluminum smelting which have been adopted by reference from the Federal requirements set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations. This proposed approval will automatically delegate future amendments to these regulations once VADEQ incorporates these amendments into its regulations. In addition, EPA is proposing to approve of VADEQ's mechanism for receiving delegation of future hazardous air pollutant regulations. This mechanism entails VADEQ's incorporation by reference of the unchanged Federal standard into its hazardous air pollutant regulation and VADEQ's notification to EPA of such

incorporation. This action pertains only to affected sources, as defined by the Clean Air Act hazardous air pollutant program, which are not located at major sources, as defined by the Clean Air Act operating permit program. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's request for delegation of authority as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 7, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be sent concurrently to: Makeba A. Morris, Chief, Permits and Technical Assessment Branch, Mail Code 3AP11, Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, and Dennis H. Treacy, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dianne J. McNally, 215-814-3297, at the EPA Region III address above, or by e-mail at mcnally.dianne@epa.gov. Please note that any formal comments must be submitted, in writing, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information on this action, pertaining to approval of VADEQ's delegation of authority for the hazardous air pollutant emission standards for perchloroethylene dry-cleaning facilities, hard and decorative chromium electroplating and chromium anodizing tanks, ethylene oxide sterilization facilities, halogenated solvent cleaning, secondary lead smelting, hazardous waste combustors,