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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### 5 CFR Part 8301

RIN 3209-AA15

#### Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of Agriculture; Correction

**AGENCY:** Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Department of Agriculture, with the concurrence of the Office of Government Ethics (OGE), is correcting a typographical error in one of the amendatory instructions of the final rule amendments to the supplemental standards of ethical conduct for USDA employees, which was published by the USDA in the *Federal Register* on Monday, September 16, 2002 (67 FR 58319).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 16, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raymond J. Sheehan, Director, Office of Ethics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 348-W-Stop 0122, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0122, telephone: (202) 720-2251.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the above-noted final rule amendments document published by the USDA, with OGE concurrence, the beginning of amendatory instruction 2.e. inadvertently omitted the words "Removing the" before the paragraph reference identified therein which was being replaced by a redesignated paragraph reference. This document corrects the error in amendatory instruction 2.e.

Dated: October 15, 2002.

**John S. Surina,**  
*Designated Agency Ethics Official, U.S. Department of Agriculture.*

Approved: October 28, 2002.

**Stuart D. Rick,**  
*Deputy General Counsel, Office of Government Ethics.*

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Department of Agriculture, with the concurrence of the Office of Government Ethics, is correcting the September 16, 2002, publication of the final rule amendments on Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of Agriculture, which was the subject of FR Doc. 02-23489, as follows:

#### PART 8301—[CORRECTED]

##### § 8301.103 [Corrected]

On page 58319, in the third column, the beginning of the first line of amendatory instruction 2.e., is corrected by removing the word "Paragraph" and adding in this place the words "Removing the paragraph".

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 9 CFR Part 53

[Docket No. 02-048-1]

RIN 0579-AB46

#### Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza; Payment of Indemnity

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Interim rule and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We are amending our general indemnity regulations to allow the Department to pay indemnity to contract growers and owners for poultry destroyed because of low pathogenic avian influenza associated with a disease situation in Virginia. Subject to available funding, the Department may pay all eligible losses of contract growers and up to 50 percent of eligible losses of owners, minus any amount paid to the contract grower of a flock.

However, total payments may not exceed 50 percent of all eligible costs. Additionally, we are providing that the value of poultry destroyed due to the disease may be determined after destruction and disposal of the poultry, and, except in limited situations, are requiring a waiting period of 7 days following cleaning and disinfection before premises that contained poultry affected by the disease may be restocked. These actions are necessary to help control this disease in the United States.

**DATES:** This interim rule is effective December 9, 2002. We will consider all comments that we receive by December 4, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 02-048-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 02-048-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to [regulations@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:regulations@aphis.usda.gov). Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 02-048-1" on the subject line.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

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