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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. TB-03-01]

Burley Tobacco Advisory Committee— Notice of Reestablishment of Committee

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of reestablishment of committee.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture has reestablished the Burley Tobacco Advisory Committee for an additional period of 2 years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John P. Duncan III, Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), STOP 0280, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0280; telephone number (202) 205-0567.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee, which reports to the Secretary through the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, recommends opening dates and selling schedules for the burley tobacco marketing areas which aid the Secretary in making an equitable apportionment and assignment of tobacco inspectors. The Committee consists of 39 members; 21 producer representatives, 10 receiving station/auction warehouse representatives, and 8 buyer representatives, representing all segments of the burley tobacco industry and meets at the call of the Secretary. The Secretary has determined that reestablishment of this Committee is in the public interest.

To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of diverse groups served by USDA, membership should include, to

the extent practicable, persons with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

This notice is given in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

Dated: May 6, 2003.

Bill Hawks,

Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. TB-03-05]

Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee—Notice of Reestablishment of Committee

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of reestablishment of committee.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture has reestablished the Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee for an additional period of 2 years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John P. Duncan III, Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), STOP 0280, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0280; telephone number (202) 205-0567.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee, which reports to the Secretary through the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, recommends opening dates and selling schedules for the flue-cured tobacco marketing areas which aid the Secretary in making an equitable apportionment and assignment of tobacco inspectors. The Committee consists of 12 producer representatives, 7 buyer representatives, 1 auction warehouse representative, and 1 marketing center representative, representing all segments of the flue-cured tobacco industry and meets at the call of the Secretary. The Secretary has determined that reestablishment of this Committee is in the public interest.

To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of diverse groups served by USDA, membership should include, to the extent practicable, persons with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

This notice is given in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

Dated: May 6, 2003.

Bill Hawks,

Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03-012-1]

Animal Welfare; Animal Fighting Venture Prohibition

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 amended section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) by adding specific provisions regarding the sale, purchase, transportation, delivery, or receipt of live birds in commerce for participation in animal fighting ventures in States where the practice is permitted by law. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is publishing this notice in order to increase the public visibility of these additional AWA provisions regarding animal fighting venture prohibitions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jerry DePoyster, Senior Veterinary Medical Officer, Animal Care, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234; (301) 734-7586.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*, referred to below as the AWA) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate standards and other requirements governing the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of certain animals by