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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

5 CFR Chapter LXXXI

RINs 0960-AE48, 3209-AA15

Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Social Security Administration

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Proposed rules; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: On February 11, 2005, SSA, with the concurrence of the Office of Government Ethics (OGE), published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 7192-7196) that would supplement, for officers and employees of SSA, the OGE Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch. The proposed regulations would set forth prohibitions and prior approval requirements for certain outside employment and other outside activities for all SSA employees, except special Government employees, and would set forth additional prior approval requirements for SSA Administrative Law Judges. To allow the public additional time to send us comments, we are reopening the comment period.

DATES: To be sure that your comments are considered, we must receive them by June 3, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may give us your comments by: using our Internet facility (*i.e.*, Social Security Online) at <http://policy.ssa.gov/pnpublic.nsf/LawsRegs>; e-mail to regulations@ssa.gov; telefax to (410) 966-2830; or letter to the Commissioner of Social Security, P.O. Box 17703, Baltimore, MD 21235-7703. You may also deliver them to the Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, 100 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days. Comments are posted on our Internet site, or you may inspect them physically on regular business days by making

arrangements with the contact person shown in this preamble.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On February 11, 2005 (70 FR 7192-7196), we published "Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Social Security Administration" as an NPRM, with a 30-day public comment period. This NPRM would set forth prohibitions and prior approval requirements for certain outside employment and other outside activities for all SSA employees, except special Government employees, and would set forth additional prior approval requirements for SSA Administrative Law Judges. SSA has received a request to extend the comment period. This factor, and the importance of the proposed rule, makes it appropriate to reopen the comment period for another 30 days, through June 3, 2005. If you have already provided comments on the NPRM, your comments will be considered and you do not need to resubmit them.

Dated: April 21, 2005.

Jo Anne B. Barnhart,
Commissioner of Social Security.

Approved: April 25, 2005.

Marilyn L. Glynn,

Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 983

[Docket No. FV05-983-3 PR]

Pistachios Grown in the State of California; Termination of Language in Table 3, "Maximum Defect and Minimum Size Levels"

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule would terminate language in Table 3, "Maximum Defect and Minimum Size Levels," of the marketing order regulating pistachios produced in the State of California. This language was erroneously included in Table 3 at the time of promulgation of the order. Correction of the table was unanimously recommended by the Administrative Committee for Pistachios, the committee responsible for local administration of the order.

DATES: Comments received by May 19, 2005 will be considered prior to issuance of a final rule.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the proposal to: Docket Clerk, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0237, Washington, DC, 20250-0237; Fax: (202) 720-8938, E-mail: moab.docketclerk@usda.gov, or Internet: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/moab.html>.

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