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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 576

RIN 3206-AJ76

Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published in the **Federal Register** of January 27, 2005, a final rule providing guidance on the requirements for submission of requests for Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments (VSIP) and waiver of repayment of incentive payments upon reemployment with the Federal Government. Inadvertently, an error occurred in referencing the Government Accountability Office. This document corrects the error.

DATES: Effective on August 9, 2005.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPM published a document in the **Federal Register** of January 27, 2005 (70 FR 3858), providing guidance on the submission of requests for voluntary separation incentive payment and waiver of repayment of incentive payments upon reemployment with the Federal Government. Inadvertently, an error occurred in referring to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) as the General Accountability Office. This document is being issued to correct the reference.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 576

Government employees, Wages.

■ Accordingly, 5 CFR part 576 is corrected as follows:

PART 576—VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 576 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Section 3521, 3522, 3523, 3524, and 3535 of title 5, United States Code.

§ 576.203 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend § 576.203 paragraph (a)(1) by removing the word “General” and adding in its place the word “Government.”

Office of Personnel Management.

Linda M. Springer,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. 05-011-2]

Asian Longhorned Beetle; Removal of Regulated Areas

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the Asian longhorned beetle regulations by removing portions of Cook and DuPage Counties, IL, from the list of quarantined areas and removing restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from those areas. The interim rule was based on our determination that the Asian longhorned beetle no longer presents a risk of spread from those areas and that the quarantine and restrictions are no longer necessary.

DATES: The interim rule became effective on April 21, 2005.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) regulations in 7 CFR 301.51-1 through 301.51-9 (referred to below as the regulations) restrict the interstate movement of regulated articles from quarantined areas to prevent the artificial spread of ALB to noninfested areas of the United States. Portions of Illinois, New Jersey, and New York are designated as quarantined areas. Quarantined areas are listed in § 301.51-3 of the regulations.

In an interim rule effective April 21, 2005, and published in the **Federal Register** on April 26, 2005 (70 FR 21326-21328, Docket No. 05-011-1), we amended the regulations by removing portions of Cook and DuPage Counties, IL, from the list of quarantined areas. That action, which was based on our determination that the ALB no longer presents a risk of spread from those areas, removed restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from those areas.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before June 27, 2005. We did not receive any comments. Therefore, for the reasons given in the interim rule, we are adopting the interim rule as a final rule.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Orders 12866, 12372, and 12988 and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived its review under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule affirms an interim rule that amended the regulations by removing portions of Cook and DuPage Counties, IL, from the list of areas quarantined for ALB. We took that action based on our determination that ALB no longer presents a risk of spread from those areas. The interim rule relieved restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from those areas.

The following analysis addresses the economic effects of the interim rule on small entities, as required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The small businesses potentially affected by the interim rule are nurseries, arborists, tree removal services, and firewood dealers located within the areas removed from the list of quarantined areas. The actual number of such businesses in those