

information requirements and duplication by industry and public sector agencies.

Government Paperwork Elimination Act Compliance

AMS is committed to compliance with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), which requires Government agencies in general to provide the public the option of submitting information or transacting business electronically to the maximum extent possible.

The U.S. Trade Representative has reviewed this interim final rule and concurs with its issuance.

This rule invites comments on the suspension of the handling regulations and changes to the reporting requirements prescribed under the order, as well as the suspension of the prune import regulation. Any comments timely received will be considered prior to finalization of this rule.

After consideration of all relevant material presented, including the Committee's recommendation, and other information, it is found that suspension of the handling regulations and this interim final rule will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, it is also found and determined upon good cause that it is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest to give preliminary notice prior to putting this rule into effect and good cause exists for not postponing the effective date of this rule until 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** because: (1) This interim final rule is a relaxation in the prune handling regulations and should be in place as soon as possible for the upcoming 2006 season; (2) handlers need to know as soon as possible that they are free to market their fresh prunes without regard to the handling regulations; (3) this issue has been widely discussed at various industry and association meetings and the Committee has kept the industry well informed; (4) handlers are aware of this rule, which was recommended at a public meeting; and (5) this rule provides a 60-day comment period and any comments received will be considered prior to finalization of this rule.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Parts 924 and 944

Plums, Prunes, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR parts 924 and 944 are amended as follows:

PART 924—FRESH PRUNES GROWN IN DESIGNATED COUNTIES IN WASHINGTON AND IN UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON

■ 1. The authority citation for 7 CFR parts 924 and 944 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

§§ 924.110 and 924.319 [Suspended]

■ 2. In part 924, §§ 924.110 and 924.319 are suspended indefinitely.

■ 3. In Subpart—Rules and Regulations, new §§ 924.121 and 924.160 are added to read as follows:

§ 924.121 Minimum quantity exemption.

Any individual shipment which, in the aggregate, does not exceed 500 pounds net weight of prunes of the Stanley or Merton varieties, or 350 pounds net weight of prunes of any variety other than the Stanley or Merton varieties, and which meets each of the following requirements may be handled without regard to the assessment provisions in § 924.41:

(a) The shipment consists of prunes sold for home use and not for resale, and

(b) Each container is stamped or marked with the handler's name and address and with the words "not for resale" in letters at least one-half inch in height.

§ 924.160 Reports.

Each person handling prunes shall submit to the Committee, on or before October 30 of each year, a "Handler Statement for Washington-Oregon Fresh Prunes" containing the following information:

(a) The handler's name and address;

(b) The name and address of each producer;

(c) The quantity, in field run tons, of early and late fresh prunes handled by each handler;

(d) The assessment due and enclosed;

(e) The name, telephone number, and signature of the authorized person completing the form; and

(f) The date the form is signed.

PART 944—FRUITS; IMPORT REGULATIONS

§ 944.700 [Suspended]

■ 5. Section 944.700 is suspended indefinitely.

Dated: May 3, 2006.

Kenneth C. Clayton,
Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 1219

[Doc. No. FV–06–701–IFR]

Amendment to the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Order: Adjust Representation on the Hass Avocado Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim final rule with request for comment.

SUMMARY: This interim final rule adjusts the number of members on the Hass Avocado Board (Board) to reflect changes in the production of domestic Hass avocados in the United States and the volume of Hass avocados imported into the U.S. over the 2003, 2004, and 2005 calendar years, which are three years after assessments commenced. These adjustments are required by the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order). The result of the adjustment is one additional importer member and alternate and one less domestic producer member and alternate of Hass avocados that are subject to assessments. As a result of these changes, the Board membership would be composed of seven domestic producer members and alternates and five importer members and alternates. Currently, the Board is composed of eight domestic producer members and alternates, and four importer members and alternates. These changes to the Board are effective for the Secretary of Agriculture's 2006 appointments.

DATES: Effective May 10, 2006.

Comments received by July 10, 2006 will be considered prior to issuance of a final rule.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this rule to: Docket Clerk, Research and Promotion Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs (FV), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA, Stop 0244, Room 2535–S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0244; Fax: (202) 205–2800; or e-mail:

marlene.betts@usda.gov; or Internet: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments should reference the docket number, the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**, and will be made available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/rpb.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marlene M. Betts, Research and Promotion Branch, FV, AMS, USDA, Stop 0244, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2535-S, Washington, DC 20250-0244, telephone (202) 720-9915, fax (202) 205-2800, or e-mail Marlene.Betts@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order (Order) is issued under the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 2000 (Act) [7 U.S.C. 7801-7813].

Executive Order 12866

The Office of Management and Budget has waived the review process required by Executive Order 12866 for this action.

Executive Order 12988

This interim final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule is not intended to have retroactive effect. Section 1212(c) of the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 2000 (Act) states that the Act may not be construed to preempt or supersede any other program relating to Hass avocado promotion, research, industry information, and consumer information organized and operated under the laws of the United States or of a State.

Under section 1207(a)(1) of the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 2000 (Act), a person subject to the Order may file a petition with the Department (USDA) stating that the Order, any provision for the Order, or any obligation imposed in connection with the Order, is not established in accordance with law, and requesting a modification of the Order or an exemption from the Order. Any petition filed challenging the Order, any provision of the Order, or any obligation imposed in connection with the Order, shall be filed within two years after the effective date of the Order, provision, or obligation subject to challenge in the petition. The petitioner will have the opportunity for a hearing on the petition. Thereafter, USDA will issue a ruling on the petition. The Act provides that the district court of the United States in any district in which the petitioner resides or conducts business shall have the jurisdiction to review a final ruling on the petition, if the petitioner files a complaint for that purpose not later than 20 days after the date of the entry of USDA's final ruling.

Regulatory Flexibility Act and Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) [5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.], the Agency is required to examine the impact of this rule on small entities. The purpose of the RFA is to fit regulatory actions to the scale of businesses subject to such actions so that small businesses will not be disproportionately burdened. In accordance with the provision of the Act and section 1219.30 of the Order, this rule merely adjusts representation on the Board to reflect changes in production levels of domestic Hass avocados in the U.S. and the volume of imported Hass avocados into the U.S. over the 2003, 2004, and 2005 calendar year. There are approximately 20,000 producers and 200 importers, covered by the Hass avocado program. The Small Business Administration [13 CFR 121.201] defines small agricultural producers as those having annual receipts of \$750,000 or less annually and small agricultural service firms as those having annual receipts of \$6.5 million or less. Importers would be considered agricultural service firms. Using these criteria, most producers and importers covered by the program would be considered small businesses under the criteria established by the Small Business Administration (13 CFR 121.201).

At its January 2006 meeting, the Board reviewed the production for the domestic Hass avocados in the U.S. and the volume of imported Hass avocados over the 2003, 2004, and 2005 calendar years and decided to recommend one additional member and alternate member for importers and one less member and alternate for domestic producers of Hass avocados that are subject to the assessment. The total average combined volume of Hass avocados produced in the U.S. and imported into the U.S. for the 2003, 2004, and 2005 calendar years was 712 million pounds. Of this amount, 53.2 percent was Hass avocados imported into the U.S. and 46.8 percent was domestically produced Hass avocados.

Representation on the Board (12) is comprised of: (1) Seven producer members and their alternates; (2) two importer members and their alternates; and (3) three producer or importer members and their alternates, also known as the "swing seats." Under the Act and Order, the three "swing seats" are allocated so as to reflect as nearly as possible the proportion of domestic production and imports supplying the U.S. market. The proportion is based on the average volume of domestic

production and the average volume of imports into the U.S. market over the previous three years. With regard to alternatives, the adjustments to the three "swing seats" in this interim final rule are in conformance with the provisions of the Act and Order. This rule merely adjusts representation on the Board to provide the "swing seats" with three importer members and imposes no new burden on the industry.

There are no relevant Federal rules that duplicate, overlap, or conflict with this rule.

In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulation [5 CFR part 1320] which implements the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [44 U.S.C. chapter 35], the information collection and recordkeeping requirements that are imposed by the Order have been approved previously under OMB control number 0581-0093. This rule does not result in a change to the information collection and recordkeeping requirements previously approved.

We have performed this Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis regarding the impact of this rule on small entities, and we invite comments concerning potential effects of the rule.

Background

The Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 2000 (Act) (7 U.S.C. 7801-7813); the Act provides for the establishment of a coordinated program of promotion, research, industry information, and consumer information designed to strengthen the avocado industry's position in the domestic marketplace, and to maintain, develop, and expand markets and uses for Hass avocados in the domestic marketplace. The program is financed by an assessment of 2.5 cents per pound on fresh Hass avocados produced and handled in the U.S. and on fresh Hass avocados imported into the U.S. Also under the Act, the Secretary may issue regulations. Pursuant to the Act, an Order was made effective September 9, 2002. The Order established a Board of 12 members and alternates. For purposes of establishing the Board, seven members and their alternates shall be producers of Hass avocados; two members and their alternates shall be importers of Hass avocados; and, three members and their alternates shall be producers or importers of Hass avocados, also known as the "swing seats." The three "swing seats" are allocated so as to reflect as nearly as possible the proportion of domestic production and imports supplying the U.S. market. Such

proportion is determined using the average volume of domestic production and the average volume of imports into the U.S. market over the previous three years.

Section 1219.30(c) of the Order provides that at the end of three years after assessment funds began, the Board shall review the production of domestic Hass avocados in the U.S. and the volume of imported Hass avocados on the basis of the amount of assessments collected from producers and importers over the immediately preceding three-year period. The Board may recommend to the Secretary modification to the Board based on proportion of domestic production and imports supplying the U.S. market.

At its January 2006 meeting, the Board reviewed the production for the domestic Hass avocados in the U.S. and the volume of imported Hass avocados over the 2003, 2004, and 2005 calendar years and decided to recommend one additional member and alternate member for importers and one less member and alternate for domestic producers of Hass avocados that are subject to the assessment. The total average combined volume of Hass avocados produced in the U.S. and imported into the U.S. for the 2003, 2004, and 2005 calendar years was 712 million pounds. Of this amount, 53.2 percent was Hass avocados imported into the U.S. and 46.8 percent was domestically produced Hass avocados.

Representation on the Board (12) is comprised of: (1) Seven producer members and their alternates; (2) two importer members and their alternates; and, (3) three producer or importer members and their alternates, also known as the "swing seats." Under the Act and Order the three "swing seats" are allocated so as to reflect as nearly as possible the proportion of domestic production and imports supplying the U.S. market. The proportion is based on the average volume of domestic production and the average volume of imports into the U.S. market over the previous three years.

The current 12 member Board is composed of eight producer members and alternates, and four importer members and alternates; meaning (1) Seven producer members and alternates; (2) two importer members and alternates; and, (3) of the three "swing seats" two are currently importer member and alternate seats and one is a producer member and alternate seat.

Representation on the Board based on the changes in the production of domestic Hass avocados and the volume of imported Hass avocados into the U.S. over the 2003, 2004, and 2005

calendar year results in one additional importer member and alternate and one less producer member and alternate. Accordingly, all of the "swing seats" are importers' therefore, the 12-member Board will be comprised of seven producer members and alternates and five importer members and alternates.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, it is found and determined upon good cause that it is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest to give preliminary notice prior to putting this rule into effect and that good cause exists for not postponing the effective date of this rule until 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** because the Board adjustment provided for in this interim final rule needs to be effective as soon as possible in order to complete the 2006 Board appointments.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1219

Administrative practice and procedure, Advertising, Consumer information, Hass avocados, Hass avocado promotion, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 1219 is amended as follows:

PART 1219—HASS AVOCADO PROMOTION, RESEARCH, AND INFORMATION

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1219 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7801–7813.

Subpart C—Rules and Regulations

■ 2. A new § 1219.203 is added to read as follows:

§ 1219.203 Reapportionment of membership.

Pursuant to § 1219.30(c), the positions authorized in § 1219.30(b)(3) are reapportioned as follows: 3 importer members and their alternates.

Dated: May 3, 2006.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 92–ANE–34–AD; Amendment 39–14584; AD 2006–09–13]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. ALF502L Series and ALF502R Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is superseding an existing airworthiness directive (AD) for Honeywell International Inc. ALF502L series and ALF502R series turbofan engines. That AD currently establishes stress rupture retirement life limits for certain third stage turbine discs used in conjunction with certain third stage turbine nozzles. This AD brings requirements forward and unchanged, from the previous AD for ALF502R series turbofan engines. Also, this AD establishes new reduced stress rupture retirement life limits for certain part numbers (P/Ns) of third stage turbine disc and shaft assemblies installed in ALF502L series turbofan engines. This AD also requires removing those same parts from service using a drawdown schedule. This AD results from a report of failure of a third stage turbine disc and shaft assembly, leading to turbine blade release and separation of the exhaust nozzle. We are issuing this AD to prevent total loss of engine power, in-flight engine shutdown, release of turbine blades, separation of the exhaust nozzle, and possible damage to the airplane.

DATES: This AD becomes effective June 13, 2006. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations as of June 13, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Contact Honeywell Engines, Systems & Services, Customer Support Center, M/S 26–06/2102–323, P.O. Box 29003, Phoenix, AZ 85038–9003; telephone (800) 601–3099, for the service bulletins identified in this AD.

You may examine the AD docket at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA. You may examine the service bulletins, at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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