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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. APHIS–2006–0171]

Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Addition of Areas in Virginia

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 regulations by adding the Cities of Roanoke and Salem and the Counties of Craig, Giles, and Roanoke in Virginia to the list of generally infested areas based on the detection of infestations of gypsy moth in those areas. As a result of the interim rule, the interstate movement of regulated articles from those areas is restricted. The interim rule was necessary to prevent the spread of gypsy moth to noninfested areas of the United States.

DATES: Effective on March 27, 2007, we are adopting as a final rule the interim rule published at 71 FR 66829–66830 on November 17, 2006.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The gypsy moth, *Lymantria dispar* (Linnaeus), is a destructive pest of forest and shade trees. The gypsy moth regulations (contained in 7 CFR 301.45 through 301.45–12 and referred to below as the regulations) restrict the interstate movement of regulated

articles from generally infested areas to prevent the artificial spread of the gypsy moth.

In an interim rule¹ effective and published in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 2006 (71 FR 66829–66830, Docket No. APHIS–2006–0171), we amended the regulations by adding the Cities of Roanoke and Salem and the Counties of Craig, Giles, and Roanoke in Virginia to the list of generally infested areas in § 301.45–3.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before January 16, 2007. 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 Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 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.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 301

Agricultural commodities, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

PART 301—DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICES

■ Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 7 CFR part 301 and that was published at 71 FR 66829–66830 on November 17, 2006.

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of March 2007.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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¹ To view the interim rule, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, click on the “Advanced Search” tab, and select “Docket Search.” In the Docket ID field, enter APHIS–2006–0171, then click “Submit.” Clicking on the Docket ID link in the search results page will produce a list of all documents in the docket.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 358

[Docket No. RM07–6–001; Order No. 690–A]

Order on Clarification and Rehearing

Issued March 21, 2007.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This order responds to four requests for clarification or, in the alternative, rehearing of the interim rule which the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued on January 9, 2007. The Commission issued the interim rule in response to the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia vacating and remanding the standards of conduct rule, Order No. 2004, as applicable to interstate natural gas pipelines, in *National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation v. FERC*, 468 F.3d 831 (D.C. Cir. 2006).

In this order, the Commission grants clarification that the standards of conduct for natural gas transmission providers under the interim rule apply only to natural gas transmission providers that are affiliated with a marketing or brokering entity that conducts transportation transactions on such natural gas transmission provider's pipeline. The Commission also grants clarification that the definition for a marketing or brokering entity for a natural gas transmission provider is identical to the definition under the pre-Order No. 2004 standards of conduct. With regards to the other issues for which clarification or rehearing is sought, the Commission will defer consideration of these matters in this proceeding and address them contemporaneously with the rulemaking proceeding in Docket No. RM07–1–000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule is effective on March 27, 2007.

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