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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AL83

### Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the New Haven-Hartford and New London, CT, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing a final rule to define the New Haven-Hartford and New London, CT, appropriated fund Federal Wage System (FWS) wage areas by county rather than by city and town boundaries. Defining the New England FWS wage areas by primarily considering county boundaries provides greater consistency in how OPM defines FWS wage areas and improves the ability to make direct data comparisons with Census Bureau data. The final rule defines the New Haven-Hartford wage area to include Hartford and New Haven Counties, CT, as the survey area and Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, and Tolland Counties, CT, as the area of application and the New London wage area to include New London County, CT, as the survey area and Windham County, CT, as the area of application.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This regulation is effective on June 30, 2009.

*Applicability date for the New Haven-Hartford, CT, wage area:* This rule applies for the full-scale wage survey scheduled to begin in April 2011.

*Applicability date for the New London, CT, wage area:* This rule applies for the full-scale wage survey scheduled to begin in September 2010.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 24, 2009, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued a proposed rule (74 FR 12280) to make the following three changes:

(1) Define the New Haven-Hartford and New London, CT, appropriated fund Federal Wage System wage areas by county rather than by city and town boundaries;

(2) Define the New Haven-Hartford wage area to include Hartford and New Haven Counties, CT, as the survey area and Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, and Tolland Counties, CT, as the area of application; and

(3) Define the New London wage area to include New London County, CT, as the survey area and Windham County, CT, as the area of application.

These changes are based on consensus recommendations of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee. The proposed rule had a 30-day comment period, during which OPM received no comments.

### Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that these regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they will affect only Federal agencies and employees.

### List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 532

Administrative practice and procedure, Freedom of Information, Government employees, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wages.

**John Berry,**

*Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management.*

■ Accordingly, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management amends 5 CFR part 532 as follows:

### PART 532—PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 532 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 5343, 5346; § 532.707 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552.

■ 2. In appendix C to subpart B, the wage area listing for the State of Connecticut is amended by revising the listings for New Haven-Hartford and New London; for the State of Massachusetts, by revising the listing for Central and Western Massachusetts; and for the State of Rhode Island, by revising

the listing for Narragansett Bay, to read as follows:

### Appendix C to Subpart B of Part 532—Appropriated Fund Wage and Survey Areas

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#### Connecticut

##### New Haven-Hartford

##### Survey Area

Connecticut:  
Hartford  
New Haven

*Area of Application. Survey area plus:*

Connecticut:  
Fairfield  
Litchfield  
Middlesex  
Tolland

##### New London

##### Survey Area

Connecticut:  
New London

*Area of Application. Survey area plus:*

Connecticut:  
Windham

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#### Massachusetts

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##### Central and Western Massachusetts

##### Survey Area

Massachusetts:

The following cities and towns in:

##### Hampden County:

Agawam  
Chicopee  
East Longmeadow  
Feeding Hills  
Hampden  
Holyoke  
Longmeadow  
Ludlow  
Monson  
Palmer  
Southwick  
Springfield  
Three Rivers  
Westfield  
West Springfield  
Wilbraham

##### Hampshire County:

Easthampton  
Granby  
Hadley  
Northampton  
South Hadley

##### Worcester County:

Warren  
West Warren

*Area of Application. Survey area plus:*

Massachusetts:  
Berkshire  
Franklin

Worcester (except Blackstone and Millville)

The following cities and towns in:

*Hampshire County:*

Amherst  
Belchertown  
Chesterfield  
Cummington  
Goshen  
Hatfield  
Huntington  
Middlefield  
Pelham  
Plainfield  
Southampton  
Ware  
Westhampton  
Williamsburg  
Worthington

*Hampden County:*

Blandford  
Brimfield  
Chester  
Granville  
Holland  
Montgomery  
Russell  
Tolland  
Wales

*Middlesex County:*

Ashby  
Shirley  
Townsend

New Hampshire:

Belknap  
Carroll  
Cheshire  
Grafton  
Hillsborough  
Merrimack  
Sullivan

Vermont:

Addison  
Bennington  
Caledonia  
Essex  
Lamoille  
Orange  
Orleans  
Rutland  
Washington  
Windham  
Windsor

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**Rhode Island  
Narragansett Bay  
Survey Area**

Rhode Island:

Bristol  
Newport

The following cities and towns:

*Kent County:*

Anthony  
Coventry  
East Greenwich  
Greene  
Warwick  
West Warwick

*Providence County:*

Ashton  
Burrillville  
Central Falls  
Cranston

Cumberland  
Cumberland Hill  
East Providence  
Esmond  
Forestdale  
Greenville  
Harrisville  
Johnston  
Lincoln  
Manville  
Mapleville  
North Providence  
North Smithfield  
Oakland  
Pascoag  
Pawtucket  
Providence  
Saylesville  
Slatersville  
Smithfield  
Valley Falls  
Wallum Lake  
Woonsocket

*Washington County:*

Davisville  
Galilee  
Lafayette  
Narragansett  
North Kingstown  
Point Judith  
Quonset Point  
Saunderstown  
Slocum

Massachusetts:

The following cities and towns:

*Bristol County:*

Attleboro  
Fall River  
North Attleboro  
Rehoboth  
Seekonk  
Somerset  
Swansea  
Westport

*Norfolk County:*

Caryville  
Plainville  
South Bellingham

*Worcester County:*

Blackstone  
Millville

*Area of Application. Survey area plus:*

Rhode Island:

The following cities and towns in:

*Kent County:*

West Greenwich

*Providence County:*

Foster  
Glocester  
Scituate

*Washington County:*

Charlestown  
Exeter  
Hopkinton  
New Shoreham  
Richmond  
South Kingstown  
Westerly

Massachusetts:

The following cities and towns in:

*Bristol County:*

Acushnet  
Berkley

Dartmouth  
Dighton  
Fairhaven  
Freetown  
Mansfield  
New Bedford  
Norton  
Raynham  
Taunton

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 7 CFR Parts 301 and 319

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0189]

RIN 0579-AC67

### Movement of Hass Avocados From Areas Where Mexican Fruit Fly or Sapote Fruit Fly Exist

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health  
Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are amending the regulations to relieve certain restrictions regarding the movement of Hass variety avocados. Specifically, we are amending our domestic quarantine regulations to provide for the interstate movement, with a certificate, of Hass avocados from areas in the United States quarantined for Mexican fruit fly or sapote fruit fly, provided that the fruit is safeguarded after harvest in accordance with specific measures. We are also amending our foreign quarantine regulations to remove trapping and bait spray treatment requirements related to *Anastrepha* spp. fruit flies for imported Hass avocados from Michoacan, Mexico. These actions are warranted in light of research demonstrating the limited host status of Hass avocados to various species of fruit flies in the genus *Anastrepha*, including Mexican fruit fly and sapote fruit fly. By amending both our domestic and foreign quarantine regulations, we are making them consistent with each other and relieving restrictions for Mexican Hass avocado producers. In addition, this action provides an alternative means for Hass avocados to be moved interstate if the avocados originate from a Mexican fruit fly or sapote fruit fly quarantined area in the United States.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* July 30, 2009.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regarding the interstate movement of Hass avocados from Mexican fruit fly and sapote fruit fly quarantined areas,