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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 205

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Implementation of National Organic Program (NOP); Sunset Review (2012) Amendments to Pectin on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule; notice of implementation period.

SUMMARY: On June 6, 2012, AMS published a final rule to address substances due to sunset from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List) in 2012. This final rule amended two listings for pectin on the National List effective June 27, 2012.

DATES: Based upon new information from the organic industry, AMS is informing operations certified to the USDA organic regulations that AMS will allow operations to reformulate their products until October 21, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA) (7 U.S.C. 6501–6522) authorizes the establishment of the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List). The National List identifies synthetic substances that may be used in organic production and nonsynthetic (natural) substances that are prohibited in organic crop and livestock production. The National List also identifies nonagricultural nonsynthetic, nonagricultural synthetic and nonorganic agricultural substances that may be used in organic handling.

On June 6, 2012, AMS published a final rule (77 FR 33290) addressing

multiple exemptions due to sunset from the National List in 2012. Based on the comments received, AMS finalized the amendments to pectin as proposed. In an effort to streamline the sunset dates for over 200 listings for substances on the National List and in consideration of the comments on the proposed rule that supported the proposed changes to pectin, AMS determined that the changes to pectin should be included among the amendments and renewals effective on the earliest sunset date, June 27, 2012, for all substances due to expire in 2012.

After publication of the final rule on June 6, 2012, AMS received new information from industry that some organic processors are currently using amidated, non-organic pectin in their products. The industry indicated that these processors would need time to reformulate these products using either non-amidated, non-organic pectin (if organic pectin is not commercially available), or organic pectin in accordance with the changes codified through the final rule. In response to this information, AMS now understands that some product reformulation is necessary.

The amendments to pectin are effective on June 27, 2012. However, AMS considers a period until October 21, 2012, the original sunset date in 2012 for the pectin listings, to be reasonable and appropriate for the industry to reformulate products in order to ensure that the amendments are effectively and rationally implemented. AMS will conduct outreach to the industry and training for certifying agents as appropriate.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 6501–6522.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 21

[Docket No. FAA-2012-0408]

Issuance of Special Airworthiness Certificates for Light-Sport Category Aircraft

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of policy; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Based upon its assessment of the special light-sport aircraft (SLSA) manufacturing industry, the FAA is issuing this notice of policy to inform the public of its policy for assessing the accuracy of declarations made in Statements of Compliance issued for aircraft intended for airworthiness certification as SLSA and to ensure that SLSA conform to identified consensus standards. Additionally, in response to findings noted in its assessment of the SLSA manufacturing industry, the FAA is reiterating its policy regarding the airworthiness certification of SLSA manufactured outside the United States.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This policy becomes effective September 26, 2012.

Comment Date: Comments must be received on or before July 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2012-0408 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send Comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

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