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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 9501

RIN 3206-AL02

#### Office of Personnel Management Criteria for Internal Revenue Service Broadbanding Systems

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) hereby withdraws a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) regarding the criteria governing the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) broadbanding systems, published in the *Federal Register* April 17, 2007. OPM has determined withdrawal of the NPRM is appropriate as it would be impractical to issue this rule at this time.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* The proposed rule, published on April 17, 2007, in the *Federal Register* (72 FR 19126), is withdrawn as of October 31, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Melvin, Senior Human Resources Specialist, Office of Personnel Management, Employee Services, Pay and Leave, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415. *Email:* [jennifer.melvin@opm.gov](mailto:jennifer.melvin@opm.gov); *Telephone:* (202) 606-2858; or *Facsimile:* (202) 606-0824.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Under 5 U.S.C. 9509, the Secretary of the Treasury may, under criteria prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), establish one or more broadbanding systems covering all or any portion of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) workforce that would otherwise be covered by the General Schedule (GS) pay and classification system. OPM published its criteria for

IRS broadbanding systems as a final notice in the *Federal Register* on December 19, 2000 (65 FR 79433) and the criteria in that notice are still in effect.

On April 17, 2007, OPM issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the *Federal Register* (72 FR 19126) to amend title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, to establish a new chapter XCV and part 9501 providing revised criteria for IRS broadbanding systems. The proposed regulations would have provided the Department of the Treasury with the flexibility, in coordination with OPM, to establish broader bands for covered IRS employees and would have established a more direct relationship between pay and performance. The proposed regulations would have also revised the criteria consistent with changes in the GS pay administration rules made by the Federal Workforce Flexibility Act of 2004 and OPM implementing regulations.

The comment period for the NPRM closed on June 18, 2007. OPM received and considered all five written comments in response to the NPRM. Comments were received from one Federal agency, one labor organization, two professional associations, and one individual. The following is a general overview of the comments OPM received during the public comment period raised in connection with the merits of the proposed rule.

The comments received were varied. The main items of concern included the role of labor organizations in applying the IRS broadbanding system authority and OPM criteria, the maximum number of grades that may be combined into a band, the requirements and flexibilities for providing various within-band pay adjustments, performance ratings and the IRS performance management system, limitations on the maximum rates of pay for bands, and the flexibility to establish control points that limit salary progression within bands. Several commenters also asked for clarification regarding the language used in various parts of the proposed rule.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Katherine Archuleta,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 9 CFR Part 94

[Docket No. APHIS-2014-0032]

#### Importation of Beef From a Region in Argentina

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We are reopening the comment period for our proposed rule that would allow, under certain conditions, the importation of fresh (chilled or frozen) beef from a region in Argentina located north of Patagonia South and Patagonia North B, referred to as Northern Argentina. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

**DATES:** The comment period for the proposed rule published on August 29, 2014 (79 FR 51508) is reopened. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 29, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0032>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:*

Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2014-0032, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0032> or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Silvia Kreindel, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Regionalization Evaluation Services, National Import Export Services, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 851-3313.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 29, 2014, we published in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 51508-51514, Docket No. APHIS-2014-0032) a proposal to allow, under certain conditions, the