

Proposed Rules

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

7 CFR Part 800

RIN 0580-AB24

Reauthorization of the United States Grain Standards Act; Extension of Comment Period; Correction

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects the preamble to a proposed rule; extension of comment period published by the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) in the **Federal Register** of February 24, 2016, regarding (GIPSA) proposal to revise existing regulations and add new regulations under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended, in order to comply with amendments to the USGSA made by the Agriculture Reauthorization Act of 2015. In the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section the extension period to comment for 30 days is incorrect.

DATES: Effective March 1, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Correction

In proposed rule FR Doc. 2016-03863, published on February 24, 2016, 81 FR 9122, make the following correction. On page 9122, in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, the last sentence is revised to read as follows:

“In response to requests from several interested groups, GIPSA has decided to extend the comment period for 60 days.”

Dated: February 24, 2016.

Larry Mitchell,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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public inspection, including name and address, if provided, in the above office during regular business hours or it can be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed rule is issued under the Order (7 CFR part 1214). The Order is authorized under the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 (1996 Act) (7 U.S.C. 7411-7425).

Executive Order 12866 and Executive Order 13563

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts and equity). Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, reducing costs, harmonizing rules and promoting flexibility. This action has been designated as a “non-significant regulatory action” under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has waived the review process.

Executive Order 13175

This action has been reviewed in accordance with the requirements of Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments. The review reveals that this regulation would not have substantial and direct effects on Tribal governments and would not have significant Tribal implications.

Executive Order 12988

This rulemaking has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. It is not intended to have retroactive effect. Section 524 of the 1996 Act (7 U.S.C. 7423) provides that it shall not affect or preempt any

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 1214

[Document Number AMS-SC-15-0072]

Christmas Tree Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Late Payment and Interest Charges on Past Due Assessments

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This proposal invites comments on prescribing late payment and interest charges on past due assessments under the Christmas Tree Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order). The Order is administered by the Christmas Tree Promotion Board (Board) with oversight by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Under the Order, assessments are collected from domestic producers and importers and used for research and promotion projects designed to maintain and expand the market for fresh cut Christmas trees. This proposal would implement authority contained in the Order that allows the Board to collect late payment and interest charges on past due assessments. If this rule is finalized, it is proposed that late payment and interest charges would begin to accrue on unpaid assessments beginning 30 days after the effective date of the final rule. One additional change would provide authority in the Order for the Board to change the crop year and fiscal period through administrative action. This action would contribute to effective administration of the program.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 16, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this rule. Comments may be submitted on the Internet at: <http://www.regulations.gov> or to the Promotion and Economics Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 1406-S, Stop 0244, Washington, DC 20250-0244; facsimile: (202) 205-2800. All comments should reference the document number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for