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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 1205

[CN-97-003]

1997 Proposed Amendment to Cotton Board Rules and Regulations Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is proposing to amend the Cotton Board Rules and Regulations by lowering the value assigned to imported cotton for the purpose of calculating supplemental assessments collected for use by the Cotton Research and Promotion Program. This adjustment is required by this regulation on an annual basis to ensure that the assessments collected on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products remain similar to those paid on domestically produced cotton. As a result of changes in the 1997 Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS), numbering changes in the import assessment table are proposed. Eleven HTS numbers are proposed to be eliminated from the assessment table because negligible assessments have been collected on these numbers and their elimination would contribute to reducing the overall burden to importers.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to USDA, AMS, Cotton Division, STOP 0224, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington DC 20250-0224. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address during the hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This proposed rule has been determined to be "not significant" for purposes of Executive Order 12866, and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Executive Order 12988

This proposed rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. It is not intended to have retroactive effect. This proposed rule would not preempt any state or local laws, regulations, or policies, unless they present an irreconcilable conflict with this rule.

The Cotton Research and Promotion Act provides that administrative proceedings must be exhausted before parties may file suit in court. Under section 12 of the Act, any person subject to an order may file with the Secretary a petition stating that the order, any provision of the plan, or any obligation imposed in connection with the order is not in accordance with law and requesting a modification of the order or to be exempted therefrom. Such person is afforded the opportunity for a hearing on the petition. After the hearing, the Secretary would rule on the petition. The Act provides that the District Court of the United States in any district in which the person is an inhabitant, or has his principal place of business, has jurisdiction to review the Secretary's ruling, provided a complaint is filed within 20 days from the date of the entry of the ruling.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Pursuant to requirements set forth in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) AMS has considered the economic impact of this action on small entities and has determined that its implementation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses.

There are an estimated 16,000 importers who are presently subject to rules and regulations issued pursuant to the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. This proposed rule will affect importers of cotton and cotton-containing products. The majority of these importers are small businesses under the criteria established by the Small Business Administration. This proposed rule would lower the assessments paid by the importers

under the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. Even though the assessment would be lowered, the decrease is small and will not significantly affect small businesses.

Also, as a result of changes in the 1997 HTS, numbering changes in the Import Assessment table would be made. These changes present no economic impact to persons subject to this regulation.

When the assessment table in the regulation containing HTS numbers was published in 1992 it included about 700 of approximately 2,500 available HTS cotton containing classifications. These HTS numbers represented approximately 97 percent of the annual volume of imported cotton containing textiles and apparel. The other classifications comprising about three percent of the annual import volume were omitted from the assessment table in order to accomplish the goal of the program to maximize assessment collection while, at the same time, minimizing the overall administrative burden involved.

In this proposal, eleven additional HTS numbers would be removed from the table because assessments collected on these numbers have been insignificant. Their removal would be consistent with the overall intent of the program. The assessments levied on the cotton content of these HTS numbers have accounted for an average of 0.11 percent or \$17,383 of the total assessments collected over the last three years. Total assessment collections for the same period averaged \$16,169,969. Collections on the four numbers in Chapter 53 averaged \$12,000 over the last three years and collections on the seven numbers in Chapter 54 averaged \$22,000 for the same period.

The current assessment on imported cotton is \$0.012874 per kilogram of imported cotton. The proposed assessment is \$0.012412, a decrease of \$0.000462 or a 3.6 percent decrease from the current assessment. From January through December 1996 approximately \$19,003,626 was collected at the \$0.012874 per kilogram rate. Should the volume of cotton products imported into the U.S. remain at the same level in 1997, one could expect the decreased assessment to generate \$18,319,495 or a 3.6 percent decrease from 1996.

The combined effect of the elimination of the eleven HTS numbers and the reduction in the value of imported cotton for the purpose of the assessment mechanism is expected to result in an annual reduction in assessment collections of approximately \$718,131.

Paperwork Reduction

In compliance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR part 1320) which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the information collection requirements contained in the regulation to be amended have been previously approved by OMB and were assigned control number 0581-0093.

Background

The Cotton Research and Promotion Act Amendments of 1990 enacted by Congress under Subtitle G of Title XIX of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 on November 28, 1990, contained two provisions that authorized changes in the funding procedures for the Cotton Research and Promotion Program.

These provisions are: (1) The assessment of imported cotton and cotton products; and (2) termination of the right of cotton producers to demand a refund of assessments.

An amended Cotton Research and Promotion Order was approved by producers and importers voting in a referendum held July 17-26, 1991. Proposed rules implementing the amended Order were published in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 1991, (56 FR 65450). The final implementing rules were published on July 1 and 2, 1992, (57 FR 29181) and (57 FR 29431), respectively.

This proposed rule would decrease the value assigned to imported cotton in the Cotton Board Rules and Regulations (7 CFR 1205.510(b)(2)). This value is used to calculate supplemental assessments on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products. Supplemental assessments are the second part of a two-part assessment. The first part of the assessment is levied on the weight of cotton produced or imported at a rate of \$1 per bale of cotton which is equivalent to 500 pounds or \$1 per 226.8 kilograms of cotton.

Supplemental assessments are levied at a rate of five-tenths of one percent of the value of domestically produced cotton, imported cotton, and the cotton content of imported products. The agency has adopted the practice of assigning the calendar year average

price received by U.S. farmers for Upland cotton to represent the value of imported cotton. This is done so that the assessment on domestically produced cotton and the assessment on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products remain similar. The source for the average price statistic is "Agricultural Prices", a publication of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the Department of Agriculture. Use of the average price figure in the calculation of supplemental assessments on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products yields an assessment that approximates assessments paid on domestically produced cotton in the prior calendar year.

The current value of imported cotton as published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 31817) on June 21, 1996 for the purpose of calculating supplemental assessments on imported cotton is \$1.6931 per kilogram. This number was calculated using the annual average price received by farmers for Upland cotton during the calendar year 1995 which was \$0.768 per pound and multiplying by the conversion factor 2.2046. Using the Average Price Received by U.S. farmers for Upland cotton for the calendar year 1996, which is \$0.726 per pound, the new value of imported cotton would be \$1.6005 per kilogram. The amended value would be \$0.0926 per kilogram less than the previous value.

An example of the complete assessment formula and how the various figures are obtained is as follows: One bale is equal to 500 pounds. One kilogram equals 2.2046 pounds. One pound equals 0.453597 kilograms.

One Dollar Per Bale Assessment Converted to Kilograms

A 500 pound bale equals 226.8 kg. ($500 \times .453597$).
\$1 per bale assessment equals \$0.002000 per pound ($1 \div 500$) or \$0.004409 per kg. ($1 \div 226.8$)

Supplemental Assessment of 5/10 of One Percent of the Value of the Cotton Converted to Kilograms

The 1996 calendar year average price received by producers for Upland cotton is \$0.726 per pound or \$1.6005 per kg. (0.726×2.2046) = 1.6005.

Five tenths of one percent of the average price in kg. equals \$0.008003 per kg. ($1.6005 \times .005$).

Total Assessment

The total assessment per kilogram of raw cotton is obtained by adding the \$1 per bale equivalent assessment of \$0.004409 per kg. and the supplemental

assessment \$ 0.008003 per kg. which equals \$0.012412 per kg.

The current assessment on imported cotton is \$0.012874 per kilogram of imported cotton. The amended assessment would be \$0.012412, a decrease of \$0.000462 per kilogram. This decrease reflects the decrease in the Average Price of Upland Cotton Received by U.S. Farmers during the period January through December 1996.

Since the value of cotton is the basis of the supplemental assessment calculation and the figures shown in the right hand column of the Import Assessment Table 1205.510(b)(3) are a result of such a calculation, the figures in this table are proposed to be revised. These figures indicate the total assessment per kilogram due for each Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) number subject to assessment.

As a result of changes in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule, numbering revisions to the Import Assessment Table used in the Cotton Research and Promotion program were necessary. These changes are as follows:

Numbers Changed:

Old No.	New No.	Comment
5209110030	5209110035	Use same conversion factor.
5209316030	5209316035	Use same conversion factor.
5211210030	5211210035	Use same conversion factor.
6104622010	6104622011	Use same conversion factor.
6104622015	6104622021	Use same conversion factor.
6104622025	6104622028	Use same conversion factor.
6104632010	6104632011	Use same conversion factor.
6104632025	6104632028	Use same conversion factor.

The Cotton Board, the cotton producer and cotton importer board of directors that assist the Secretary in administering the import assessment, has requested that AMS remove certain HTS numbers from the assessment table. AMS has accepted this recommendation and is proposing to remove 11 HTS numbers from the assessment table. Once removed from the assessment table, these numbers would no longer be subject to assessment.

The 1990 Amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Act provided

authority to implement exemptions from assessments for de minimus values or quantities of cotton. The Act amendments further provided exemption from assessment for industrial products made of cotton. The Agency implemented the first assessment table on July 1, 1992 (56 FR 29181) and stated that in determining which of approximately 2,500 cotton containing HTS numbers to include, the primary objective was to meet the intent of the 1990 Act amendments by maximizing assessment collection and at the same time minimize the burden of administering the assessment provision.

It was determined that approximately 97 percent of the annual volume of imported textiles and apparel were classified under approximately 700 HTS numbers. The agency determined that limiting assessments to these approximate 700 HTS numbers would accomplish the objective of maximizing assessment collection and minimizing administrative burden. At the same time, the vast majority of the volume of imported cotton textiles and apparel would be assessed.

The agency has determined that an additional reduction in the number of HTS numbers assessed is consistent with the concept of excluding from assessment de minimus amounts of cotton and is also consistent with the objective of maximizing assessment collections while minimizing administrative burdens.

Eleven numbers found in the HTS chapter 53 (man-made fiber filaments) and chapter 54 (other vegetable fibers) are proposed to be removed. These assessments levied on the cotton content of these HTS numbers have accounted for an average of 0.11 percent or \$17,383 of the total assessments collected over the last three years. Total assessment collections for the same period averaged \$16,169,969. Collections on the four numbers in Chapter 53 averaged \$12,000 over the last three years and collections on the seven numbers in Chapter 54 averaged \$22,000 for the same period.

It is the view of the Cotton Board and AMS that elimination of these 11 numbers would reduce the number of HTS numbers subject to assessment without any appreciable decrease in the total assessments collected. Eliminating these numbers also would contribute to lowering the overall administrative burden of processing and collecting the assessments.

The HTS numbers proposed for elimination from the assessment table are as follows:

Numbers Deleted

5309214010
5309214090
5309294010
5311004020
5407810010
5407810030
5407912020
5408312020
5408329020
5408349020
5408349090

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1205

Advertising, Agricultural research, Cotton, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 1205 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 1205—COTTON RESEARCH AND PROMOTION

1. The authority citation for part 1205 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2101–2118.

2. In § 1205.510, paragraphs (b)(2) and the table in paragraph (b)(3)(ii) are proposed to be revised to read as follows:

§ 1205.510 Levy of assessments.

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(b) * * *

(1) * * *

(2) The 12-month average of monthly average prices received by U.S. farmers will be calculated annually. Such average will be used as the value of imported cotton for the purpose of levying the supplemental assessment on imported cotton and will be expressed in kilograms. The value of imported cotton for the purpose of levying this supplemental assessment is \$1.6005 per kilogram.

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(i) * * *

(ii) * * *

IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE

[Raw Cotton Fiber]

HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
5201000500	0	1.2412
5201001200	0	1.2412
5201001400	0	1.2412
5201001800	0	1.2412
5201002200	0	1.2412
5201002400	0	1.2412
5201002800	0	1.2412
5201003400	0	1.2412
5201003800	0	1.2412
5204110000	1.1111	1.3791
5204200000	1.1111	1.3791
5205111000	1.1111	1.3791
5205112000	1.1111	1.3791

IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE— Continued [Raw Cotton Fiber]

HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
5205121000	1.1111	1.3791
5205122000	1.1111	1.3791
5205131000	1.1111	1.3791
5205132000	1.1111	1.3791
5205141000	1.1111	1.3791
5205210000	1.1111	1.3791
5205220000	1.1111	1.3791
5205230000	1.1111	1.3791
5205240000	1.1111	1.3791
5205310000	1.1111	1.3791
5205320000	1.1111	1.3791
5205330000	1.1111	1.3791
5205340000	1.1111	1.3791
5205410000	1.1111	1.3791
5205420000	1.1111	1.3791
5205440000	1.1111	1.3791
5206120000	0.5556	0.6896
5206130000	0.5556	0.6896
5206140000	0.5556	0.6896
5206220000	0.5556	0.6896
5206230000	0.5556	0.6896
5206240000	0.5556	0.6896
5206310000	0.5556	0.6896
5207100000	1.1111	1.3791
5207900000	0.5556	0.6896
5208112020	1.1455	1.4218
5208112040	1.1455	1.4218
5208112090	1.1455	1.4218
5208114020	1.1455	1.4218
5208114060	1.1455	1.4218
5208114090	1.1455	1.4218
5208118090	1.1455	1.4218
5208124020	1.1455	1.4218
5208124040	1.1455	1.4218
5208124090	1.1455	1.4218
5208126020	1.1455	1.4218
5208126040	1.1455	1.4218
5208126060	1.1455	1.4218
5208126090	1.1455	1.4218
5208128020	1.1455	1.4218
5208128090	1.1455	1.4218
5208130000	1.1455	1.4218
5208192020	1.1455	1.4218
5208192090	1.1455	1.4218
5208194020	1.1455	1.4218
5208194090	1.1455	1.4218
5208196020	1.1455	1.4218
5208196090	1.1455	1.4218
5208224040	1.1455	1.4218
5208224090	1.1455	1.4218
5208226020	1.1455	1.4218
5208226060	1.1455	1.4218
5208228020	1.1455	1.4218
5208230000	1.1455	1.4218
5208292020	1.1455	1.4218
5208292090	1.1455	1.4218
5208294090	1.1455	1.4218
5208296090	1.1455	1.4218
5208298020	1.1455	1.4218
5208312000	1.1455	1.4218
5208321000	1.1455	1.4218
5208323020	1.1455	1.4218
5208323040	1.1455	1.4218
5208323090	1.1455	1.4218
5208324020	1.1455	1.4218
5208324040	1.1455	1.4218
5208325020	1.1455	1.4218
5208330000	1.1455	1.4218
5208392020	1.1455	1.4218

IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE—
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[Raw Cotton Fiber]

HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
5208392090	1.1455	1.4218
5208394090	1.1455	1.4218
5208396090	1.1455	1.4218
5208398020	1.1455	1.4218
5208412000	1.1455	1.4218
5208416000	1.1455	1.4218
5208418000	1.1455	1.4218
5208421000	1.1455	1.4218
5208423000	1.1455	1.4218
5208424000	1.1455	1.4218
5208425000	1.1455	1.4218
5208430000	1.1455	1.4218
5208492000	1.1455	1.4218
5208494020	1.1455	1.4218
5208494090	1.1455	1.4218
5208496010	1.1455	1.4218
5208496090	1.1455	1.4218
5208498090	1.1455	1.4218
5208512000	1.1455	1.4218
5208516060	1.1455	1.4218
5208518090	1.1455	1.4218
5208523020	1.1455	1.4218
5208523040	1.1455	1.4218
5208523090	1.1455	1.4218
5208524020	1.1455	1.4218
5208524040	1.1455	1.4218
5208524060	1.1455	1.4218
5208525020	1.1455	1.4218
5208530000	1.1455	1.4218
5208592020	1.1455	1.4218
5208592090	1.1455	1.4218
5208594090	1.1455	1.4218
5208596090	1.1455	1.4218
5209110020	1.1455	1.4218
5209110035	1.1455	1.4218
5209110090	1.1455	1.4218
5209120020	1.1455	1.4218
5209120040	1.1455	1.4218
5209190020	1.1455	1.4218
5209190040	1.1455	1.4218
5209190060	1.1455	1.4218
5209190090	1.1455	1.4218
5209210090	1.1455	1.4218
5209220020	1.1455	1.4218
5209220040	1.1455	1.4218
5209290040	1.1455	1.4218
5209290090	1.1455	1.4218
5209313000	1.1455	1.4218
5209316020	1.1455	1.4218
5209316035	1.1455	1.4218
5209316050	1.1455	1.4218
5209316090	1.1455	1.4218
5209320020	1.1455	1.4218
5209320040	1.1455	1.4218
5209390020	1.1455	1.4218
5209390040	1.1455	1.4218
5209390060	1.1455	1.4218
5209390080	1.1455	1.4218
5209390090	1.1455	1.4218
5209413000	1.1455	1.4218
5209416020	1.1455	1.4218
5209416040	1.1455	1.4218
5209420020	1.0309	1.2796
5209420040	1.0309	1.2796
5209430030	1.1455	1.4218
5209430050	1.1455	1.4218
5209490020	1.1455	1.4218
5209490090	1.1455	1.4218
5209516030	1.1455	1.4218

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
5209516050	1.1455	1.4218
5209520020	1.1455	1.4218
5209590020	1.1455	1.4218
5209590040	1.1455	1.4218
5209590090	1.1455	1.4218
5210114020	0.6873	0.8531
5210114040	0.6873	0.8531
5210116020	0.6873	0.8531
5210116040	0.6873	0.8531
5210116060	0.6873	0.8531
5210118020	0.6873	0.8531
5210120000	0.6873	0.8531
5210192090	0.6873	0.8531
5210214040	0.6873	0.8531
5210216020	0.6873	0.8531
5210216060	0.6873	0.8531
5210218020	0.6873	0.8531
5210314020	0.6873	0.8531
5210314040	0.6873	0.8531
5210316020	0.6873	0.8531
5210318020	0.6873	0.8531
5210414000	0.6873	0.8531
5210416000	0.6873	0.8531
5210418000	0.6873	0.8531
5210498090	0.6873	0.8531
5210514040	0.6873	0.8531
5210516020	0.6873	0.8531
5210516040	0.6873	0.8531
5210516060	0.6873	0.8531
5211110090	0.6873	0.8531
5211210020	0.6873	0.8531
5211190020	0.6873	0.8531
5211190060	0.6873	0.8531
5211210035	0.4165	0.517
5211210050	0.6873	0.8531
5211290090	0.6873	0.8531
5211320020	0.6873	0.8531
5211390040	0.6873	0.8531
5211390060	0.6873	0.8531
5211490020	0.6873	0.8531
5211490090	0.6873	0.8531
5211590020	0.6873	0.8531
5212146090	0.9164	1.1374
5212156020	0.9164	1.1374
5212216090	0.9164	1.1374
5309214010	0.2864	0.3555
5309214090	0.2864	0.3555
5309294010	0.2864	0.3555
5311004020	0.9164	1.1374
5407810010	0.5727	0.7108
5407810030	0.5727	0.7108
5407912020	0.4009	0.4976
5408312020	0.4009	0.4976
5408329020	0.4009	0.4976
5408349020	0.4009	0.4976
5408349095	0.4009	0.4976
5509530030	0.5556	0.6896
5509530060	0.5556	0.6896
5513110020	0.4009	0.4976
5513110040	0.4009	0.4976
5513110060	0.4009	0.4976
5513110090	0.4009	0.4976
5513210000	0.4009	0.4976
5513300020	0.4009	0.4976
5513310000	0.4009	0.4976
5514120020	0.4009	0.4976
5516420060	0.4009	0.4976
5516910060	0.4009	0.4976

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[Raw Cotton Fiber]

HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
5516930090	0.4009	0.4976
5601210010	1.1455	1.4218
5601210090	1.1455	1.4218
5601300000	1.1455	1.4218
5602109090	0.5727	0.7108
5602290000	1.1455	1.4218
5602906000	0.526	0.6529
5604900000	0.5556	0.6896
5607902000	0.8889	1.1033
5608901000	1.1111	1.3791
5608902300	1.1111	1.3791
5609001000	1.1111	1.3791
5609004000	0.5556	0.6896
5701104000	0.0556	0.069
5701109000	0.1111	0.1379
5701901010	1.0444	1.2963
5702109020	1.1	1.3653
5702312000	0.0778	0.0966
5702411000	0.0722	0.0896
5702412000	0.0778	0.0966
5702421000	0.0778	0.0966
5702913000	0.0889	0.1103
5702991010	1.1111	1.3791
5702991090	1.1111	1.3791
5703900000	0.4489	0.5572
5801210000	1.1455	1.4218
5801230000	1.1455	1.4218
5801250010	1.1455	1.4218
5801250020	1.1455	1.4218
5801260020	1.1455	1.4218
5802190000	1.1455	1.4218
5802300030	0.5727	0.7108
5804291000	1.1455	1.4218
5806200010	0.3534	0.4386
5806200090	0.3534	0.4386
5806310000	1.1455	1.4218
5806400000	0.4296	0.5332
5808107000	0.5727	0.7108
5808900010	0.5727	0.7108
5811002000	1.1455	1.4218
6001106000	1.1455	1.4218
6001210000	0.8591	1.0663
6001220000	0.2864	0.3555
6001910010	0.8591	1.0663
6001910020	0.8591	1.0663
6001920020	0.2864	0.3555
6001920030	0.2864	0.3555
6001920040	0.2864	0.3555
6002203000	0.8681	1.0775
6002206000	0.2894	0.3592
6002420000	0.8681	1.0775
6002430010	0.2894	0.3592
6002430080	0.2894	0.3592
6002921000	1.1574	1.4366
6002930040	0.1157	0.1436
6002930080	0.1157	0.1436
6101200010	1.0094	1.2529
6101200020	1.0094	1.2529
6102200010	1.0094	1.2529
6102200020	1.0094	1.2529
6103421020	0.8806	1.093
6103421040	0.8806	1.093
6103421050	0.8806	1.093
6103421070	0.8806	1.093
6103431520	0.2516	0.3123
6103431540	0.2516	0.3123
6103431550	0.2516	0.3123
6103431570	0.2516	0.3123
6104220040	0.9002	1.1173

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6104220060	0.9002	1.1173
6104320000	0.9207	1.1428
6104420010	0.9002	1.1173
6104420020	0.9002	1.1173
6104520010	0.9312	1.1558
6104520020	0.9312	1.1558
6104622006	0.8806	1.093
6104622016	0.8806	1.093
6104622026	0.8806	1.093
6104622030	0.8806	1.093
6104622060	0.8806	1.093
6104632006	0.3774	0.4684
6104632026	0.3774	0.4684
6104632030	0.3774	0.4684
6104632060	0.3774	0.4684
6104692030	0.3858	0.4789
6105100010	0.985	1.2226
6105100020	0.985	1.2226
6105100030	0.985	1.2226
6105202010	0.3078	0.382
6105202030	0.3078	0.382
6106100010	0.985	1.2226
6106100020	0.985	1.2226
6106100030	0.985	1.2226
6106202010	0.3078	0.382
6106202030	0.3078	0.382
6107110010	1.1322	1.4053
6107110020	1.1322	1.4053
6107120010	0.5032	0.6246
6107210010	0.8806	1.093
6107220015	0.3774	0.4684
6107220025	0.3774	0.4684
6107910040	1.2581	1.5616
6108210010	1.2445	1.5447
6108210020	1.2445	1.5447
6108310010	1.1201	1.3903
6108310020	1.1201	1.3903
6108320010	0.2489	0.3089
6108320015	0.2489	0.3089
6108320025	0.2489	0.3089
6108910005	1.2445	1.5447
6108910015	1.2445	1.5447
6108910025	1.2445	1.5447
6108910030	1.2445	1.5447
6108920030	0.2489	0.3089
6109100005	0.9956	1.2357
6109100007	0.9956	1.2357
6109100009	0.9956	1.2357
6109100012	0.9956	1.2357
6109100014	0.9956	1.2357
6109100018	0.9956	1.2357
6109100023	0.9956	1.2357
6109100027	0.9956	1.2357
6109100037	0.9956	1.2357
6109100040	0.9956	1.2357
6109100045	0.9956	1.2357
6109100060	0.9956	1.2357
6109100065	0.9956	1.2357
6109100070	0.9956	1.2357
6109901007	0.3111	0.3861
6109901009	0.3111	0.3861
6109901049	0.3111	0.3861
6109901050	0.3111	0.3861
6109901060	0.3111	0.3861
6109901065	0.3111	0.3861
6109901090	0.3111	0.3861
6110202005	1.1837	1.4692
6110202010	1.1837	1.4692
6110202015	1.1837	1.4692

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6110202020	1.1837	1.4692
6110202025	1.1837	1.4692
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6110202035	1.1837	1.4692
6110202040	1.1574	1.4366
6110202045	1.1574	1.4366
6110202065	1.1574	1.4366
6110202075	1.1574	1.4366
6110909022	0.263	0.3264
6110909024	0.263	0.3264
6110909030	0.3946	0.4898
6110909040	0.263	0.3264
6110909042	0.263	0.3264
6111201000	1.2581	1.5616
6111202000	1.2581	1.5616
6111203000	1.0064	1.2491
6111205000	1.0064	1.2491
6111206010	1.0064	1.2491
6111206020	1.0064	1.2491
6111206030	1.0064	1.2491
6111206040	1.0064	1.2491
6111305020	0.2516	0.3123
6111305040	0.2516	0.3123
6112110050	0.7548	0.9369
6112120010	0.2516	0.3123
6112120030	0.2516	0.3123
6112120040	0.2516	0.3123
6112120050	0.2516	0.3123
6112120060	0.2516	0.3123
6112390010	1.1322	1.4053
6112490010	0.9435	1.1711
6114200005	0.9002	1.1173
6114200010	0.9002	1.1173
6114200015	0.9002	1.1173
6114200020	1.286	1.5962
6114200040	0.9002	1.1173
6114200046	0.9002	1.1173
6114200052	0.9002	1.1173
6114200060	0.9002	1.1173
6114301010	0.2572	0.3192
6114301020	0.2572	0.3192
6114303030	0.2572	0.3192
6115198010	1.0417	1.293
6115929000	1.0417	1.293
6115936020	0.2315	0.2873
6116101300	0.3655	0.4537
6116101720	0.8528	1.0585
6116926420	1.0965	1.361
6116926430	1.2183	1.5122
6116926440	1.0965	1.361
6116928800	1.0965	1.361
6117809010	0.9747	1.2098
6117809040	0.3655	0.4537
6201121000	0.948	1.1767
6201122010	0.8953	1.1112
6201122050	0.6847	0.8498
6201122060	0.6847	0.8498
6201134030	0.2633	0.3268
6201921000	0.9267	1.1502
6201921500	1.1583	1.4377
6201922010	1.0296	1.2779
6201922021	1.2871	1.5975
6201922031	1.2871	1.5975
6201922041	1.2871	1.5975
6201922051	1.0296	1.2779
6201922061	1.0296	1.2779
6201931000	0.3089	0.3834
6201933511	0.2574	0.3195
6201933521	0.2574	0.3195

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6201999060	0.2574	0.3195
6202121000	0.9372	1.1633
6202122010	1.1064	1.3733
6202122025	1.3017	1.6157
6202122050	0.8461	1.0502
6202122060	0.8461	1.0502
6202134005	0.2664	0.3307
6202134020	0.333	0.4133
6202921000	1.0413	1.2925
6202921500	1.0413	1.2925
6202922026	1.3017	1.6157
6202922061	1.0413	1.2925
6202922071	1.0413	1.2925
6202931000	0.3124	0.3878
6202935011	0.2603	0.3231
6202935021	0.2603	0.3231
6203122010	0.1302	0.1616
6203221000	1.3017	1.6157
6203322010	1.2366	1.5349
6203322040	1.2366	1.5349
6203332010	0.1302	0.1616
6203392010	1.1715	1.4541
6203399060	0.2603	0.3231
6203422010	0.9961	1.2364
6203422025	0.9961	1.2364
6203422050	0.9961	1.2364
6203422090	0.9961	1.2364
6203424005	1.2451	1.5454
6203424010	1.2451	1.5454
6203424015	0.9961	1.2364
6203424020	1.2451	1.5454
6203424025	1.2451	1.5454
6203424030	1.2451	1.5454
6203424035	1.2451	1.5454
6203424040	0.9961	1.2364
6203424045	0.9961	1.2364
6203424050	0.9238	1.1466
6203424055	0.9238	1.1466
6203424060	0.9238	1.1466
6203431500	0.1245	0.1545
6203434010	0.1232	0.1529
6203434020	0.1232	0.1529
6203434030	0.1232	0.1529
6203434040	0.1232	0.1529
6203498045	0.249	0.3091
6204132010	0.1302	0.1616
6204192000	0.1302	0.1616
6204198090	0.2603	0.3231
6204221000	1.3017	1.6157
6204223030	1.0413	1.2925
6204223040	1.0413	1.2925
6204223050	1.0413	1.2925
6204223060	1.0413	1.2925
6204223065	1.0413	1.2925
6204292040	0.3254	0.4039
6204322010	1.2366	1.5349
6204322030	1.0413	1.2925
6204322040	1.0413	1.2925
6204423010	1.2728	1.5798
6204423030	0.9546	1.1848
6204423040	0.9546	1.1848
6204423050	0.9546	1.1848
6204423060	0.9546	1.1848
6204522010	1.2654	1.5706
6204522030	1.2654	1.5706
6204522040	1.2654	1.5706
6204522070	1.0656	1.3226
6204522080	1.0656	1.3226
6204533010	0.2664	0.3307

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6204594060	0.2664	0.3307
6204622010	0.9961	1.2364
6204622025	0.9961	1.2364
6204622050	0.9961	1.2364
6204624005	1.2451	1.5454
6204624010	1.2451	1.5454
6204624020	0.9961	1.2364
6204624025	1.2451	1.5454
6204624030	1.2451	1.5454
6204624035	1.2451	1.5454
6204624040	1.2451	1.5454
6204624045	0.9961	1.2364
6204624050	0.9961	1.2364
6204624055	0.9854	1.2231
6204624060	0.9854	1.2231
6204624065	0.9854	1.2231
6204633510	0.2546	0.316
6204633530	0.2546	0.316
6204633532	0.2437	0.3025
6204633540	0.2437	0.3025
6204692510	0.249	0.3091
6204692540	0.2437	0.3025
6204699044	0.249	0.3091
6204699046	0.249	0.3091
6204699050	0.249	0.3091
6205202015	0.9961	1.2364
6205202020	0.9961	1.2364
6205202025	0.9961	1.2364
6205202030	0.9961	1.2364
6205202035	1.1206	1.3909
6205202046	0.9961	1.2364
6205202050	0.9961	1.2364
6205202060	0.9961	1.2364
6205202065	0.9961	1.2364
6205202070	0.9961	1.2364
6205202075	0.9961	1.2364
6205302010	0.3113	0.3864
6205302030	0.3113	0.3864
6205302040	0.3113	0.3864
6205302050	0.3113	0.3864
6205302070	0.3113	0.3864
6205302080	0.3113	0.3864
6206100040	0.1245	0.1545
6206303010	0.9961	1.2364
6206303020	0.9961	1.2364
6206303030	0.9961	1.2364
6206303040	0.9961	1.2364
6206303050	0.9961	1.2364
6206303060	0.9961	1.2364
6206403010	0.3113	0.3864
6206403030	0.3113	0.3864
6206900040	0.249	0.3091
6207110000	1.0852	1.347
6207199010	0.3617	0.4489
6207210010	1.1085	1.3759
6207210030	1.1085	1.3759
6207220000	0.3695	0.4586
6207911000	1.1455	1.4218
6207913010	1.1455	1.4218
6207913020	1.1455	1.4218
6208210010	1.0583	1.3136
6208210020	1.0583	1.3136
6208220000	0.1245	0.1545
6208911010	1.1455	1.4218
6208911020	1.1455	1.4218
6208913010	1.1455	1.4218
6209201000	1.1577	1.4369
6209203000	0.9749	1.21
6209205030	0.9749	1.21

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6209205035	0.9749	1.21
6209205040	1.2186	1.5125
6209205045	0.9749	1.21
6209205050	0.9749	1.21
6209303020	0.2463	0.3057
6209303040	0.2463	0.3057
6210109010	0.2291	0.2844
6210403000	0.0391	0.0485
6210405020	0.4556	0.5655
6211111010	0.1273	0.158
6211111020	0.1273	0.158
6211118010	1.1455	1.4218
6211118020	1.1455	1.4218
6211320007	0.8461	1.0502
6211320010	1.0413	1.2925
6211320015	1.0413	1.2925
6211320030	0.9763	1.2118
6211320060	0.9763	1.2118
6211320070	0.9763	1.2118
6211330010	0.3254	0.4039
6211330030	0.3905	0.4847
6211330035	0.3905	0.4847
6211330040	0.3905	0.4847
6211420010	1.0413	1.2925
6211420020	1.0413	1.2925
6211420060	1.1715	1.4541
6211420070	1.1715	1.4541
6211430010	0.2603	0.3231
6211430030	0.2603	0.3231
6211430040	0.2603	0.3231
6211430050	0.2603	0.3231
6211430060	0.2603	0.3231
6211430066	0.2603	0.3231
6212105020	0.2412	0.2994
6212109010	0.9646	1.1973
6212109020	0.2412	0.2994
6212200020	0.3014	0.3741
6212900030	0.1929	0.2394
6213201000	1.1809	1.4657
6213202000	1.0628	1.3191
6213901000	0.4724	0.5863
6214900010	0.9043	1.1224
6216000800	0.2351	0.2918
6216001720	0.6752	0.8381
6216003800	1.2058	1.4966
6216004100	1.2058	1.4966
6217109010	1.0182	1.2638
6217109030	0.2546	0.316
6301300010	0.8766	1.088
6301300020	0.8766	1.088
6302100010	1.1689	1.4508
6302215010	0.8182	1.0155
6302215020	0.8182	1.0155
6302217010	1.1689	1.4508
6302217020	1.1689	1.4508
6302217050	1.1689	1.4508
6302219010	0.8182	1.0155
6302219020	0.8182	1.0155
6302219050	0.8182	1.0155
6302222010	0.4091	0.5078
6302222020	0.4091	0.5078
6302313010	0.8182	1.0155
6302313050	1.1689	1.4508
6302315050	0.8182	1.0155
6302317010	1.1689	1.4508
6302317020	1.1689	1.4508
6302317040	1.1689	1.4508
6302317050	1.1689	1.4508

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6302319010	0.8182	1.0155
6302319020	0.8182	1.0155
6302319040	0.8182	1.0155
6302319050	0.8182	1.0155
6302322020	0.4091	0.5078
6302322040	0.4091	0.5078
6302402010	0.9935	1.2331
6302511000	0.5844	0.7254
6302512000	0.8766	1.088
6302513000	0.5844	0.7254
6302514000	0.8182	1.0155
6302600010	1.1689	1.4508
6302600020	1.052	1.3057
6302600030	1.052	1.3057
6302910005	1.052	1.3057
6302910015	1.1689	1.4508
6302910025	1.052	1.3057
6302910035	1.052	1.3057
6302910045	1.052	1.3057
6302910050	1.052	1.3057
6302910060	1.052	1.3057
6303110000	0.9448	1.1727
6303910000	0.6429	0.798
6304111000	1.0629	1.3193
6304190500	1.052	1.3057
6304191000	1.1689	1.4508
6304191500	0.4091	0.5078
6304192000	0.4091	0.5078
6304910020	0.9351	1.1606
6304920000	0.9351	1.1606
6505901540	1.181	1.4659
6505902060	0.9935	1.2331
6505902545	0.5844	0.7254

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 381

[Docket No. 95-011P]

RIN 0583-AB95

Continuous Chilling of Split Poultry Portions

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: FSIS is proposing to amend the poultry products inspection regulations to specify that the continuous immersion chilling of the front or rear portions of transversely-split carcasses is permitted. The existing regulations permit the continuous