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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 77

[Docket No. 97-041-2]

Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designation

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the tuberculosis regulations concerning the interstate movement of cattle and bison by raising the designation of Virginia from a modified accredited State to an accredited-free State. We have determined that Virginia meets the criteria for designation as an accredited-free State.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interim rule was effective on June 27, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mitchell A. Essey, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 36, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-7727; or e-mail: messey@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective and published in the **Federal Register** on June 27, 1997 (62 FR 34612-34613, Docket No. 97-041-1), we amended the tuberculosis regulations in 9 CFR part 77 by removing Virginia from the list of modified accredited States in § 77.1 and adding it to the list of accredited-free States in that section.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before

August 26, 1997. We did not receive any comments. The facts presented in the interim rule still provide a basis for the rule.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 12372 and 12988, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived the review process required by Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 77

Animal diseases, Bison, Cattle, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation, Tuberculosis.

PART 77—TUBERCULOSIS

Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 9 CFR part 77 and that was published at 62 FR 34612-34613 on June 27, 1997.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 111, 114, 114a, 115-117, 120, 121, 134b, and 134f; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 9th day of September 1997.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 19

RIN 3150-AF66

Employees; Minor Amendment

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations to refer to the August 1997 NRC Form 3, "Notice to Employees" or the latest version of this form provided by the Commission. This action is necessary because the version referenced in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) has been updated. This action also eliminates the need to

update the Commission's regulations every time the form is changed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The final rule is effective on September 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The purpose of this amendment to 10 CFR Part 19 is to promulgate a change to incorporate a reference to the latest NRC Form 3. NRC regulations in § 19.11, "Posting of notices to workers," specify that licensees post the January 1996 revision of NRC Form 3, "Notice to Employees." A new version of the form was issued in August 1997 to inform industry workers that the responsibility for investigating discrimination complaints within the Department of Labor has been transferred from the Wage and Hour Division to the Occupational Health and Safety Administration. Additionally, NRC Form 3 has been revised to indicate that the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant located in Kentucky is under the purview of Region III and to show a new NRC address for Region II. Because licensees and applicants are required to prominently post the current version of NRC Form 3, § 19.11 is being updated to specify the use of the August 1997 version of NRC Form 3. To eliminate the need to revise the CFR whenever NRC Form 3 is changed, § 19.11 is also being revised to specify the use of later versions of NRC Form 3 that supersede the August 1997 version within 30 days of receiving the revised NRC Form 3 from the Commission. The NRC will inform licensees of future changes to NRC Form 3 by an administrative letter and, in addition, the availability of any new versions will be noticed in the **Federal Register**.

Because this is an amendment dealing with agency organization, practice, and procedure, the notice and comment provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act do not apply pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A). The amendment is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**. Good cause exists to dispense with the usual 30-day delay in the effective date because the

amendment is of a minor and administrative nature dealing with an update to the CFR to reference the latest version of NRC Form 3.

Compatibility of Agreement State Regulations

Under "Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement States," approved by the Commission on June 30, 1997, § 19.11 is listed as compatibility category "C." Under compatibility category C, the essential objectives should be adopted by the State to avoid conflicts, duplications or gaps with NRC regulations. The manner in which the essential objectives are addressed may be different than that used by the NRC.

Environmental Impact: Categorical Exclusion

The Commission has determined that this final rule is the type of action described in categorical exclusion 10 CFR 51.22(c)(1). Therefore, neither an environmental impact statement nor an environmental assessment has been prepared for this final rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

This final rule does not contain a new or amended information collection requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). Existing requirements were approved by the Office of Management and Budget, approval 3150-0044.

Public Protection Notification

The NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Regulatory Analysis

A regulatory analysis has not been prepared for this final rule because this rule is considered minor and not a substantial amendment; it has no economic impact on NRC licensees or the public.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

In accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, the NRC has determined that this action is not a major rule and has verified this determination with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

List of Subjects in 10 CFR Part 19

Criminal penalties, Environmental protection, Nuclear materials, Nuclear power plants and reactors, Occupational

safety and health, Radiation protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sex discrimination.

For the reasons set out in the preamble and under the authority of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended; the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended; and 5 U.S.C. 552 and 553; the NRC is adopting the following amendment to 10 CFR Part 19.

PART 19—NOTICES, INSTRUCTIONS AND REPORTS TO WORKERS: INSPECTION AND INVESTIGATIONS

1. The authority citation for Part 19 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 53, 63, 81, 103, 104, 161, 186, 68 Stat. 930, 933, 935, 936, 937, 948, 955, as amended, sec. 234, 83 Stat. 444, as amended, sec. 1701, 106 Stat. 2951, 2952, 2953 (42 U.S.C. 2073, 2093, 2111, 2133, 2134, 2201, 2236, 2282 2297f); sec. 201, 88 Stat. 1242, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5841); Pub. L. 95-601, sec. 10, 92 Stat. 2951 (42 U.S.C. 5851).

2. In § 19.11, paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) are revised to read as follows:

§ 19.11 Posting of notices to workers.

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(c)(1) Each licensee and each applicant for a specific license shall prominently post NRC Form 3, "Notice to Employees," dated August 1997. Later versions of NRC Form 3 that supersede the August 1997 version shall replace the previously posted version within 30 days of receiving the revised NRC Form 3 from the Commission.

(c)(2) Additional copies of NRC Form 3 may be obtained by writing to the Regional Administrator of the appropriate U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regional Office listed in Appendix D to Part 20 of this chapter or by calling the NRC Information and Records Management Branch at 301-415-7232.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of August, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

L. Joseph Callan,

Executive Director for Operations.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 210

[Regulation J; Docket No. R-0972]

Collection of Checks and Other Items by Federal Reserve Banks and Funds Transfers Through Fedwire

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Effective January 2, 1998, the Reserve Banks will begin to implement a policy under which each depository institution may maintain only a single funds account with the Federal Reserve. A single account will establish a single debtor-creditor relationship between each institution and a Federal Reserve Bank and will make account management more efficient for banks with interstate branches. The Board is adopting amendments to subpart A of Regulation J to conform the Federal Reserve check collection rules to the single account structure.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

The Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-328) made significant changes to various banking laws to authorize and facilitate interstate banking. Consequently, the number of depository institutions that operate branches in more than one Federal Reserve District is expected to increase. On January 2, 1998, the Federal Reserve Banks will begin to implement a new account structure that will provide a single Federal Reserve account for each institution.¹ A primary objective of the single account structure is to establish a single debtor-creditor relationship

¹ A foreign bank's U.S. branches and agencies and an Edge or agreement corporation's offices will not be required to adopt a single account structure. The Board has proposed amendments to Regulation D to allow such institutions with offices in multiple Federal Reserve Districts to choose whether to adopt a single-account structure or retain multiple accounts as they do currently [62 FR 42708, August 8, 1997].