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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

Date: September 12, 2001 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Location: Marriott Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

This meeting will focus on USAID's strategies in conflict prevention, procurement reform and HIV/AIDS.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting contact Rhonda Fagan at (202) 204-3088, fax (202) 204-3089 or email <rfagan@datexinc.com>.

Dated: August 3, 2001.

Noreen O'Meara,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[PY-00-004]

Voluntary Grade Standards for Rabbits and U.S. Grade C-Quality Poultry

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) proposes to change the voluntary United States Grade Standards for Rabbits. Specifically, the changes will add stewer rabbits to the roaster and mature rabbit class; update and clarify the tolerances for conformation, fleshing, disjointed and broken bones, and freezing; and provide new tolerances for cuts and tears and

discolorations. The standards are being updated to provide more specific grade factors for increasing accuracy of grade determination. Additionally, AMS will update the voluntary United States Grade Standards for Grade C-quality ready-to-cook poultry for consistency with existing U.S. Grade A and B standards.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 15, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to David Bowden, Chief, Standardization Branch, Poultry Programs, AMS, USDA, Room 3944-South Bldg., STOP 0259, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0259; faxed to (202) 690-0941; or e-mailed to pydocket@usda.gov.

All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours (8 a.m.—4:30 p.m. eastern time).

The current United States Grade Standards for Poultry and Rabbits, along with the proposed changes, are available either through the above address or AMS's Internet site at: www.ams.usda.gov/standards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Rex A. Barnes at (202) 720-3271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Poultry grading is a voluntary program provided under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*, and is offered on a fee-for-service basis. Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture "to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, grade, and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices * * *." AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities.

On December 4, 1995, the Voluntary United States Grade Standards for Rabbits and Poultry were removed from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) as part of the National Performance Review program. AMS continues to administer the voluntary standards, maintaining their existing numbering system, and copies of the official standards are available upon request.

The U.S. Grade Standards for Rabbits and Poultry were last revised on April

29, 1998. These revisions changed poultry feather tolerances and added new boneless, skinless and size-reduced poultry products. Since that time, rabbit producers and processors have requested that AMS clarify the rabbit standards by developing detailed defect tolerances for cuts and tears, discolorations, and freezing defects to reflect the developing processing technology. Rabbit processors hope to use these standards to assist in marketing graded rabbit products.

AMS proposes to add stewer rabbits to the class of roaster and mature rabbits and decrease the age requirement for these rabbits to six months of age. This change is consistent with actual rabbit grower and breeding terminology.

The following proposed changes pertain to the standards for Grades A-, B-, and C-quality rabbits:

(1) Updated information will be provided for conformation and fleshing. Current grade criteria describe hip and back characterizations that are not applicable to meat-yielding rabbit breeds today.

(2) Disjointed and broken bone criteria will be updated to reflect actual processing activities including the presence of broken bones due to the removal of head and feet. Tolerances will be established to indicate points at which a bone may be broken regarding the start of the meat tissue.

(3) The term "pockmarks" will be removed from the freezing defects section and replaced with "drying out of the outer layer of flesh." AMS has found that the pockmarks are traditionally found on skin-on poultry and are not applicable to rabbits. The drying out of the outer layer of flesh (freezer burn) is a more descriptive explanation for freezing defects that occur on rabbit products during frozen storage.

(4) New tolerances will be established for cuts and tears. Current standards do not allow or identify a length for cuts or tears regardless of grade being produced. Processors have expressed that since the hide or pelt must be removed from all rabbits, hand and mechanical cuts are often needed to start the hide or pelt removal process making this requirement unrealistic. AMS agrees and has worked with the industry to develop a tolerance for the cuts and tears to reflect industry-processing techniques.

(5) New discoloration tolerances will be defined to indicate whether slight,

lightly shaded, or moderately shaded discolorations, blood clots, or incomplete bleeding will be allowed. Current standards do not indicate the dimensions for discolorations making the grade establishment of rabbit carcasses and parts more difficult.

With respect to U.S. Grade C-quality standards for poultry, AMS proposes to add subject headings and text for poultry conformation, fleshing, fat covering, defeathering, exposed flesh, discolorations, trimming, and freezing defects to clearly define and coincide with the requirements printed in the Grade C-quality table. These additions are consistent with the current written format for U.S. Grades A-and B-quality poultry and impose no new requirements to industry.

Other miscellaneous changes are proposed to remove obsolete material, clarify, simplify, and technically correct the standards. These changes to the rabbit and poultry standards impose no new requirements.

Dated: August 10, 2001.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Assessment of Fees for Dairy Import Licenses for the 2002 Tariff-Rate Import Quota Year

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the fee to be charged for the 2002 tariff-rate quota (TRQ) year for each license issued to a person or firm by the Department of Agriculture authorizing the importation of certain dairy articles which are subject to tariff-rate quotas set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) will be \$150.00 per license.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David J. Williams, Interim Dairy Import Quota Manager, Import Policies and Programs Division, STOP 1021, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1021 or telephone at (202) 720-6939 or e-mail at williamsdj@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation promulgated by the

Department of Agriculture and codified at 7 CFR 6.20-6.37 provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy articles which are subject to TRQs set forth in the HTS. Those dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the in-quota TRQ tariff rates by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country of origin. The use of licenses by the license holder to import dairy articles is monitored by the Dairy Import Quota Manager, Import Licensing Group, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Customs Service.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) provides that a fee will be charged for each license issued to a person or firm by the Licensing Authority in order to reimburse the Department of Agriculture for the costs of administering the licensing system under this regulation.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) also provides that the Licensing Authority will announce the annual fee for each license and that such fee will be set out in a notice to be published in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, this notice sets out the fee for the licenses to be issued for the 2002 calendar year.

Notice

The total cost to the Department of Agriculture of administering the licensing system during 2001 has been determined to be \$391,030 and the estimated number of licenses expected to be issued is 2,600. Of the total cost, \$197,856 represent staff and supervisory costs directly related to administering the licensing system during 2001; \$62,924 represents the total computer costs to monitor and issue import licenses during 2001; and \$130,250 represents other miscellaneous costs, including travel, postage, publications, forms, and an ADP system contractor.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that the fee for each license issued to a person or firm for the 2002 calendar year, in accordance with 7 CFR 6.33, will be \$150.00 per license.

Issued at Washington, D.C. the 10th day of August, 2001.

David J. Williams,

Interim Licensing Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; National Woodland Owner Survey

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a previously approved information collection, "National Woodland Owner Survey" that is being reinstated with change. This information collection will help the Forest Service assess the sustainability of forest resources of the United States, determine opportunities and constraints of private woodland owners, and facilitate planning and implementation of forest policies and programs. Information will be collected from private woodland owners of the United States.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before October 15, 2001 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Brett Butler, Northeastern Research Station, USDA Forest Service, 11 Campus Blvd., Suite 200, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (610) 557-4250 or by e-mail to bbutler01@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at 11 Campus Blvd., Suite 200, Room 2040, Newtown Square, PA. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (610) 557-4045 to facilitate entry to the building. Additionally, comments can be viewed on the internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/woodlandowners>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brett Butler, Northeastern Research Station, (610) 557-4045, bbutler01@fs.fed.us, or Mary Ann Ball, Forest Service Information Collection Coordinator, (703) 605-4572, maryball@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Woodland Owner Survey.

OMB Number: 0596-0078.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 1997.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved