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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 1205

[CN-96-002]

1996 Amendment to Cotton Board Rules and Regulations Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is amending the Cotton Board Rules and Regulations by raising the value assigned to imported cotton for the purpose of calculating supplemental assessments collected for use by the Cotton Research and Promotion Program. This action 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 that paid on domestically produced cotton. The amended value reflects the 12-month average price received by U.S. farmers for Upland cotton for calendar year 1995.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 22, 1996.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This 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 12778

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform. It is not intended to have retroactive effect. This rule would not preempt any state or local laws,

regulations, or policies, unless they present an irreconcilable conflict with this rule.

The 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.*) the Agricultural Marketing Service (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 10,000 importers who are presently subject to rules and regulations issued pursuant to the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. This 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 (13 CFR § 121.601). This rule will raise the assessments paid by the importers under the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. Even though the assessment will be raised, the increase is small and will not significantly affect small businesses.

The current assessment on imported cotton is \$0.011938 per kilogram of imported cotton. The amended assessment is \$0.012874, an increase of \$0.000936 per kilogram or approximately seven percent. From January through December of 1995 approximately \$15,208,000 in assessments were collected at the \$0.011938 per kilogram of cotton rate.

Should cotton products be imported at the same level in 1996, one could expect the increase in the assessment on imported cotton to generate \$16,272,560 or a seven percent increase over 1995. Historical data on importation of cotton products suggest that some increase in the amount of cotton products imported into the U.S. may be expected in 1996; however, this amount is undetermined.

In 1995 the largest 50 importers subject to assessments under this section paid a total of approximately \$4,589,000 in assessments. During the same period the smallest 50 importers paid approximately \$204 in assessments. The largest 50 importers paid an average of \$91,779 in assessments during 1995 within a range from \$374,004 to \$38,728. The smallest 50 importers paid average total assessments for 1995 of \$3.84 within a range from \$10.20 to \$2.10. While larger businesses paid substantially larger total assessments than smaller businesses, the rate of assessment per kilogram of imported cotton was the same for both larger and smaller sized businesses. In addition both larger and smaller importers are able to take advantage of the U.S. Customs Service Automated Collection System to pay assessments. In this way administrative burdens are not disproportionate for smaller businesses compared to larger businesses.

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.

A proposed rule seeking comments regarding the adjustments of the value of imported cotton was published in the Federal Register on March 22, 1996 (61 FR 11764–11776). No comments were received during the comment period (March 22, 1996–April 22, 1996).

This final rule will increase 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 adopted the use of the calendar year average price received by U.S. farmers for Upland cotton as a benchmark for the value of domestically produced cotton. The source for this 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.

The current value of imported cotton as published in the Federal Register (60 FR 36033) on July 13, 1995 for the purpose of calculating supplemental assessments on imported cotton is \$1.5057 per kilogram. This number was calculated using the annual average price received by farmers for Upland cotton during the calendar year 1994 which was \$0.683 per pound. Using the Average Price Received by U.S. farmers for Upland cotton for the calendar year 1995, which is \$0.768 per pound, the new value of imported cotton will be

\$1.6931 per kilogram. The amended value is \$0.1874 per kilogram greater than the previous value.

An example of the 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×.453597) \$1 per bale assessment equals \$0.002000 per pound (1÷500) or \$0.004409 per kg. (1÷226.8)

Supplemental assessment of $\frac{5}{10}$ of one percent of the value of the cotton converted to kilograms. Average price received \$0.768 per pound or \$1.6931 per kg. (0.768×2.2046) = 1.6931.

$\frac{5}{10}$ of one percent of the average price in kg. equals \$0.008465 per kg. (1.6931×.005)

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 \$0.008465 per kg. which equals \$0.012874 per kg.

The current assessment on imported cotton is \$0.011938 per kilogram of imported cotton. The amended assessment is \$0.012874, an increase of \$0.000936 per kilogram. This increase reflects the increase in the Average Price of Upland Cotton Received by U.S. Farmers during the period January through December 1995.

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, these figures have been 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 Deleted

5205250000
5205450000
6203492010

Numbers Changed

Old number	New number	Comment
5209430020	5209430030	Use same conversion factor.
5209430040	5209430050	Use same conversion factor.
5311004000	5311004020	Use same conversion factor.
5806200000	5806200010 5806200090	Use same conversion factor.

Old number	New number	Comment
6115199010	6115198010	Use same conversion factor.
6115922000	6115929000	Use same conversion factor.
6115932020	6115936020	Use same conversion factor.

Two other changes have been made to lessen the administrative burden for importers. The first simplifies the process to determine if the minimum value of cotton has been imported to warrant payment of the assessment. The second lengthens the amount of time that an exemption certificate remains valid.

The Cotton Research and Promotion Act Amendments of 1990 provided for the establishment of a de minimis (a minimum) volume or value of imported cotton under which no assessment would be paid. Section 1205.510(b)(3)(I) provides that any cotton imported in which the value of the cotton is less than \$220.99 shall not be subject to the assessment. When the de minimis value was first implemented in 1992, the 220.99 equaled \$2.00 in cotton assessment. The U.S. Customs Service does not collect assessments of \$2.00 or less. Each subsequent year, with the adjustment of the assessment on imported cotton, the amount of assessment due on cotton has increased or decreased in relation to the change in the minimum import assessment fee of \$2.00.

The agency amends the de minimis value of cotton to a fluctuating value that will always yield an assessment of \$2.00. Section 1205.510(b)(6)(I) provides for an importer to claim an exemption from the assessment under specific conditions. The exemption is valid for 120 days. This amendment will lengthen that period so that exemption certificates issued by the Cotton Board will be valid for 1 year from the date of issue.

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 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 (3) are revised to read as follows:

§ 1205.510 Levy of assessments.

(b) * * *

(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 \$1.6931 per kilogram.

(3) The following table contains Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) classification numbers and corresponding conversion factors and assessments. The left column of the following table indicates the HTS classifications of imported cotton and cotton-containing products subject to assessment. The center column indicates the conversion factor for determining the raw fiber content for each kilogram of the HTS. HTS numbers for raw cotton have no conversion factor in the table. The right column indicates the total assessment per kilogram of the article assessed.

(i) Any line item entry of cotton appearing on Customs entry documentation in which the value of the cotton contained therein results in the calculation of an assessment of two dollars (\$2.00) or less will not be subject to assessments as described in this section.

(ii) In the event that any HTS number subject to assessment is changed and such change is merely a replacement of a previous number and has no impact on the physical properties, description, or cotton content of the product involved, assessments will continue to be collected based on the new number.

IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE

[Raw cotton fiber]

HTS No.	Conversion factor	Cents per kg
5201001200	0	1.2874
5201001400	0	1.2874
5201001800	0	1.2874
5201002200	0	1.2874
5201002400	0	1.2874
5201002800	0	1.2874
5201003400	0	1.2874
5201003800	0	1.2874
5204110000	1.1111	1.4304
5204200000	1.1111	1.4304
5205111000	1.1111	1.4304
5205112000	1.1111	1.4304
5205121000	1.1111	1.4304
5205122000	1.1111	1.4304
5205131000	1.1111	1.4304
5205132000	1.1111	1.4304
5205141000	1.1111	1.4304
5205210000	1.1111	1.4304

IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE—**Continued**

[Raw cotton fiber]

HTS No.	Conversion factor	Cents per kg
5205220000	1.1111	1.4304
5205230000	1.1111	1.4304
5205240000	1.1111	1.4304
5205310000	1.1111	1.4304
5205320000	1.1111	1.4304
5205330000	1.1111	1.4304
5205340000	1.1111	1.4304
5205410000	1.1111	1.4304
5205420000	1.1111	1.4304
5205440000	1.1111	1.4304
5206120000	0.5556	0.7153
5206130000	0.5556	0.7153
5206140000	0.5556	0.7153
5206220000	0.5556	0.7153
5206230000	0.5556	0.7153
5206240000	0.5556	0.7153
5206310000	0.5556	0.7153
5207100000	1.1111	1.4304
5207900000	0.5556	0.7153
5208112020	1.1455	1.4747
5208112040	1.1455	1.4747
5208112090	1.1455	1.4747
5208114020	1.1455	1.4747
5208114060	1.1455	1.4747
5208114090	1.1455	1.4747
5208118090	1.1455	1.4747
5208124020	1.1455	1.4747
5208124040	1.1455	1.4747
5208124090	1.1455	1.4747
5208126020	1.1455	1.4747
5208126040	1.1455	1.4747
5208126060	1.1455	1.4747
5208126090	1.1455	1.4747
5208128020	1.1455	1.4747
5208128090	1.1455	1.4747
5208130000	1.1455	1.4747
5208192020	1.1455	1.4747
5208192090	1.1455	1.4747
5208194020	1.1455	1.4747
5208194090	1.1455	1.4747
5208196020	1.1455	1.4747
5208196090	1.1455	1.4747
5208224040	1.1455	1.4747
5208224090	1.1455	1.4747
5208226020	1.1455	1.4747
5208226060	1.1455	1.4747
5208228020	1.1455	1.4747
5208230000	1.1455	1.4747
5208292020	1.1455	1.4747
5208292090	1.1455	1.4747
5208294090	1.1455	1.4747
5208296090	1.1455	1.4747
5208298020	1.1455	1.4747
5208312000	1.1455	1.4747
5208321000	1.1455	1.4747
5208323020	1.1455	1.4747
5208323040	1.1455	1.4747
5208323090	1.1455	1.4747
5208324020	1.1455	1.4747
5208324040	1.1455	1.4747
5208325020	1.1455	1.4747
5208330000	1.1455	1.4747
5208392020	1.1455	1.4747
5208392090	1.1455	1.4747
5208394090	1.1455	1.4747
5208396090	1.1455	1.4747
5208398020	1.1455	1.4747
5208412000	1.1455	1.4747
5208416000	1.1455	1.4747

IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE—**Continued**

[Raw cotton fiber]

HTS No.	Conversion factor	Cents per kg
5208418000	1.1455	1.4747
5208421000	1.1455	1.4747
5208423000	1.1455	1.4747
5208424000	1.1455	1.4747
5208425000	1.1455	1.4747
5208430000	1.1455	1.4747
5208492000	1.1455	1.4747
5208494020	1.1455	1.4747
5208494090	1.1455	1.4747
5208496010	1.1455	1.4747
5208496090	1.1455	1.4747
5208498090	1.1455	1.4747
5208512000	1.1455	1.4747
5208516060	1.1455	1.4747
5208518090	1.1455	1.4747
5208523020	1.1455	1.4747
5208523040	1.1455	1.4747
5208523090	1.1455	1.4747
5208524020	1.1455	1.4747
5208524040	1.1455	1.4747
5208524060	1.1455	1.4747
5208525020	1.1455	1.4747
5208530000	1.1455	1.4747
5208592020	1.1455	1.4747
5208592090	1.1455	1.4747
5208594090	1.1455	1.4747
5208596090	1.1455	1.4747
5209110020	1.1455	1.4747
5209110030	1.1455	1.4747
5209110090	1.1455	1.4747
5209120020	1.1455	1.4747
5209120040	1.1455	1.4747
5209190020	1.1455	1.4747
5209190040	1.1455	1.4747
5209190060	1.1455	1.4747
5209190090	1.1455	1.4747
5209210090	1.1455	1.4747
5209220020	1.1455	1.4747
5209220040	1.1455	1.4747
5209290040	1.1455	1.4747
5209290090	1.1455	1.4747
5209313000	1.1455	1.4747
5209316020	1.1455	1.4747
5209316030	1.1455	1.4747
5209316050	1.1455	1.4747
5209316090	1.1455	1.4747
5209320020	1.1455	1.4747
5209320040	1.1455	1.4747
5209390020	1.1455	1.4747
5209390040	1.1455	1.4747
5209390060	1.1455	1.4747
5209390080	1.1455	1.4747
5209390090	1.1455	1.4747
5209413000	1.1455	1.4747
5209416020	1.1455	1.4747
5209416040	1.1455	1.4747
5209420020	1.0309	1.3272
5209420040	1.0309	1.3272
5209430030	1.1455	1.4747
5209430050	1.1455	1.4747
5209490020	1.1455	1.4747
5209490090	1.1455	1.4747
5209516030	1.1455	1.4747
5209516050	1.1455	1.4747
5209520020	1.1455	1.4747
5209590020	1.1455	1.4747
5209590040	1.1455	1.4747
5209590090	1.6873	1.8848
5210114020	0.6873	0.8848

IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE— Continued [Raw cotton fiber]			IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE— Continued [Raw cotton fiber]			IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE— Continued [Raw cotton fiber]		
HTS No.	Conversion factor	Cents per kg	HTS No.	Conversion factor	Cents per kg	HTS No.	Conversion factor	Cents per kg
5210114040	0.6873	0.8848	5602906000	0.526	0.6772	6104622010	0.8806	1.1337
5210116020	0.6873	0.8848	5604900000	0.5556	0.7153	6104622015	0.8806	1.1337
5210116040	0.6873	0.8848	5607902000	0.8889	1.1444	6104622025	0.8806	1.1337
5210116060	0.6873	0.8848	5608901000	1.1111	1.4304	6104622030	0.8806	1.1337
5210118020	0.6873	0.8848	5608902300	1.1111	1.4304	6104622060	0.8806	1.1337
5210120000	0.6873	0.8848	5609001000	1.1111	1.4304	6104632010	0.3774	0.4859
5210192090	0.6873	0.8848	5609004000	0.5556	0.7153	6104632025	0.3774	0.4859
5210214040	0.6873	0.8848	5701104000	0.0556	0.0716	6104632030	0.3774	0.4859
5210216020	0.6873	0.8848	5701109000	0.1111	0.143	6104632060	0.3774	0.4859
5210216060	0.6873	0.8848	5701901010	1.0444	1.3446	6104692030	0.3858	0.4967
5210218020	0.6873	0.8848	5702109020	1.1	1.4161	6105100010	0.985	1.2681
5210314020	0.6873	0.8848	5702312000	0.0778	0.1002	6105100020	0.985	1.2681
5210314040	0.6873	0.8848	5702411000	0.0722	0.093	6105100030	0.985	1.2681
5210316020	0.6873	0.8848	5702412000	0.0778	0.1002	6105202010	0.3078	0.3963
5210318020	0.6873	0.8848	5702421000	0.0778	0.1002	6105202030	0.3078	0.3963
5210414000	0.6873	0.8848	5702913000	0.0889	0.1144	6106100010	0.985	1.2681
5210416000	0.6873	0.8848	5702991010	1.1111	1.4304	6106100020	0.985	1.2681
5210418000	0.6873	0.8848	5702991090	1.1111	1.4304	6106100030	0.985	1.2681
5210498090	0.6873	0.8848	5703900000	0.4489	0.5779	6106202010	0.3078	0.3963
5210514040	0.6873	0.8848	5801210000	1.1455	1.4747	6106202030	0.3078	0.3963
5210516020	0.6873	0.8848	5801230000	1.1455	1.4747	6107110010	1.1322	1.4576
5210516040	0.6873	0.8848	5801250010	1.1455	1.4747	6107110020	1.1322	1.4576
5210516060	0.6873	0.8848	5801250020	1.1455	1.4747	6107120010	0.5032	0.6478
5211110090	0.6873	0.8848	5801260020	1.1455	1.4747	6107210010	0.8806	1.1337
5211120020	0.6873	0.8848	5802190000	1.1455	1.4747	6107220015	0.3774	0.4859
5211190020	0.6873	0.8848	5802300030	0.5727	0.7373	6107220025	0.3774	0.4859
5211190060	0.6873	0.8848	5804291000	1.1455	1.4747	6107910040	1.2581	1.6197
5211210030	0.4165	0.5362	5806200010	0.3534	0.455	6108210010	1.2445	1.6022
5211210050	0.6873	0.8848	5806200090	0.3534	0.455	6108210020	1.2445	1.6022
5211290090	0.6873	0.8848	5806310000	1.1455	1.4747	6108310010	1.1201	1.442
5211320020	0.6873	0.8848	5806400000	0.4296	0.5531	6108310020	1.1201	1.442
5211390040	0.6873	0.8848	5808107000	0.5727	0.7373	6108320010	0.2489	0.3204
5211390060	0.6873	0.8848	5808900010	0.5727	0.7373	6108320015	0.2489	0.3204
5211490020	0.6873	0.8848	5811002000	1.1455	1.4747	6108320025	0.2489	0.3204
5211490090	0.6873	0.8848	6001106000	1.1455	1.4747	6108910005	1.2445	1.6022
5211590020	0.6873	0.8848	6001210000	0.8591	1.106	6108910015	1.2445	1.6022
5212146090	0.9164	0.1798	6001220000	0.2864	0.3687	6108910025	1.2445	1.6022
5212156020	0.9164	0.1798	6001910010	0.8591	1.106	6108910030	1.2445	1.6022
5212216090	0.9164	0.1798	6001910020	0.8591	1.106	6108920030	0.2489	0.3204
5309214010	0.2864	0.3687	6001920020	0.2864	0.3687	6109100005	0.9956	1.2817
5309214090	0.2864	0.3687	6001920030	0.2864	0.3687	6109100007	0.9956	1.2817
5309294010	0.2864	0.3687	6001920040	0.2864	0.3687	6109100009	0.9956	1.2817
5311004020	0.9164	1.1798	6002203000	0.8681	1.1176	6109100012	0.9956	1.2817
5407810010	0.5727	0.7373	6002206000	0.2894	0.3726	6109100014	0.9956	1.2817
5407810030	0.5727	0.7373	6002420000	0.8681	1.1176	6109100018	0.9956	1.2817
5407912020	0.4009	0.5161	6002430010	0.2894	0.3726	6109100023	0.9956	1.2817
5408312020	0.4009	0.5161	6002430080	0.2894	0.3726	6109100027	0.9956	1.2817
5408329020	0.4009	0.5161	6002921000	1.1574	1.49	6109100037	0.9956	1.2817
5408349020	0.4009	0.5161	6002930040	0.1157	0.149	6109100040	0.9956	1.2817
5408349090	0.4009	0.5161	6002930080	0.1157	0.149	6109100045	0.9956	1.2817
5509530030	0.5556	0.7153	6101200010	1.0094	1.2995	6109100060	0.9956	1.2817
5509530060	0.5556	0.7153	6101200020	1.0094	1.2995	6109100065	0.9956	1.2817
5513110020	0.4009	0.5161	6102200010	1.0094	1.2995	6109100070	0.9956	1.2817
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5513110060	0.4009	0.5161	6103421020	0.8806	1.1337	6109901009	0.3111	0.4005
5513110090	0.4009	0.5161	6103421040	0.8806	1.1337	6109901049	0.3111	0.4005
5513120000	0.4009	0.5161	6103421050	0.8806	1.1337	6109901050	0.3111	0.4005
5513130020	0.4009	0.5161	6103421070	0.8806	1.1337	6109901060	0.3111	0.4005
5513210020	0.4009	0.5161	6103431520	0.2516	0.3239	6109901065	0.3111	0.4005
5513310000	0.4009	0.5161	6103431540	0.2516	0.3239	6109901090	0.3111	0.4005
5514120020	0.4009	0.5161	6103431550	0.2516	0.3239	6110202005	1.1837	1.5239
5516420060	0.4009	0.5161	6103431570	0.2516	0.3239	6110202010	1.1837	1.5239
5516910060	0.4009	0.5161	6104220040	0.9002	1.1589	6110202015	1.1837	1.5239
5516930090	0.4009	0.5161	6104220060	0.9002	1.1589	6110202020	1.1837	1.5239
5601210010	1.1455	1.4747	6104320000	0.9207	1.1853	6110202025	1.1837	1.5239
5601210090	1.1455	1.4747	6104420010	0.9002	1.1589	6110202030	1.1837	1.5239
5601300000	1.1455	1.4747	6104420020	0.9002	1.1589	6110202035	1.1837	1.5239
5602109090	0.5727	0.7373	6104520010	0.9312	1.1988	6110202040	1.1574	1.49
5602290000	1.1455	1.4747	6104520020	0.9312	1.1988	6110202045	1.1574	1.49

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HTS No.	Conversion factor	Cents per kg
6110202065	1.1574	1.49
6110202075	1.1574	1.49
6110909022	0.263	0.3386
6110909024	0.263	0.3386
6110909030	0.3946	0.508
6110909040	0.263	0.3386
6110909042	0.263	0.3386
6111201000	1.2581	1.6197
6111202000	1.2581	1.6197
6111203000	1.0064	1.2956
6111205000	1.0064	1.2956
6111206010	1.0064	1.2956
6111206020	1.0064	1.2956
6111206030	1.0064	1.2956
6111206040	1.0064	1.2956
6111305020	0.2516	0.3239
6111305040	0.2516	0.3239
6112110050	0.7548	0.9717
6112120010	0.2516	0.3239
6112120030	0.2516	0.3239
6112120040	0.2516	0.3239
6112120050	0.2516	0.3239
6112120060	0.2516	0.3239
6112390010	1.1322	1.4576
6112490010	0.9435	1.2147
6114200005	0.9002	1.1589
6114200010	0.9002	1.1589
6114200015	0.9002	1.1589
6114200020	1.286	1.6556
6114200040	0.9002	1.1589
6114200046	0.9002	1.1589
6114200052	0.9002	1.1589
6114200060	0.9002	1.1589
6114301010	0.2572	0.3311
6114301020	0.2572	0.3311
6114303030	0.2572	0.3311
6115198010	1.0417	1.3411
6115929000	1.0417	1.3411
6115936020	0.2315	0.298
6116101300	0.3655	0.4705
6116101720	0.8528	1.0979
6116926420	1.0965	1.4116
6116926430	1.2183	1.5684
6116926440	1.0965	1.4116
6116928800	1.0965	1.4116
6117809010	0.9747	1.2548
6117809040	0.3655	0.4705
6201121000	0.948	1.2205
6201122010	0.8953	1.1526
6201122050	0.6847	0.8815
6201122060	0.6847	0.8815
6201134030	0.2633	0.339
6201921000	0.9267	1.193
6201921500	1.1583	1.4912
6201922010	1.0296	1.3255
6201922021	1.2871	1.657
6201922031	1.2871	1.657
6201922041	1.2871	1.657
6201922051	1.0296	1.3255
6201922061	1.0296	1.3255
6201931000	0.3089	0.3977
6201933511	0.2574	0.3314
6201933521	0.2574	0.3314
6201999060	0.2574	0.3314
6202121000	0.9372	1.2066
6202122010	1.1064	1.4244
6202122025	1.3017	1.6758
6202122050	0.8461	1.0893
6202122060	0.8461	1.0893

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HTS No.	Conversion factor	Cents per kg
6202134005	0.2664	0.343
6202134020	0.333	0.4287
6202921000	1.0413	1.3406
6202921500	1.0413	1.3406
6202922026	1.3017	1.6758
6202922061	1.0413	1.3406
6202922071	1.0413	1.3406
6202931000	0.3124	0.4022
6202935011	0.2603	0.3351
6202935021	0.2603	0.3351
6203122010	0.1302	0.1676
6203221000	1.3017	1.6758
6203322010	1.2366	1.592
6203322040	1.2366	1.592
6203332010	0.1302	0.1676
6203392010	1.1715	1.5082
6203399060	0.2603	0.3351
6203422010	0.9961	1.2824
6203422025	0.9961	1.2824
6203422050	0.9961	1.2824
6203422090	0.9961	1.2824
6203424005	1.2451	1.6029
6203424010	1.2451	1.6029
6203424015	0.9961	1.2824
6203424020	1.2451	1.6029
6203424025	1.2451	1.6029
6203424030	1.2451	1.6029
6203424035	1.2451	1.6029
6203424040	0.9961	1.2824
6203424045	0.9961	1.2824
6203424050	0.9238	1.1893
6203424055	0.9238	1.1893
6203424060	0.9238	1.1893
6203431500	0.1245	0.1603
6203434010	0.1232	0.1586
6203434020	0.1232	0.1586
6203434030	0.1232	0.1586
6203434040	0.1232	0.1586
6203498045	0.249	0.3206
6204132010	0.1302	0.1676
6204192000	0.1302	0.1676
6204198090	0.2603	0.3351
6204221000	1.3017	1.6758
6204223030	1.0413	1.3406
6204223040	1.0413	1.3406
6204223050	1.0413	1.3406
6204223060	1.0413	1.3406
6204223065	1.0413	1.3406
6204292040	0.3254	0.4189
6204322010	1.2366	1.592
6204322030	1.0413	1.3406
6204322040	1.0413	1.3406
6204423010	1.2728	1.6386
6204423030	0.9546	1.229
6204423040	0.9546	1.229
6204423050	0.9546	1.229
6204423060	0.9546	1.229
6204522010	1.2654	1.6291
6204522030	1.2654	1.6291
6204522040	1.2654	1.6291
6204522070	1.0656	1.3719
6204522080	1.0656	1.3719
6204533010	0.2664	0.343
6204594060	0.2664	0.343
6204622010	0.9961	1.2824
6204622025	0.9961	1.2824
6204622050	0.9961	1.2824
6204624005	1.2451	1.6029
6204624010	1.2451	1.6029

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HTS No.	Conversion factor	Cents per kg
6204624020	0.9961	1.2824
6204624025	1.2451	1.6029
6204624030	1.2451	1.6029
6204624035	1.2451	1.6029
6204624040	1.2451	1.6029
6204624045	0.9961	1.2824
6204624050	0.9961	1.2824
6204624055	0.9854	1.2686
6204624060	0.9854	1.2686
6204624065	0.9854	1.2686
6204633510	0.2546	0.3278
6204633530	0.2546	0.3278
6204633532	0.2437	0.3137
6204633540	0.2437	0.3137
6204692510	0.249	0.3206
6204692540	0.2437	0.3137
6204699044	0.249	0.3206
6204699046	0.249	0.3206
6204699050	0.249	0.3206
6205202015	0.9961	1.2824
6205202020	0.9961	1.2824
6205202025	0.9961	1.2824
6205202030	0.9961	1.2824
6205202035	1.1206	1.4427
6205202046	0.9961	1.2824
6205202050	0.9961	1.2824
6205202060	0.9961	1.2824
6205202065	0.9961	1.2824
6205202070	0.9961	1.2824
6205202075	0.9961	1.2824
6205302010	0.3113	0.4008
6205302030	0.3113	0.4008
6205302040	0.3113	0.4008
6205302050	0.3113	0.4008
6205302070	0.3113	0.4008
6205302080	0.3113	0.4008
6206100040	0.1245	0.1603
6206303010	0.9961	1.2824
6206303020	0.9961	1.2824
6206303030	0.9961	1.2824
6206303040	0.9961	1.2824
6206303050	0.9961	1.2824
6206303060	0.9961	0.2824
6206403010	0.3113	0.4008
6206403030	0.3113	0.4008
6206900040	0.249	0.3206
6207110000	1.0852	1.3971
6207199010	0.3617	0.4657
6207210010	1.1085	1.4271
6207210030	1.1085	1.4271
6207220000	0.3695	0.4757
6207911000	1.1455	1.4747
6207913010	1.1455	1.4747
6207913020	1.1455	1.4747
6208210010	1.0583	1.3625
6208210020	1.0583	1.3625
6208220000	0.1245	0.1603
6208911010	1.1455	1.4747
6208911020	1.1455	1.4747
6208913010	1.1455	1.4747
6209201000	1.1577	1.4904
6209203000	0.9749	1.2551
6209205030	0.9749	1.2551
6209205035	0.9749	1.2551
6209205040	1.2186	1.5688
6209205045	0.9749	1.2551
6209205050	0.9749	1.2551
6209303020	0.2463	0.3171
6209303040	0.2463	0.3171

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HTS No.	Conversion factor	Cents per kg
6210109010	0.2291	0.2949
6210403000	0.0391	0.0503
6210405020	0.4556	0.5865
6211111010	0.1273	0.1639
6211111020	0.1273	0.1639
62111118010	1.1455	1.4747
62111118020	1.1455	1.4747
6211320007	0.8461	1.0893
6211320010	1.0413	1.3406
6211320015	1.0413	1.3406
6211320030	0.9763	1.2569
6211320060	0.9763	1.2569
6211320070	0.9763	1.2569
6211330010	0.3254	0.4189
6211330030	0.3905	0.5027
6211330035	0.3905	0.5027
6211330040	0.3905	0.5027
6211420010	1.0413	1.3406
6211420020	1.0413	1.3406
6211420025	1.1715	1.5082
6211420060	1.0413	1.3406
6211420070	1.1715	1.5082
6211430010	0.2603	0.3351
6211430030	0.2603	0.3351
6211430040	0.2603	0.3351
6211430050	0.2603	0.3351
6211430060	0.2603	0.3351
6211430066	0.2603	0.3351
6212105020	0.2412	0.3105
6212109010	0.9646	1.2418
6212109020	0.2412	0.3105
6212200020	0.3014	0.388
6212900030	0.1929	0.2483
6213201000	1.1809	1.5203
6213202000	1.0628	1.3682
6213901000	0.4724	0.6082
6214900010	0.9043	1.1642
6216000800	0.2351	0.3027
6216001720	0.6752	0.8693
6216003800	1.2058	1.5523
6216004100	1.2058	1.5523
6217109010	1.0182	1.3108
6217109030	0.2546	0.3278
6301300010	0.8766	1.1285
6301300020	0.8766	1.1285
6302100010	1.1689	1.5048
6302215010	0.8182	1.0534
6302215020	0.8182	1.0534
6302217010	1.1689	1.5048
6302219010	0.8182	1.0534
6302217020	1.1689	1.5048
6302219020	0.8182	1.0534
6302217050	1.1689	1.5048
6302219050	0.8182	1.0534
6302222010	0.4091	0.5267
6302222020	0.4091	0.5267
6302313010	0.8182	1.0534
6302313050	1.1689	1.5048
6302315050	0.8182	1.0534
6302317010	1.1689	1.5048
6302317020	1.1689	1.5048
6302317040	1.1689	1.5048
6302317050	1.1689	1.5048
6302319010	0.8182	1.0534
6302319020	0.8182	1.0534
6302319040	0.8182	1.0534
6302319050	0.8182	1.0534
6302322020	0.4091	0.5267
6302322040	0.4091	0.5267

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HTS No.	Conversion factor	Cents per kg
6302402010	0.9935	1.279
6302511000	0.5844	0.7524
6302512000	0.8766	1.1285
6302513000	0.5844	0.7524
6302514000	0.8182	1.0534
6302600010	1.1689	1.5048
6302600020	1.052	1.3543
6302600030	1.052	1.3543
6302910005	1.052	1.3543
6302910015	1.1689	1.5048
6302910025	1.052	1.3543
6302910035	1.052	1.3543
6302910045	1.052	1.3543
6302910050	1.052	1.3543
6302910060	1.052	1.3543
6303110000	0.9448	1.2163
6303910000	0.6429	0.8277
6304111000	1.0629	1.3684
6304190500	1.052	1.3543
6304191000	1.1689	1.5048
6304191500	0.4091	0.5267
6304192000	0.4091	0.5267
6304910020	0.9351	1.2038
6304920000	0.9351	1.2038
6505901540	1.181	1.5204
6505902060	0.9935	1.279
6505902545	0.5844	0.7524

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3. In § 1205.510, paragraph (b)(6)(i) is revised to read as follows:

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(i) A request for such exemption must be submitted to the Cotton Board by the importer, prior to the importation of the cotton product. The Cotton Board will then issue, if deemed appropriate, a numbered exemption certificate valid for 1 year from the date of issue. The exemption number should be entered by the importer on the Customs entry documentation in the appropriate location as determined by the U.S. Customs Service.

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Dated: June 14, 1996.

Lon Hatamiya,
Administrator.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 113

[Docket No. 95-012-2]

Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Rabies Vaccine, Killed Virus and Rabies Vaccine, Live Virus

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are amending the standard requirements for establishing the immunogenicity of Rabies Vaccine, Killed Virus and Rabies Vaccine, Live Virus. The amendment changes and clarifies alternate test procedures which may be used in animals other than carnivores. Under the rule, when a reduced number of challenge animals is used in a rabies immunogenicity test, all vaccinates must survive challenge. If one or more of the challenged vaccinates die of rabies, all of the remainder of the vaccinates will have to be challenged or the test will be deemed unsatisfactory and terminated.

This action corrects a problem associated with rabies immunogenicity tests in the regulations and makes other changes deemed necessary for clarity and consistency.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 22, 1996.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in 9 CFR part 113 pertain to standard requirements for the preparation of veterinary biological products. A standard requirement consists of test methods, procedures, and criteria established by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to determine that a veterinary biological product is pure, safe, potent, and efficacious and not worthless, dangerous, contaminated, or harmful.

The standard requirements for Rabies Vaccine, Killed Virus, and for Rabies Vaccine, Live Virus, appear in §§ 113.209 and 113.312, respectively. Sections 113.209(b)(4) and 113.312(b)(4) provide for an alternative immunogenicity test, for domestic species other than dogs and cats, that reduces the number of animals that must be challenged.

On November 16, 1995, we published in the Federal Register (60 FR 57549-57550, Docket No. 95-012-1) a proposed rule to amend the standard requirements for Rabies Vaccine, Killed Virus and Rabies Vaccine, Live Virus. The amendments specify: (1) that for an immunogenicity study in non-carnivores to be satisfactory, all animals must survive challenge when less than 25 vaccinates are challenged, and (2) that a reduced number of challenge animals may only be used for non-carnivores. The rule more clearly