

TABLE 1.—WHOLE AND PITTED STYLE—Continued
[Defects by count per 50 olives]

Major Wrinkles	5.
Pits and Pit Fragments (Pitted Style Only)	Not more than 1.3 average by count.
Major Stems	Not more than 2.
HEVM	Not more than 1 unit per sample.
Mutilated	Not more than 3.
Mechanical Damage	Not more than 5.
Split Pits or Misshapen	Not more than 5.

TABLE 2.—SLICED, SEGMENTED (WEDGED), AND HALVED STYLES
[Defects by count per 255]

FLAVOR	Reasonably good; no "off" flavor.
SALOMETER	Acceptable Range in degrees: 3.0 to 14.0.
COLOR	Reasonably uniform with no units lighter than the comparator for Ripe Type.
CHARACTER	Not more than 13 grams excessively soft.
DEFECTS:	
Pits and Pit Fragments	Average of not more than 1 by count per 300 grams.
Major Stems	Not more than 3.
HEVM	Not more than 2 units per sample.
Broken Pieces and End Caps	Not more than 125 grams by weight.

TABLE 3.—CHOPPED STYLE
[Defects by count per 255 grams]

FLAVOR	Reasonably good; no "off" flavor.
SALOMETER	Acceptable Range in degrees: 3.0 to 14.0.
COLOR	Reasonably uniform with no units lighter than the comparator for Ripe Type.
DEFECTS:	
Pits and Pit Fragments	Average of not more than 1 by count per 300 grams.
Major Stems	Not more than 3.
HEVM	Not more than 2 units per sample.

TABLE 4.—BROKEN PITTED STYLE
[Defects by count per 255 grams]

FLAVOR	Reasonably good; no "off" flavor.
SALOMETER	Acceptable Range in degrees: 3.0 to 14.0.
COLOR	Reasonably uniform with no units lighter than the comparator for Ripe Type.
CHARACTER	Not more than 13 grams excessively soft.
DEFECTS:	
Pits and Pit Fragments	Average of not more than 1 by count per 300 grams.
Major Stems	Not more than 3.
HEVM	Not more than 2 units per sample.

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(g) It is hereby determined, on the basis of the information currently available, that the minimum quality requirements and size requirements set forth in this regulation are comparable to those applicable to California canned ripe olives.

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(j) The minimum quality, size, and maturity requirements of this section shall not be applicable to olives imported for charitable organizations or processing for oil, but shall be subject to the safeguard provisions contained in § 944.350.

Dated: November 1, 1996.

Robert C. Keeney,

Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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Rural Utilities Service

7 CFR Part 1728

Electric Transmission Specifications and Drawings (34.5 kV to 69 kV and 115 kV to 230 kV) for Use on RUS Financed Electric Systems

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) proposes to revise its electric

specifications and drawings for 34.5 kV to 230 kV transmission lines. These specifications and drawings are set forth in RUS Bulletins 50-1 and 50-2. These specifications and drawings are currently incorporated by reference. RUS is proposing editorial changes and changes to improve clarity of the bulletins. RUS borrowers and other users of RUS electric transmission line specifications have proposed corrections to several drawings. RUS and RUS borrowers have also suggested modifications to clarify and modify some of the drawings. RUS also proposes to renumber and reformat these bulletins in accordance with the Agency's publications and directives system.

DATES: Written comments must be received by RUS or bear a postmark or equivalent no later than January 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Mr. Donald G. Heald, Transmission Engineer, Electric Staff Division, Rural Utilities Service, room 1246-S, Stop 1569, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-1569. RUS requires an original and three copies of all comments (7 CFR 1700.30(e)). All comments received will be made available for inspection at room 2234-S, during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Donald G. Heald at the above address, or telephone (202) 720-9102.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12372

This proposed rule is excluded from the scope of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Consultation which may require consultation with State and local officials. A Notice of Final Rule entitled Department Programs and Activities Excluded from Executive Order 12372 (50 FR 47034) exempts RUS loans and loan guarantees from coverage under this order.

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 OMB.

Executive Order 12988

This proposed rule has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. RUS has determined that this proposed rule meets the applicable standards provided in Sec. 3. of the Executive Order.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Administrator of RUS has determined that a rule relating the the RUS electric loan program is not a rule as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. *et seq.*), and, therefore, the Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply to this proposed rule.

Information Collection and Recordkeeping Requirements

This proposed rule contains no reporting or recordkeeping provisions requiring Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

National Environmental Policy Act Certification

The Administrator of RUS has determined that this rule will not

significantly affect the quality of the human environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Therefore, this action does not require an environmental impact statement or assessment.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The program described by this proposed rule is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under number 10.850, Rural Electrification Loans and Loan Guarantees. This catalog is available on a subscription basis from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325.

Background

Pursuant to the Rural Electrification Administration Act of 1936 as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*), RUS proposes to amend 7 CFR Chapter XVII, Part 1728, Electric Standards and Specifications for Materials and Construction, by revising RUS Bulletin 50-1, Electric Transmission Specifications and Drawings, 115 kV to 230 kV, and RUS Bulletin 50-2, Electric Transmission Specifications and Drawings, 34.5 kV to 69 kV, and renumbering them as Bulletins 1728F-811 and 1728F-810, respectively.

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) maintains bulletins that contain construction standards and specifications for materials and equipment. These standards and specifications apply to systems constructed by RUS electric and telecommunications borrowers in accordance with the RUS loan contract, and contain standard construction units, material, and equipment units used on RUS electric and telephone borrowers' systems. Bulletins 50-1 and 50-2 establish standard overhead electric transmission construction drawings and specifications for wood pole structures and assemblies for use by RUS borrowers on electric systems.

RUS proposes to change the bulletins numbers from Bulletins 50-1 and 50-2 to Bulletins 1728F-811 and 1728F-810, respectively. The changes in the bulletin number and reformatting of the specifications are necessary to conform to RUS' publications and directives system. In addition to reformatting, minor editorial changes and changes to improve clarity are being proposed. Changes are being proposed for some of the drawings that appear in the current bulletins. These proposed drawing changes are summarized below. Drawings for which changes are not being proposed will appear exactly as

they appear in the current bulletins with the exception that the Final Rule effective date will be added to the drawings for publication and verification purposes. The Final Rule effective date will also be added to the drawings for which changes are being proposed.

Copies of the proposed bulletins along with copies of those drawings for which changes are being proposed may be obtained from Donald G. Heald, Electric Staff Division, at (202) 720-9102; FAX, (202) 720-7491; E-mail, dheald@rus.usda.gov.

Corrections are proposed to Crossarm Drilling Drawings TCD-11 and TCD-20 of bulletin currently designated as Bulletin 50-1 50-2, to be reissued as Bulletins 1728F-810 and 1728F-811. Corrections are proposed to Crossarm Drilling Drawings TCD-15 and TCD-32 of currently designated Bulletin 50-1. Several dimensions which are used to drill the crossarms are being corrected on the crossarm drilling drawings. Crossarm types 81 and 83 (5 1/8" x 7 1/2") are being eliminated on drawing TCD-40, since laminated arms are readily available in standard 9 3/8" x 3 5/8" sizes.

Drawing TG-15 and TG-45 of current Bulletins 50-1 and 50-2 are revised to show the minimum thickness and width of the guying plate. Drawing TG-16 and TG-46 are revised to a better ground the connection between the guy wire and the pole ground wire. On drawing TG-17, a guying plate is added to TG-17D where the insulators attach to the pole and anchor shackles have been added to TG-17E. The anchor shackles are necessary to permit the attachment of light duty guy assemblies to the double eye pole eye plate. The capacity of the swing angle bracket shown on drawing TG-18 is being clarified to show both allowable and ultimate capacities. Washers are being added on the clevis side of the clevis bolts. These washers will provide a bearing surface when tightening the nut to the clevis bolt. The dimensions of the connecting links to the pole bands are being removed from drawing TG-26, Guy Attachments (Pole Bands) and TG-56, Pole Tie Assemblies (Pole Bands). The size of the link depends on the strength of the metal used by different manufacturers.

Drawings TG-28 and TG-29, Bracket and Guy Attachment, are being revised to show minimum sizes for the bracket and to clarify the notes by adding an allowable vertical load and defining the ultimate load to be compatible with the TH-10 series structures and TG-29. Antisplit bolts are being added to drawings TG-35D and TG-35E, Heavy Duty Guying Ties. Several notes have

been added to TG-36, Heavy Duty Pole Bands, so that problems associated with improper use of this unit are avoided. Since there are no suppliers for heavy duty pole eye plates, drawing TG-37 is being eliminated. The pole tie assemblies shown in drawing TG-47 are being modified to be similar to TG-45.

Units TM-1B and TM-2B of drawings TM-1 and TM-2, Insulator Assembly Units, are being modified in both bulletins to require the use of a Y-clevis ball instead of the anchor shackle and oval eye ball. The use of a Y-clevis ball will provide savings to the RUS borrower. It is a standard hardware item that has been used frequently on steel and concrete pole construction.

The Pole Stability, Bearing, and Uplift Foundations drawings (TM-101, 102, 103) are revised to eliminate the compacted backfill below the pole for TM-101 unit, to eliminate unit TM-102B, and to add a note to the engineer on TM-103. All three drawings will show the backfill at ground level in a more realistic manner. The reason for the proposed elimination of unit TM-102B is the difficulty in compacting the soil below the top pair of pole bearing plates. The crossarm splice (TM-114A) is being eliminated since laminated arms are readily available. Note 4 to Drawing TM-111 is revised for clarification. Drawing TM-115, Steel Upswept Arm Assembly, is revised to show Table 1, Required Dimensions and Swing Angle Clearances. A dimension for the 50,000 pound anchor shackle has been corrected on Drawing TM-120, Hardware.

RUS is recommending that the higher capacity log anchors (TA-3L, 3LC, 5L, and 5LC) be eliminated from the log anchor drawings of both bulletins. The size of the washer required in these construction units limits the safety factor below those designated for other assemblies. The other log anchor units will remain in both bulletins (TA-2L and TA-4L). On these drawings, as well as drawing TA-2P, average soil is redefined as class 5 soil to be consistent with other RUS publications.

The proposed modification to existing drawings TA-1S through TA-24S, Anchors (Power Screw), in both bulletins has been suggested by RUS borrowers and their consulting engineers. This revision will simplify defining unit costs for screw anchors. Screw anchor units will be composed of the basic helix section with a 5-foot extension. A bid unit will cover the number of extensions. The new drawing will be designated TA-2H to 4H.

Corrections to the list of materials for the TSS-9 structure in Bulletin 50-2 is being made to show a 12'0" arm for the

lower crossarm instead of 9'0" arm. The pole ground wire is being relocated on the TS-1B, TS-1BX, TS-1C, TSZ-115B, TSZ-138B, TS-115B, and TS-138B in order to improve the BIL of the structure.

Drawings TPF-40 and TPF-50 are being revised to reflect the option of using adjustable spacers with gained poles. A corresponding change is included in the list of options in the construction specifications.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1728

Electric power, Incorporation by reference, Loan programs—energy, Rural areas.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, RUS proposes to amend 7 CFR Part 1728 as follows:

PART 1728—ELECTRIC STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION

1. The authority citation for Part 1728 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*; 7 U.S.C. 1921 *et seq.*; Pub. L. 103-354, 108 Stat. 3178 (7 U.S.C. 6941 *et seq.*).

2. Section 1728.97, (b) is amended by removing the entries for Bulletins 50-1 and 50-2, adding to the list of bulletins in numerical order the entries for Bulletins 1728F-811 and 1728F-810, respectively, to read as follows:

§ 1728.97 Incorporation by reference of electric standards and specifications.

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(b) List of bulletins.

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Bulletin 1728F-810, Electric Transmission Specifications and Drawings 34.5 to 69 kV, [Month and year of publication of Final Rule].

Bulletin 1728F-811, Electric Transmission Specifications and Drawings 115 kV to 230 kV, [Month and year of publication of final rule].

Dated: October 29, 1996.

Jill Long Thompson,

Under Secretary, Rural Development.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 304, 308, 310, 320, 327, 381, 416, and 417

[Docket No. 93-016-10N]

Joint Food Safety and Inspection Service and Food and Drug Administration Conference on Time, Temperature, and Transportation

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of conference.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will hold a conference, "Joint FSIS and FDA Conference on Time, Temperature and Transportation." The conference will focus on identifying desirable and feasible temperature control interventions and verification techniques to improve food safety.

DATES: The conference will be held on November 18-20, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The conference will be held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Back of the South Building Cafeteria (between the 2nd and 3rd Wings).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To register for the conference, call (800) 485-4429, FAX (202) 501-7642, or E-mail usdafs/s=confer@mhs.attmail.com. Participants who wish to make presentations or display devices should contact Craig Simmerman at (202) 501-7138 by November 12, 1996.

Participants who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations, contact Ms. Sheila Johnson at (202) 501-7138 by November 13, 1996. Contact Dr. Robert Hasiak at (202) 501-7319 to ask technical questions about the conference.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 25, 1996, FSIS published a final rule, "Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems" (61 FR 38805). This rule introduced sweeping changes to the meat and poultry inspection system. In the preamble of the rule, FSIS announced its collaboration with FDA to develop standards governing the safety of potentially hazardous foods, including meat and poultry, eggs, and seafood, during transportation and storage, with particular emphasis on proper cooling to minimize the growth of pathogenic microorganisms, and on disclosure of prior cargoes in transport vehicles. Also, FSIS and FDA are developing an advance notice of proposed rulemaking addressing these issues.

To discuss this initiative, FSIS and FDA will hold the conference, "Joint FSIS and FDA Conference on Time, Temperature, and Transportation." The conference will focus on time and temperature risks associated with meat and poultry, seafood, and eggs; logistical considerations that affect time and temperature considerations associated with these products; the performance