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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

NORTHEAST DAIRY COMPACT COMMISSION

7 CFR Part 1301

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Northeast Dairy Compact Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Compact Commission will hold its monthly meeting to consider whether to adopt as a Final rule the Proposed Rule to amend the current Compact Over-order Price Regulation to exclude milk from the pool which is either diverted or transferred, in bulk, out of the Compact regulated area. Matters relating to administration and the price regulation to include the reports and recommendations of the Commission's standing Committees and action upon a Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws as noticed to the Commission at the September 2, 1998 are also scheduled.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 1998 to commence at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Quechee Club, 1 River Road in Quechee, Vermont.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Becker, Executive Director, Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, 43 State Street, PO Box 1058, Montpelier, VT 05601. Telephone (802) 229-1941.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7256.

Kenneth Becker,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

7 CFR Part 1464

RIN 0560-AF52

Tobacco—Importer Assessments

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend the definition of de minimis special entries in the tobacco program regulations which applies to the collection of the "budget deficit" and "no-net-cost" assessments on certain kinds of imported tobacco. The current de minimis special entries definition exempts entries of unmanufactured imported tobacco of 5 kilograms or less if certain conditions are met. This document proposes to raise the maximum allowable weight to 100 kilograms to save administrative cost without compromising the purpose of the exemption.

DATES: Comments on this rule should be in writing and must be received on or before October 29, 1998, in order to be assured of consideration. Written comments on the information collection contained in this rule must be received on or before November 30, 1998, in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Director, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, USDA/FSA/TPD/STOP 0514, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250-0514. All written submissions made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection in room 5750-South Building, USDA, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David McCarty, USDA/FSA/TPD/STOP 0514, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250-0514, telephone (202) 720-6389, E-mail DMCCARTY@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This proposed rule has been determined to be not significant and therefore was not reviewed by OMB under Executive Order 12866.

Federal Assistance Program

The title and number of the Federal Assistance Program, as found in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, to which this rule applies are: Commodity Loans and Purchases—10.051.

Environmental Evaluation

It has been determined by an environmental evaluation that this action will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is needed.

Executive Order 12372

This activity is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. See the notice related to 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, published at 48 FR 29115 (June 24, 1983). This rule contains no Federal mandates under the regulatory provisions of Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) for State, local, and tribal governments or the private sector. Thus this rule is not subject to the requirements of sections 202 and 205 of UMRA.

Executive Order 12988

This proposed rule has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12988. The provisions of this proposed rule are not retroactive and preempt State laws to the extent that such laws are inconsistent with the provisions of this proposed rule. Before any legal action is brought regarding determinations made under provisions of 7 CFR part 1464, the administrative appeal provisions set forth at 7 CFR 780, and those of 7 CFR part 11, must be exhausted.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection in this regulation has been approved by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and assigned OMB control number 0560-0148. In order to renew that approval, the following additional information is provided:

Title: Tobacco Importer Assessments Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0148.

Type of Request: Request for Approval of a Previously Approved Information.

Collections Package

Abstract: Importers, of unmanufactured tobacco not produced in the United States, are required to provide information regarding the type and amount of tobacco entered for consumption into the commerce of the United States. This information collection is used by CCC to determine if the Budget Deficit Marketing Assessments and Importer No-Net Cost Assessments have been remitted correctly and timely.

Estimate of Burden: Importer reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response.

Respondents: Tobacco Importers.

Estimated number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated number of Responses per Respondent: 27.

Estimated total annual burden on Respondents: 202.5 hours.

Comment is sought on the information collection separate from that on the merits of the rule. Proposed topics for comment on the collection requirements include: (a) whether the exemption of assessments on small quantities of tobacco for samples, research, and other purposes would reduce burdensome paperwork without jeopardizing revenue; (b) whether the exemption would violate the intent of the budget deficit marketing assessment and importer no-net-cost assessment legislation set forth at sections 106, 106A and 106B of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended. Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503 and to the Director, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, USDA/FSA/TPD/STOP 0514, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250-0514.

Background

General Provisions of the Proposed Rule

With respect to the substance of the proposed rule, this document proposes to make a revision in the definition of de minimis special entries by changing the number of kilograms of imported tobacco, classified as a sample, for the purpose of certain assessments, from five (5) kilograms or less to one hundred (100) kilograms or less. The objective is to lessen burdensome paperwork by importers and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) without jeopardizing revenue or violating the intent of the budget deficit marketing assessment and importer no-net-cost assessment legislation set forth at sections 106, 106A and 106B of the Agricultural Act

of 1949, as amended (1949 Act). Implementing regulations for the assessments are set forth at 7 CFR part 1464, Subpart B. Under those regulations, as provided for in the 1949 Act, the assessments apply only to certain kinds of imported tobacco and 1464.102 and 1464.103 provide, further, that the assessments will not be collected on "de minimis special entries" which are defined, currently, in 1464.101 to be imports of unmanufactured tobacco when the total importation at any time or on any date is 5 kilograms or less and such tobacco is imported segregated from other tobacco for use as samples, for research, or other use approved by the Director. Changing the quantity threshold to 100 kilograms should still provide an accurate test for identifying non-commercial tobacco entries and should produce a net savings in light of the costs involved in administering the assessments on small quantities.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1464

Importer assessments, Tobacco, Tobacco loan program.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, CCC proposes to amend 7 CFR part 1464 as follows:

PART 1464—TOBACCO

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 1464 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1421, 1423, 1441, 1445, 1445-1 and 1445-2; 15 U.S.C. 714b, 714c.

2. Section 1464.101 is amended by revising the definition of "de minimis special entries" to read as follows:

§ 1464.101 Definitions.

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(b) *Terms.* * * *

De minimis special entries. Imports of unmanufactured tobacco when the total importation at any time or on any date is 100 kilograms or less and such tobacco is imported segregated from other tobacco for use as samples, for research, or other use approved by the Director.

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Signed at Washington, DC, on September 21, 1998.

Keith Kelly,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 97-CE-21-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. Models MU-2B Series Airplanes; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; reopening of the comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice reopens the comment period and announces a public meeting on the subject proposed airworthiness directive (AD) that would apply to certain Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. (Mitsubishi) MU-2B series airplanes. The proposed AD would require incorporating several modifications to the operating systems and installing a placard with operating limitations within the pilot's clear view. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss technical issues related to the FAA's determination that AD action should be taken to prevent departure from controlled flight and to assist the pilot in detecting ice accumulation on the airplane when flying in icing conditions that exceed the airplane's ice protection capability, which could result in possible loss of control of the airplane. The comment period is being reopened to facilitate collection and consideration of data concerning these technical issues.

DATES: The public meeting will be held December 8, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., in Kansas City, Missouri.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Comments must be received no later than December 29, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the following location: The Town Pavillion Conference Center, Royal A & B Meeting Room, 1111 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Persons who are unable to attend the meeting may mail their comments (clearly marked with the docket number) in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 97-CE-21-AD, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Written comments to the docket will receive the same consideration as statements made at the public meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests to present a statement at the