

The subject potato line has been considered a regulated article under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340 because it contains gene sequences derived from plant pathogens. However, evaluation of field data reports from field tests of RBMT22-82, conducted under APHIS permits and notifications since 1994, indicates that there were no deleterious effects on plants, nontarget organisms, or the environment as a result of its environmental release.

Determination

Based on an analysis of the data submitted by Monsanto, a review of other scientific data, and field tests of the subject potato line, APHIS has determined that Russet Burbank potato line RBMT22-82: (1) Exhibits no plant pathogenic properties; (2) is no more likely to become a weed than similar pest-resistant potatoes developed by traditional breeding techniques; (3) is unlikely to increase the weediness potential for any other cultivated or wild species with which it can interbreed; (4) will not cause damage to raw or processed agricultural commodities; and (5) will not harm threatened or endangered species or other organisms, such as bees, that are beneficial to agriculture. Therefore, APHIS has concluded that potato line RBMT22-82 and any progeny derived from crosses with other potato varieties will be as safe to grow as potatoes that are not subject to regulation under 7 CFR part 340.

Because APHIS has determined that potato line RBMT22-82 does not present a plant pest risk based on its similarity to the antecedent organism, Monsanto's potato line RBMT22-82 will no longer be considered a regulated article under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340. Therefore, the requirements pertaining to regulated articles under those regulations no longer apply to the field testing, importation, or interstate movement of the subject potato line or its progeny. However, importation of potato line RBMT22-82 and seeds capable of propagation are still subject to the restrictions found in APHIS' foreign quarantine notices in 7 CFR part 319.

National Environmental Policy Act

An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared to examine the potential environmental impacts associated with this determination. The EA was prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions

of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372). Based on that EA, APHIS has reached a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with regard to its determination that Monsanto's potato line RBMT22-82 and lines developed from it are no longer regulated articles under its regulations in 7 CFR part 340. Copies of the EA and the FONSI are available upon request from the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 9th day of June 2000.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request a revision to a currently approved information collection. This information collection is used in support of loan deficiency payments authorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 ACT), for rice, upland cotton, feed grains, wheat, and oilseeds.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 14, 2000, to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Raellen Erickson, Price Support Division, USDA, FSA, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., STOP 0512, Washington, DC 20250-0512, telephone (202) 720-7320; e-mail: raellen_erickson@wdc.fsa.usda.gov; pr facsimile (202) 690-3307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Loan Deficiency Payments.
OMB Control Number: 0560-0129.
Expiration Date: January 31, 2001.
Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The 1996 Act provides for loan deficiency payments to eligible producers with respect to eligible

commodities. Forms required for requesting these payments are used by producers requesting a loan deficiency payment in lieu of a marketing assistance loan with respect to eligible production. This information collected is needed to determine loan deficiency payment quantities and payment amounts, verify producer and commodity eligibility, and to ensure that only eligible producers receive loan deficiency payments.

Producers requesting loan deficiency payments must provide specific data relative to the loan deficiency payment request. Forms included in this information collection package require various types of information including the farm number, type of commodity, quantity of commodity, storage location, and percent share of the commodity to determine eligibility. Producers must also agree to the terms and conditions contained in the loan deficiency payment application. The completed application is used by CCC when issuing a loan deficiency payment. Without this collection of information, CCC could not carry out the statutory loan deficiency payment provisions.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per producer.

Respondents: Eligible producers.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,035,000.

Number of Responses: 6,105,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 3,825,000 hours.

Proposed topics for comments are: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Raellen Erickson, USDA—Farm Service Agency—Price Support Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., STOP 0512, Washington, DC 20250-0512; telephone (202) 720-7320; e-mail: raellen_erickson@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Raellen Erickson at the above address.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 9, 2000.

Parks Shackelford,

Acting Executive Vice President,, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Municipal Interest Rates for the Third Quarter of 2000

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of municipal interest rates on advances from insured electric loans for the third quarter of 2000.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service hereby announces the interest rates for advances on municipal rate loans with interest rate terms beginning during the third calendar quarter of 2000.

DATES: These interest rates are effective for interest rate terms that commence during the period beginning July 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail P. Salgado, Management Analyst, Office of the Assistant Administrator, Electric Program, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4024-S, Stop 1560, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1560. Telephone: 202-205-3660. FAX: 202-690-0717. E-mail: GSalgado@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby announces the interest rates on advances made during the third calendar quarter of 2000 for municipal rate electric loans. RUS regulations at § 1714.4 state that each advance of funds on a municipal rate loan shall bear interest at a single rate for each interest rate term. Pursuant to § 1714.5, the interest rates on these advances are based on indexes published in the "Bond Buyer" for the four weeks prior

to the fourth Friday of the last month before the beginning of the quarter. The rate for interest rate terms of 20 years or longer is the average of the 20 year rates published in the Bond Buyer in the four weeks specified in § 1714.5(d). The rate for terms of less than 20 years is the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer for the same four weeks in the table of "Municipal Market Data—General Obligation Yields" or the successor to this table. No interest rate may exceed the interest rate for Water and Waste Disposal loans.

The table of Municipal Market Data includes only rates for securities maturing in 2000 and at 5 year intervals thereafter. The rates published by RUS reflect the average rates for the years shown in the Municipal Market Data table. Rates for interest rate terms ending in intervening years are a linear interpolation based the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer. All rates are adjusted to the nearest one eighth of one percent (0.125 percent) as required under § 1714.5(a). The market interest rate on Water and Waste Disposal loans for this quarter is 5.875 percent.

In accordance with § 1714.5, the interest rates are established as shown in the following table for all interest rate terms that begin at any time during the third calendar quarter of 2000.

Interest rate term ends in (year)	RUS rate (0.000 percent)
2021 or later	5.875
2020	5.875
2019	5.875
2018	5.875
2017	5.750
2016	5.750
2015	5.750
2014	5.625
2013	5.625
2012	5.500
2011	5.375
2010	5.375
2009	5.250
2008	5.250
2007	5.125
2006	5.125
2005	5.000
2004	4.875
2003	4.625
2002	4.375
2001	4.125

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe and Tube From Mexico: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On December 9, 1999, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from Mexico covering exports of this merchandise to the United States by certain manufacturers (Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Mexico; Preliminary Results of Administrative Review, 64 FR 68995 (December 9, 1999)). We invited interested parties to comment on the preliminary results. We received comments and rebuttals from petitioners and from respondent with respect to both Hylsa and TUNA. Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes in the margin calculations. The final weighted-average dumping margins for TUNA and Hylsa are listed below in the section entitled Final Results of Reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Drury (TUNA), Charles Rast (Hylsa), or Linda Ludwig, Enforcement Group III, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 7866, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0195, (202) 482-1324, or (202) 482-3833, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are references to the provisions codified at 19 CFR part 351 (April 1998).

Background

The Department published an antidumping duty order on circular