

which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. See the notice related to 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V published at 48 FR 2915 (June 24, 1983).

Executive Order 12778

This interim rule has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12778. The provisions of this interim rule are not retroactive and preempt State laws to the extent that such laws are inconsistent with the provisions of this interim 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 part 780 must be exhausted.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This interim rule does not change the CFSA information collection requirements that have been approved by OMB and assigned control number 0560-0058. The FCIC information collection requirements for 0563-0003 have been modified and approved by OMB to reflect the program requirements imposed by the Federal Crop Insurance Reform Act of 1994.

A. The Federal Crop Insurance Act of 1994

The 1994 Act was enacted on October 13, 1994, and amended the Federal Crop Insurance Act. The 1994 Act requires FCIC to implement a catastrophic risk protection plan of insurance which is the basic level of coverage required to be purchased by a producer to be eligible for price support and other U.S. Department of Agriculture farm program benefits. FCIC issued an interim rule published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, January 6, 1995 (Vol. 60, No. 4, pages 1996 through 2005) implementing this and other 1994 Act provisions.

B. Tobacco Loan Program

This rule amends 7 CFR part 1464 for the tobacco program to reflect the 1994 Act's insurance provisions. Under the rule, as under the act, beginning with the 1995 crops, tobacco producers will be ineligible for price support unless they purchase catastrophic risk protection crop insurance in accordance with FCIC rules in an amount which equals or exceeds the minimal amount set by FCIC. This requirement is statutory. For that reason, because this rule mirrors the previously published FCIC rules, and because of the onset of the growing season, it has been determined that there would be no purpose in delaying the effectiveness of this rule and that such delay would be contrary to the public interest.

Therefore, it has been determined that this rule should be published as an interim rule without prior comment.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1464

Assessments, Loan program, Agriculture, Price support program, Tobacco, Warehouses.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 7 CFR part 1464 is amended as follows:

PART 1464—TOBACCO

1. The authority citation for 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 1464.7 is amended by adding a new paragraph (f) to read as follows:

§ 1464.7 Eligible producer.

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(f) Must be in compliance with the provisions of parts 400 and 402 of this title by purchasing an amount of catastrophic insurance coverage which equals or exceeds the minimal required under those parts.

Signed at Washington, DC on April 21, 1995.

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7 CFR Part 1494

Export Bonus Programs

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: CCC is issuing this final rule to amend its regulations to: (1) Delete the export experience requirement for qualification to participate in the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) and the Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP) and (2) establish the time at which new program participants would be eligible to receive bonus payments. These amendments are intended to provide the opportunity for a greater number of U.S. exporters to participate in the EEP and the DEIP. The final rule also amends several provisions of the regulations to make them clearer, easier to read, and more consistent with the regulations that apply to some of the other CCC export programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 31, 1995.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This final rule is issued in conformance with Executive Order 12866. It has been determined to be neither significant nor economically significant for the purposes of E.O. 12866 and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

It has been determined that the Regulatory Flexibility Act is not applicable to this final rule since CCC is not required by 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other provision of law to publish a notice of rulemaking with respect to the subject matter of this rule.

Executive Order 12372

This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. See notice related to 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, published at 48 FR 29115 (June 24, 1983).

Environmental Evaluation

It has been determined by an environmental evaluation that this action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is needed.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements contained in this rule have previously been submitted to OMB for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act and were assigned OMB control numbers 0551-0028 and 0551-0029.

Executive Order 12778

This final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform. This final rule will have preemptive effect with respect to any