

facilities for horses imported into the United States.

DATES: Consideration will be given only to comments received on or before June 5, 1996. We will also consider comments made at a public meeting to be held in Riverdale, MD, on Friday, May 17, 1996, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 95-084-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket 95-095-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room. The public meeting will be held at the USDA Center, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Joyce Bowling, Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-6479; or e-mail: jbowling@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 9 CFR part 92 (referred to below as the regulations) govern the importation into the United States of specified animals and animal products in order to prevent the introduction into the United States of various communicable diseases. The regulations require that certain animals be quarantined upon arrival in the United States as a condition of importation. There are two types of quarantine facilities for animals being imported into the United States: government operated facilities and privately operated facilities. The regulations contain requirements for the approval of temporary private quarantine facilities for horses; however, the regulations do not provide for the approval of permanent private quarantine facilities for horses.

In an advance notice of proposed rulemaking published in the Federal Register on February 26, 1996 (61 FR 7079, Docket No. 95-084-1), we requested public comment on the need for and appropriate standards for the establishment of permanent private quarantine facilities for horses imported into the United States.

To provide additional opportunity for public comment, we will hold a public

meeting on Friday, May 17, 1996. The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the offices of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD. We are seeking recommendations concerning the need for permanent, private quarantine facilities, locations where such additional facilities may be needed, potential standards for building the facilities, and regulatory oversight. Copies of a risk assessment related to the establishment of permanent, private horse quarantine facilities will be available at the meeting, or may be obtained from Dr. Joyce Bowling (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

The meeting will be divided into three sessions dealing with the following issues:

1. Equine diseases of concern to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).
2. Requirements for building USDA owned and operated facilities and the costs involved.
3. The risk assessment.

Each session will start with a short presentation by an APHIS representative. Afterward, members of the public will be provided an opportunity to ask questions and make comments concerning that session. It is anticipated that 90 minutes will be allotted for each session.

A representative of APHIS will preside at the public meeting. The presiding officer may limit the time for each presentation so that everyone is accommodated and all interested persons have an opportunity to participate. Any written statements submitted will be made part of the record. A transcript will be made of the public meeting and will be placed in the rulemaking record and will be available for public inspection.

Any persons wishing to make presentations longer than 5 minutes, or presentations that will require audiovisual equipment, should contact Dr. Bowling in advance of the meeting.

APHIS will consider the comments and recommendations from the meeting in making a decision about whether to propose approval of permanent, private horse quarantine facilities and, if so, the standards to be proposed. Any such proposal would be published in the Federal Register for public comment.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1622; 19 U.S.C. 1306; 21 U.S.C. 102-105, 111, 114a, 134a, 134b, 134c, 134d, 134f, 135, 136, and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 1st day of May 1996.

Terry L. Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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9 CFR Parts 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, and 98

[Docket No. 94-106-2]

Importation of Animals and Animal Products; Public Hearings

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is hosting a public hearing on the proposed rule on the importation of animals and animal products that was published in the Federal Register on April 18, 1996. The hearing will provide an additional opportunity for the public to comment on the proposal, which would establish criteria for foreign "regions" based on risk class levels. The criteria would be used to establish importation requirements for particular animals and animal products from different regions outside the United States.

DATES: The public hearing will be held in Riverdale, MD, on May 22 and, if there are more registered speakers than can be heard in one day, on May 23, 1996. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. and is scheduled to end at 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the USDA Center at Riverside, Conference Center, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Gary Colgrove, Chief Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-8590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

A public hearing will be held on the notice of proposed rulemaking on the importation of animals and animal products, published by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in the Federal Register on April 18, 1996 (61 FR 16977-17105, Docket No. 94-106-1). The public hearing will be held in Riverdale, MD, on May 22 and, if there are more registered speakers than can be heard in one day, on May 23, 1996.

A representative of APHIS will preside at the public hearing. Any interested party may appear and be heard in person, or through an attorney or other representative. We are interested in obtaining the views of the public on all aspects of the proposed rule.

Persons who wish to speak at the hearing will be asked to provide their names and affiliations. Parties wishing to make oral presentations may register in advance by either: (1) Calling the Regulatory Analysis and Development voice mail at (301) 734-4346 and leaving a message stating their name, telephone number, and organization, and the approximate time necessary for their presentation; or (2) providing the above information by electronic mail to dkaczmariski@aphis.usda.gov. Parties responding by e-mail may wish to use the electronic response registration form available at the APHIS Regionalization Proposal Web Page. A list of persons registered to speak at the hearing will also be posted to the Web page shortly before the hearing. The Web page URL is <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/PPD/region>. Registration will also be held at the hearing site on May 22, 1996, between 8 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Speakers will be scheduled in the order their registration is received. Advance registrations must be transmitted to APHIS no later than 9 a.m., d.s.t., May 20, 1996.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. on May 22, 1996. The hearing on the second day, May 23, 1996, will be held only if speakers who have registered for the first day have not yet had a chance to speak. The hearing is scheduled to end at 5 p.m. each day that it is held, but may conclude at any time if all persons desiring to speak have been heard. The hearing officer may limit the time for each presentation so that all interested persons have an opportunity to participate. Attendees who wish to speak but who did not register will be provided time to speak only after all registered speakers have been heard.

We ask that anyone who reads a written statement provide two copies to the presiding officer at the hearing. A transcript will be made of the public hearing and the transcript will be placed in the rulemaking record and will be available for public inspection.

The purpose of the public hearing is to give all interested parties an opportunity to present data, views, and information to the Department concerning this proposed rule. Questions about the content of the proposal may be part of a commenter's oral presentation. However, neither the presiding officer nor any other

representative of the Department will respond to the comments at the hearing, except to clarify or explain the proposed rule.

APHIS intends to schedule additional hearings on the proposed rule at various locations around the country over the next several months. We will give notice of these additional hearings in the Federal Register.

Done in Washington, DC, this 1st day of May 1996.

Terry L. Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Part 121

Small Business Size Standards; Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of intent to waive the nonmanufacturer rule for purified terephthalic acid ground (PTAG) and un-ground (PTAU).

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) is considering granting a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for PTAG and PTAU. The basis for a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for these products is that there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to supply these products to the Federal Government. The effect of a waiver would be to allow an otherwise qualified Nonmanufacturer to supply other than the product of a domestic small business manufacturer or processor on a Federal contract set aside for small businesses or awarded through the SBA 8(a) Program. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments and potential source information from interested parties.

DATES: Comments and sources must be submitted on or before May 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: David Wm. Loines, Procurement Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC 20416, Tel:(202) 205-6475.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public law 100-656, enacted on November 15, 1988, incorporated into the Small Business Act the previously existing regulation that recipients of Federal contracts set-aside for small businesses or the SBA 8(a) Program procurement must provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor, if

the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. The SBA regulations imposing this requirement are found at 13 CFR 121.906(b) and 121.1106(b). Section 303(h) of the law provides for waiver of this requirement by SBA for any "class of products" for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors in the Federal market. To be considered available to participate in the Federal market on these classes of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal Government within the last 24 months. The SBA defines "class of products" based on two coding systems. The first is the Office of Management and Budget Standard Industrial Classification Manual. The second is the Product and Service Code established by the Federal Procurement Data System.

The Small Business Administration is currently processing a request for a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Purified Terephthalic Acid Ground (PTAG) and Un-Ground (PTAU) (SIC 2869, PSC 6810) and invites the public to comment or provide information on potential small business manufacturers for this product.

In an effort to identify potential small business manufacturers, the SBA has searched the Procurement Automated Source System (PASS) and Thomas Register, and the SBA will publish a notice in the Commerce Business Daily. The public is invited to comment or provide source information to SBA on the proposed waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for this class of products.

Dated: April 29, 1996.

Judith A. Roussel,

Associate Administrator for Government Contracting.

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13 CFR Part 121

Small Business Size Standards; Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of intent to waive the nonmanufacturer rule for tabulating paper (computer forms, manifold or continuous).

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) is considering granting a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Tabulating