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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. DA-98-03]

United States Standards for Dry Whey

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document gives notice of the availability of revisions to the United States Standards for Dry Whey. The changes will: lower the bacterial estimate of not more than 50,000 per gram to not more than 30,000 per gram; incorporate maximum scorched particle content as a requirement for U.S. grade; expand the "Test Methods" section to allow product evaluation using the latest methods included in the Standard Methods for Examination of Dairy Products, in the Official Methods of Analysis of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists, and in standards developed by the International Dairy Federation; reference the Food and Drug Administration's requirements for dry whey; and make editorial changes that would provide consistency with other U.S. grade standards for dairy products.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective December 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The revised Standards are available from Duane R. Spomer, Chief, Dairy Standardization Branch, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2746, South Building, Stop 0230, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456 or at www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/stand.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane R. Spomer, (202) 720-7473.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture "to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and

packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices * * *." AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and will make copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Dry Whey no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); however, they are maintained by USDA.

AMS is revising the United States Standards for Dry Whey using the procedures it published in the August 13, 1997, **Federal Register** and that appear in Parts 36 of Title 7 of the CFR.

The notice, which included a request for comments on the proposed changes, was published in the **Federal Register** on June 20, 2000 (65 FR 38235-38239), and a correction to the notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 17, 2000 (65 FR 44024-44025).

The current United States Standards for Dry Whey have been in effect since October 1, 1990. AMS initiated a review of this standard and discussed possible changes with the dairy industry. The American Dairy Products Institute, a trade association representing the dry whey industry, provided specific suggestions, including a suggestion to lower the maximum bacterial content requirement. AMS proposed other changes to reflect improvements in the quality of dry whey that have occurred since the standards were last revised and to promote greater uniformity and consistency in the application of this standard.

AMS published the notice in the **Federal Register** with an outline of the specific proposed changes and provided a comment period of 60 days, which ended on August 21, 2000.

The American Dairy Products Institute filed a comment supporting the proposed changes. No other comments were received.

AMS discovered a typographical error in the ZIP code for the Association of Official Analytical Chemists. The ZIP code that appears in the "Test Methods" section of the revised standard should read 20877-2417. Accordingly, the notice revising the United States Standards for Dry Whey published in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 38235-38239 on June 20, 2000, the notice of correction published in the **Federal**

Register at 65 FR 44024-44025 on July 17, 2000, and the correction to the ZIP code as made above are incorporated in the revised United States Standards for Dry Whey.

The revised United States Standards for Dry Whey are available either through the above address or by accessing AMS Home Page on the Internet at www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/stand.htm.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: November 7, 2000.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics; Notice of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology Meeting

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology (ACAB).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The third meeting of the ACAB has been scheduled for November 29-30, 2000. The topics to be discussed will include: (1) The USDA's public seed breeding program and plant germplasm repositories; (2) impacts of gene flow from transgenic crops to other plants and current and potential USDA roles in addressing them; and (3) biotechnology budget priorities for FY 2002. There will in addition be several updates on current biotechnology developments, including the Starlink® corn situation, and on ongoing USDA biotechnology-related activities.

Background information regarding the work of the ACAB is available on the USDA web site at <http://www.usda.gov/agencies/biotech/acab.html>. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should also inform Dr. Schechtman in writing or via E-mail at the indicated addresses at least three business days before the meeting. On

November 29, 2000, if time permits, reasonable provision will be made for oral presentations of no more than five minutes each in duration. Written statements may be submitted to the Committee before or after the meeting at the address indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held in the Empire Room in the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, on November 29–30, 2000. The meeting is scheduled to run from 8:30 am until 6:30 pm on November 29 and 8:30 am until 5:30 pm on November 30. The meeting will be open to the public, but space is limited. If you would like to attend the meetings, you must register by contacting Ms. Dianne Harmon at (202) 720–4074, by fax at (202) 720–3191 or by E-mail at dharmon@ars.usda.gov at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Please provide your name, title, business affiliation, address, telephone, and fax number when you register. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation due to disability, please indicate those needs at the time of registration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, Office of the Deputy Secretary, USDA, 202B Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 12th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250; Telephone (202) 720–3817; Fax (202) 690–4265; E-mail mschechtman@ars.usda.gov.

Dated: November 8, 2000.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,
Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intent of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request an extension of a currently approved information collection for a regulation used in support of the FSA Farm Loan Program (FLP). This renewal does not involve any revisions to the program rules.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before January 16, 2001 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phillip Elder, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Servicing Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0523, Washington, DC 20013–0523; Telephone (202) 690–4012; Electronic mail: phillip_elder@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR, Part 1951–S—Farmer Program Account Servicing Policies.
OMB Control Number: 0560–0161.
Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2001.

Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The regulations describe the policies and procedures the Agency will use in servicing delinquent FLP loans. Servicing of accounts is administered in accordance with the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT), as amended by the Food Security Act of 1985, the Agriculture Credit Act of 1987, the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990, the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992, and the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. The CONACT establishes notification by the Agency and response by the borrower and actions on the borrower's request. Specifically, it requires a borrower to document that they can meet family living and farm operating expenses and service all debts, including the loans they are proposing be restructured by the Agency. This information collection is submitted by Agency borrowers to FSA and used by Agency officials to consider a financially distressed or delinquent borrower's request for debt restructuring including rescheduling, reamortization, consolidation, deferral, and write down.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 47 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profits and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.73.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 16,000 hours.

The Agency is soliciting comments on the burden of all of the above subparts regarding: (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; (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. These comments should be sent to Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Phillip Elder, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0523, Washington, DC 20250–0523.

Comments regarding paperwork burden will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 3, 2000.

L.W. Mitchell,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–508–809, A–821–813, A–570–864]

Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Pure Magnesium From Israel, the Russian Federation, and the People's Republic of China

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

ACTION: Initiation of antidumping duty investigations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Matney or James Nunno at (202) 482–1778 and (202) 482–0783, respectively; Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

INITIATION OF INVESTIGATIONS:

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to