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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 80

[Doc. No. FV-01-80-01]

Regulations Governing the Fresh Russet Potato Diversion Program, 2000 Crop

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of comment period and amendment to the proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is extending the public comment period for regulations governing the fresh russet potato diversion program for the 2000 crop year. The AMS is also extending in proposed § 80.4 the period for producers to divert potatoes to eligible diversion outlets.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this action to: Susan Proden, Chief, Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, P. O. Box 96456, Room 2546—South Building, Washington, DC 20090-6456; Fax: (202) 720-2782, or visit the website at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fvcomm.htm>. All written submissions made pursuant to this proposed rule will be made available for public inspection in Room 2546—South Building, USDA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Proden, Branch Chief, Room 2546—South Building, USDA or call (202) 720-4517. Information may also be obtained at the website: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fvcomm.htm>.

FOR THE NEAREST FEDERAL INSPECTION OFFICES CONTACT: 1-800-811-2373 or visit the website at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpboffices.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on April 13, 2001. The proposal invited comments on the procedures setting forth the terms of the Fresh Russet Potato Diversion Program for the 2000 crop year pursuant to clause (2) of section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, as amended. The proposed program will assist fresh russet potato growers faced with oversupplies and low prices by diverting potatoes to charitable institutions, for livestock feed, to convert them to ethanol, and to render them nonmarketable and dispose of in accordance with federal, state and local regulations. AMS is extending the public comment period from May 13, 2001 to June 12, 2001 and amending the proposed rule to extend, by an additional 30 days, the period for producers to divert potatoes to eligible diversion outlets until June 12, 2001. This action was based on a request from farmers who have had difficulty finding eligible diversion outlets due to the time they need for Spring planting. In addition, the volumes signed up thus far remain below 2 million hundredweight, far short of the program's goal.

Accordingly, we are amending §§ 80.4 and 80.9 of the proposed regulation, found in the April 13, 2001, **Federal Register**, pages 19099-19102 to read as follows:

PART 80—[AMENDED]

§ 80.4 Length of program.

This program is effective April 13, 2001. Producers diverting potatoes to charitable institutions, livestock feed, ethanol production, or rendering them nonmarketable must complete the diversion of the 2000 crop potatoes no later than June 12, 2001.

§ 80.9 Claim for payment.

(a) In order to obtain payment for shipments to charitable institutions, the producer must submit to the county FSA office between June 13 and July 13, 2001, a certified FV-184 or FV-301 inspection certificate, a completed Form FSA-117, and a bill of lading showing shipment was made.

(b) To obtain payment for potatoes diverted to livestock feed, ethanol production or rendering nonmarketable, the producer must submit to the county FSA office between June 13 and July 13, 2001 each of the following: a properly

executed Form FSA-117, an inspection certificate (FV-184 or FV-301), a livestock feed recipient, or an ethanol production or disposal delivery receipt (issued by livestock feed lot, ethanol plant or federal-state inspector) indicating hundredweight received, the date, name, address and telephone number of the recipient.

Dated: May 11, 2001.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Parts 1, 2, 50, 51, 52, 54, 60, 70, 73, 76, and 110

RIN 3150-AG49

Changes to Adjudicatory Process

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On April 16, 2001 (66 FR 19610), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published for public comment a proposed rule amending its rules of practice to make the NRC's hearing process more effective and efficient. Jonathan M. Block and the Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS) requested a 90 and 120 day extension, respectively, to the public comment period. Their requests were based on the fact that the transcripts of a public meeting on NRC Hearing Processes which was held on October 26-27, 1999, had not been placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) as was indicated in the April 16, 2001 **Federal Register** notice for the proposed rule, nor otherwise made available for electronic downloading on the NRC Web page or through ADAMS. The Commission placed the transcripts in the PDR on April 26, 2001, and subsequently placed the transcripts on the NRC's Web page (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/meettrans.html>) and in ADAMS (Accession Nos. ML011160507, ML011160525). In view of the 10-day delay in placing the transcripts in the PDR and in the interest of obtaining

public comment from the broadest range of stakeholders, the comment period on the proposed rule is being extended for an additional 60 days from the original July 16, 2001 deadline to September 14, 2001.

DATES: The comment period has been extended and now expires on September 14, 2001. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received before this date.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

Hand delivered comments should also be addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and delivered to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm Federal workdays.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website (<http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>). This site also provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov.

Certain documents relating to this rulemaking, including comments received, may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O1-F21, Rockville, MD. The same documents may also be viewed and downloaded electronically via the rulemaking website, <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>. Documents created or received at the NRC after November 1, 1999 are also available electronically at the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. From this site, the public can gain entry into the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. For more information, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Geary S. Mizuno, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-1639, e-mail GSM@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of May, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Annette L. Vietti-Cook,
Secretary of the Commission.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

22 CFR Part 62

[Public Notice 3639]

Exchange Visitor Program

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comment.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule would amend existing regulations governing the au pair exchange program. These amendments would create a sub-category of au pair exchange participation under which the au pair participant would provide fewer hours of child care for the host family while the required educational component that the au pair must complete would increase from not less than six semester hours of academic credit or its equivalent per year to not less than twelve semester hours of academic credit or its equivalent per year.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed rule will be accepted until June 15, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this proposed rule should be submitted in duplicate and addressed as follows: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Room 852, Washington, DC 20547.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stanley S. Colvin, U.S. Department of State, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Room 852, Washington, DC 20547; telephone (202) 619-6828.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These regulations govern Department-designated au pair programs under which foreign nationals are afforded the opportunity to live with an American host family and participate directly in the home life of the host family while providing child care services and attending a U.S. post-secondary educational institution. The Department's goal in proposing amendment of these existing regulations is to provide an opportunity for participation by foreign nationals who wish to pursue their academic studies more vigorously. To this end, the Department proposes to reduce the amount of child care services the potential au pair participant will provide to not more than 30 hours per

week while increasing the amount of academic credit the au pair will pursue to not less than twelve semester hours or its equivalent. At the suggestion of Department-designated au pair sponsors, the Department proposes to identify this form of au pair participation as EduCare. Existing provisions for au pair participation based upon up to 45 hours of child care services and the pursuit of not less than six semester hours of academic credit or its equivalent remain unchanged.

To accomplish this dual objective, the Department is advised by its designated au pair program sponsors that potential EduCare au pair participants should be placed with host families that need before and after school child care services for their school age children. Accordingly, the Department proposes that potential EduCare au pair participants not be placed with families having pre-school children unless alternative, full-time arrangements are in place for the supervision of such pre-school children. As the potential EduCare au pair participant will be more actively pursuing his or her academic studies, the Department is also proposing a reduction in the number of hours that the au pair will provide child care services from not more than 45 hours per week to not more than 30 hours per week. This reduction in the number of hours of child care services provided dictates a corresponding reduction in the weekly wage paid to an EduCare au pair participant. An au pair participating in the EduCare program would still be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. However, as a matter of administrative convenience for both Department-designated sponsors and participating host families, the Department proposes that the weekly wage for EduCare au pair participants be calculated as a percentage of the weekly wage paid to all other au pair participants.

The Department invites comment regarding this proposed rule notwithstanding the fact that it is under no legal obligation to do so. The oversight and administration of the Exchange Visitor Program are deemed to be a foreign affairs function of the United States Government. The Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) (1994), specifically exempts foreign affairs functions from the rulemaking requirements of the Act.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 62

Cultural exchange programs.

Accordingly, 22 CFR Part 62 is proposed to be amended as follows: