

milk that is pooled under any other marketwide equalization pool to read as follows:

§ 1032.13 Producer milk.

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(d) * * *

(6) *Provided, however*, that diverted milk pursuant to this paragraph shall not include milk subject to the minimum pricing provisions of another federal order or milk which qualifies for inclusion and participation in a marketwide equalization pool under a milk classification and pricing program imposed under the authority of a State government.

Proposed by: Associated Milk Producers Inc., Foremost Farms USA, Land O'Lakes, First District Association, Family Dairies USA, Midwest Dairymen's Co., Manitowoc Milk Producers Cooperative, and Milwaukee Cooperative Milk Producers:

Proposal No. 9

Amend paragraph (d)(1) of the "Producer Milk" definition to allow milk diverted to a nonpool plant before the producer's milk is delivered to a pool plant to be considered producer milk and allow the producer's milk to retain its association with the market for any months during which the handler fails to pool the producer's milk under any order to read as follows:

§ 1032.13 Producer Milk.

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(d) * * *

(1) Milk of a dairy farmer shall not be eligible for diversion unless at least one day's production of such dairy farmer has been physically received as producer milk at a pool plant during the first month the dairy farmer is a producer and the dairy farmer has continuously retained producer status since that time. If a dairy farmer loses producer status under the order in this part (except as a result of a temporary loss of Grade A approval or as a result of the handler of the dairy farmer's milk failing to pool the milk under any order), the dairy farmer's milk shall not be eligible for diversion unless milk of the dairy farmer has been physically received as producer milk at a pool plant.

Proposed by: Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service:

Proposal No. 10

Make such changes as may be necessary to make the entire marketing agreement and the order conform with

any amendments thereto that may result from this hearing.

Copies of this notice of hearing and the order may be procured from the Market Administrator of the Central Marketing Area or from the Hearing Clerk, Room 1083, South Building, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, or may be inspected there.

Copies of the transcript of testimony taken at the hearing will not be available for distribution through the Hearing Clerk's Office. If you wish to purchase a copy, arrangements may be made with the reporter at the hearing.

From the time that a hearing notice is issued and until the issuance of a final decision in a proceeding, Department employees involved in the decision-making process are prohibited from discussing the merits of the hearing issues on an ex parte basis with any person having an interest in the proceeding. For this particular proceeding, the prohibition applies to employees in the following organizational units:

Office of the Secretary of Agriculture
Office of the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service
Office of the General Counsel
Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service (Washington office) and the Office of the Market Administrator of the Central Milk Marketing Area

Procedural matters are not subject to the above prohibition and may be discussed at any time.

Dated: October 17, 2001.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

10 CFR Part 430

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products and Commercial and Industrial Equipment

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE or Department) will hold a public meeting to explore potential new products to be included in the existing appliance standards program and/or

voluntary programs. This meeting will continue the September 11, 2001, public meeting where DOE discussed the priorities of the existing appliance standards program, possible expansion of the scope of the program, and criteria and the process for applying the criteria in considering new products for either standards or voluntary programs. In addition, the Department is interested in receiving comments on the preliminary data sheets for potential new products and recommendations as to whether or not these products should be further considered for a standard and/or for a voluntary program such as Energy Star.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Written comments should be submitted by November 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-245, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. (Please note that foreign nationals visiting DOE Headquarters are subject to advance security screening procedures. If you are a foreign national and wish to participate in the meeting, please inform DOE of this fact as soon as possible by contacting Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at (202) 586-2945 so that the necessary procedures can be completed.)

A list identifying the proposed priority for standards rulemakings that are currently mandated by statute, a list of possible new products that have been identified by various stakeholders, comments on the August 28, 2001, **Federal Register** notice of the September 11, 2001, public meeting, including the transcript and presentation material from the September 11, 2001, public meeting, and preliminary data sheets for potential new products can be found on the DOE website at: http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/codes_standards/index.htm

Written comments are welcome, especially following the meeting. Please submit written comments to: Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products, EE-41, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-2945; Telefax: (202) 586-4617. You should label comments both on the envelope and on the documents and submit them for DOE receipt by November 20, 2001. Please submit one signed copy and a computer diskette (WordPerfect 8) or 10 copies (no telefacsimiles). The

Department will also accept electronically-mailed comments, e-mailed to Brenda.Edwards-Jones@ee.doe.gov, but you must supplement such comments with a signed hard copy.

Copies of the agenda and attendees of the public meeting, the public comments received, the list of current rulemakings and possible new products, and this notice may be read at the Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-3142, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Raymond, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-41, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-9611, email:

michael.raymond@ee.doe.gov pertaining to priority setting for current rulemakings, and Bryan Berringer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-41, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-0371, email: *bryan.berringer@ee.doe.gov* pertaining to possible new products, or Francine Pinto, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, GC-72, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0103, (202) 586-7432, email: *francine.pinto@hq.doe.gov*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 2001, the National Energy Policy Development Group (NEPD Group) reported a National Energy Policy to the President. One of the recommendations called for the President to direct the Secretary of Energy to take steps to improve the energy efficiency of appliances. The recommendation included supporting the existing appliance standards program, setting higher standards where technologically feasible and economically justified, and expanding the scope of the program to include additional consumer products and commercial and industrial equipment where technically feasible and economically justified.

The **Federal Register** notice dated August 28, 2001 (66 FR 45188), announced the September 11, 2001, public meeting and requested written comments be submitted by October 11, 2001. The September 11 public was to discuss the priorities of the existing appliance standards program and any possible expansion of the scope of the program to include additional consumer

products and commercial and industrial equipment. However, as a result of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the public meeting was cut short. At the September 11 public meeting, the interested parties discussed the criteria DOE should consider in deciding whether to expand the scope of the program, including the factors, data and analysis methods that might be used by DOE in its decision making process. Following the September 11 public meeting, DOE received written comments supporting adding a new factor, impact on innovation to the existing priority setting criteria.

DOE developed the list of possible new commercial and residential products from various independent sources which was presented at the September 11 public meeting. DOE has incorporated an additional criterion suggested at the September 11 public meeting, and developed preliminary data sheets for potential new products. This list as well as a listing of current rulemakings and the preliminary data sheets can be found on the following web-site: http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/codes_standards/index.htm

The November 6, 2001, public meeting will be to: continue the discussion of the possible expansion of the scope of the program, and review the comments received in response to the August 28, 2001, notice of public meeting; discuss how these comments should be incorporated into the process; review the preliminary data sheets developed; and discuss how these products should be considered for prioritization. The outcome of the meeting would be to screen out products which do not merit further consideration for either a standard and/or voluntary program.

The meeting will be conducted in an informal, conference style. There will not be any discussion of proprietary information, costs or prices, market shares, or other commercial matters regulated by the U.S. antitrust laws.

After the meeting and expiration of the period for submitting written statements, the Department will begin consideration of the comments received.

If you would like to participate in the meeting, receive meeting materials, or be added to the DOE mailing list to receive future notices and information regarding the energy conservation program for consumer products and commercial and industrial equipment, please contact Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at (202) 586-2945.

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David K. Garman,

Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

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Catch-Up Contributions for Individuals Age 50 or Over

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: This document contains proposed regulations that would provide guidance concerning the requirements for retirement plans providing catch-up contributions to individuals age 50 or older pursuant to the provisions of section 414(v). These proposed regulations would affect section 401(k) plans, section 408(p) SIMPLE IRA plans, section 408(k) simplified employee pensions, section 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity contracts, and section 457 eligible governmental plans, and would affect participants eligible to make elective deferrals under these plans or contracts. This document also contains a notice of public hearing on these proposed regulations.

DATES: Written and electronic comments and requests to speak (with outlines of oral comments) at a public hearing scheduled for February 21, 2002, must be received by January 31, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send submissions to: CC:IT&A:RU (REG-142499-01), room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to: CC:IT&A:RU (REG-142499-01), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Alternatively, taxpayers may submit comments electronically via the Internet by selecting the "Tax Regs" option on the IRS Home Page, or by submitting comments directly to the IRS Internet site at http://www.irs.gov/tax_regs/reglist.html. The public hearing will be held in the IRS Auditorium (7th Floor), Internal Revenue Building, 1111