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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Final Information Quality Guidelines

**AGENCY:** U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** USAID's Final Information Quality Guidelines is available on the USAID Web site [http://www.usaid.gov/about/info\\_quality/](http://www.usaid.gov/about/info_quality/).

**DATES:** October 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Margaret A. Miller, M/AA, USAID, Room 2.12.036 RRB, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20523.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margaret Alter Miller; telephone 202-712-1054; telefax (202) 216-3053; e-mail [mamiller@usaid.gov](mailto:mamiller@usaid.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to OMB Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies, USAID's final information quality guidelines, which have been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget, are available to the public on the USAID Web site: [http://www.usaid.gov/about/info\\_quality](http://www.usaid.gov/about/info_quality).

Dated: September 24, 2002.

Richard C. Nygard,  
Deputy CIO for Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. # CN-02-004]

### Recommendations of Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) held a meeting of the Universal Cotton Standards Advisory Committee in Memphis, Tennessee on June 13 and 14, 2002. This notice announces that the Advisory Committee recommended the creation and addition of two Universal Micronaire Cotton Standards that represent the high and low ends of the American Upland micronaire range. Also, the Advisory Committee recommended that "Guidelines for HVI Testing" should be referenced to provide accepted procedures for standardized HVI testing. These guidelines can be obtained on the Internet from the USDA, AMS, Cotton Program's Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cotton/cnpubs>.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 2, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the Advisory Committee's recommendations to Norma McDill, Deputy Administrator, Cotton Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, Washington, DC 20250-0224. Comments should be submitted in triplicate. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: [cottoncomments@usda.gov](mailto:cottoncomments@usda.gov). All comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of the issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at Cotton Program, AMS, USDA, Room 2641-S, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0224 during regular business hours. A copy of this notice may be found at: [www.ams.usda.gov/cotton/rulemaking.htm](http://www.ams.usda.gov/cotton/rulemaking.htm).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Norma McDill, Deputy Administrator, Cotton Program, AMS, USDA, Stop 0224, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0224, telephone (202) 720-3193, facsimile (202) 690-1718, or e-mail at [Norma.McDill@usda.gov](mailto:Norma.McDill@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Universal Cotton Standards Advisory Committee meets triennially to consider any necessary changes to the Universal Cotton Standards and to review freshly prepared sets of Universal Cotton Standards for conformity with the existing standards.

At its June 13-14, 2002 meeting, the committee recommended the creation and addition of two Universal Micronaire Calibration Cotton Standards that represent the high and low ends of the American Upland micronaire range. The committee also recommended that "HVI Guidelines for HVI Testing" should be referenced to provide accepted procedures and practices for standardized HVI testing. These guidelines can be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cotton/cnpubs>.

High Volume Instrument (HVI) Classing of cotton has been available on an optional basis since 1980. Since 1991, HVI classification has been provided on all cotton classed by USDA along with the classer color grade and leaf grade, which conform to the Universal Grade Standards. HVI systems provide the most scientific and reliable sources of cotton quality information available. The advisory committee includes representatives of all segments of the U.S. cotton industry and the 23 overseas cotton associations that are signatories to the Universal Cotton Standards Agreement. Adoption of these recommendations will continue to facilitate establishing a universal language for the marketing of U.S. cotton under the HVI classification system.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 51-65.

Dated: September 25, 2002

**A.J. Yates,**

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-054-1]

### General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan; Reestablish

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of reestablishment.

**SUMMARY:** We are giving notice that the Secretary of Agriculture has reestablished the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry

Improvement Plan for a 2-year period. The Secretary has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Andrew Rhorer, Senior Coordinator, National Poultry Improvement Plan, VS, APHIS, 1498 Klondike Road, Suite 200, Conyers, GA 30094-5104; (770) 922-3496.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (Committee) is to maintain and ensure industry involvement in Federal administration of matters pertaining to poultry health.

The Committee Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee from among its members. There are seven members on the Committee. This Committee differs somewhat from other advisory committees in the selection process and composition of its membership. The poultry industry elects the members of the Committee. The members represent six geographic areas with one member-at-large. The membership is not subject to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's review. A formal request for nominations for membership is published in the **Federal Register**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of September 2002.

**John Surina,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Willamette Province Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Willamette Province Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet in Salem, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues pertinent to the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan and to provide advice to federal land managers in the Province. The specific topics to be covered at the meeting include young stand management and development of late successional habitat, results of Province implementation monitoring, and information sharing.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held October 17, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Salem District Office of the Bureau

of Land Management, 1717 Fabry Road, Salem, Oregon. Send written comments to Neal Forrester, Willamette Province Advisory Committee, c/o Willamette National Forest, PO Box 10607, Eugene, Oregon 97440, (541) 225-6436 or electronically to [nforrester@fs.fed.us](mailto:nforrester@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Neal Forrester, Willamette National Forest, (541) 225-6436.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to PAC members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the PAC staff before or after the meeting. A public forum will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the PAC. Oral comments will be limited to three minutes.

Dated: September 25, 2002.

**Y. Robert Iwamoto,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor, Willamette National Forest.*

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## ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

**[Docket No. 02-2]**

### Information Quality Guidelines

**AGENCY:** Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final information quality guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has placed final information quality guidelines on its web site. The purpose of the information quality guidelines is to ensure the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of certain information disseminated by the Access Board to the public. The guidelines also provide an administrative mechanism for requests for correction of information publicly disseminated by the Access Board.

**DATES:** The guidelines are effective October 1, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Stewart, Deputy General Counsel, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street NW., suite 1000, Washington DC 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-0042 (voice); (202) 272-0082 (TTY). Electronic mail address: [stewart@access-board.gov](mailto:stewart@access-board.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (Public Law 106-554), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued implementing guidelines entitled "Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies."<sup>1</sup> OMB's implementing guidelines directed each agency to post final information quality guidelines on their web site no later than October 1, 2002.

The purpose of the information quality guidelines is to ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information disseminated by the Access Board. The guidelines also establish administrative mechanisms allowing affected persons to seek and obtain correction of information that does not comply with these guidelines. Pursuant to the implementing guidelines issued by OMB, the Access Board must report annually to the Director of OMB, beginning January 1, 2004, on the number and nature of complaints regarding the Access Board's compliance with the information quality guidelines and how such complaints were resolved.

On August 27, 2002, the Access Board published a notice of availability of its draft information quality guidelines and requested comment by September 10, 2002. (67 FR 55000). The Board received one comment on the draft guidelines from the Paralyzed Veterans of America. That comment was supportive in general of the draft guidelines, and, in particular of the manner in which the guidelines addressed the issue of complaints filed during rulemaking proceedings.

The Board has substantively modified the final guidelines in one respect. Section 13 of the final guidelines was amended to provide for an administrative review of the decision on the initial complaint. Section 13 provides that within 15 days of receipt of the decision issued by the Deputy General Counsel, the complainant may file a request for reconsideration of that decision with the General Counsel. There are no other substantive changes to the information quality guidelines.

The Office of Management and Budget has reviewed the Board's final guidelines. The Access Board has made its final information quality guidelines

<sup>1</sup> Published by OMB on September 28, 2001 (66 FR 49718), updated January 3, 2002 (67 FR 369), and corrected February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8452).