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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Tobacco Transition Program; Final Date To Request Payments; No Change to Final Assessment Procedures

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA), on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), is announcing that the final date for holders of Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP) contracts to request payments on their existing contracts is July 1, 2015. Through TTPP, eligible former tobacco quota holders and producers of quota tobacco received annual payments from funds that CCC collected through quarterly assessments on domestic manufacturers and importers of tobacco products under the Tobacco Transition Assessment Program (TTAP), as required by the Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 (FETRA). The authority to issue TTAP assessments ended with fiscal year 2014.

DATES: Submit claims for payment by July 1, 2015; no claims will be accepted after this date.

ADDRESSES: Any USDA FSA county office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly Dawson; telephone: (202) 720-0448. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communications (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On behalf of CCC, FSA administers the Tobacco Transition Program (TTPP),

which includes TTPP and TTAP. The TTPP regulations are located in 7 CFR part 1463, subpart B; TTAP regulations are located in subpart A. This notice does not change the regulations. TTPP was authorized by Title VI of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-357). Title VI is also known as FETRA (7 U.S.C. 518-519a). FETRA repealed the tobacco marketing quota and related price support programs authorized by Title III of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 and by the Agricultural Act of 1949, and provided for payments to persons who were owners of farms with tobacco quotas, or who were producers of quota tobacco. As specified in FETRA, TTPP used funds from assessments collected quarterly from domestic tobacco manufacturers and importers to make TTPP contract payments; those payments ended with fiscal year 2014. There will be no new TTPP contracts issued; the July 1, 2015 deadline is only for claims for payment under existing contracts.

Final TTPP Contract Payments Procedures

FSA is clarifying a few final procedures and dates for both the orderly close-out of TTPP, and the effect of the former on the close-out of the TTAP. Accordingly, this notice clarifies how final payments will be handled after fiscal year 2014. Specifically, all claims for payments on existing contracts must be received in an FSA county office by July 1, 2015. This notice will also discuss the final “true-up” for TTAP.

FSA has already made every effort to pay in full existing TTPP contract holders. We believe that the only remaining pending payments are those that may be due to the surviving spouses, beneficiaries of an estate, or successors in interest of now-deceased contract holders.

In accordance with 7 CFR 1463.113, the TTPP payment can be transferred to the surviving spouse of a deceased TTPP contract holder upon presentation of a death certificate, without regard to any will or other document created on behalf of or by the deceased contract holder. If there is no surviving spouse of a deceased contract holder, the TTPP payment can be transferred to the estate of the deceased by any person authorized under State law to distribute

assets of the deceased TTPP contract holder. The regulations for successor-in-interest contracts are found in 7 CFR 1463.112. This notice does not change those regulations. Evidence of authority to distribute assets of a deceased TTPP contract holder must be submitted to FSA by July 1, 2015.

Persons who are surviving spouses, beneficiaries of an estate, or successors in interest may not have received payment if contact information was not provided to FSA in a timely fashion, or if the right to receive such payments was not documented as required. Any such persons who wish to receive payments must provide contact information, present evidence of authority to distribute assets (if applicable), and submit a claim for payment, using form CCC-971, “Transfer of Tobacco Transition Payment Program Contracts Exempt From Maximum Discount Rate,” to a local FSA county office. The CCC-971 form must have an original signature. All of the above information and form CCC-971 must be submitted to any local FSA office either in person, or received by mail, no later than July 1, 2015. Form CCC-971 is available online at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eForms/CCC971-971-A.PDF>.

Final Assessment Procedures Will Not Change

This notice does not change the final dates or procedures for assessments that were specified in the most recent final rule for TTAP, published on April 9, 2014 (79 FR 19462-19464). As specified in the preamble of that final rule, FSA will make any necessary final “trued up” revisions to the assessments for all 10 fiscal years of the Tobacco Transition Program and issue revised assessments on or before December 1, 2015. The final “trued up” assessment will include any adjustments needed to cover payments made for final claims for payments on existing TTPP contracts received by July 1, 2015. After December 1, 2015, there will be no revised assessments issued for any fiscal years. The final date for appeals of assessments is January 16, 2016, as specified in 7 CFR 1463.11; that date is not changing with this notice.

Signed on April 27, 2015.

Val Dolcini,

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and
Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit
Corporation.*

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Alaska Advisory Committee for Members of the Committee To Receive Member Orientation and Discuss Civil Rights Issues in the State

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that a meeting of the Alaska Advisory Committee (Committee) to the Commission will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015, for the purpose of receiving an orientation on committee procedures and member responsibilities and to discuss possible civil rights issues in the state for examination by the Committee. The meeting will be held by teleconference.

This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888-430-8709 conference ID: 1833093. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the Western Regional Office of the Commission by June 21, 2015. The address is Western Regional Office, U.S.

Commission on Civil Rights, 300 N. Los Angeles Street, Suite 2010, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Persons wishing to email their comments may do so by sending them to Angelica Trevino, Civil Rights Analyst, Western Regional Office, at atrevino@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information should contact the Western Regional Office, at (213) 894-3437, (or for hearing impaired TDD 913-551-1414), or by email to atrevino@usccr.gov. Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing prior to and after the meeting at <http://facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=234> and clicking on the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Western Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Western Regional Office at the above email or street address.

Agenda:

Introductions

Member orientation

Discussion of civil rights issues in the state

Adjournment

DATES: Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 2 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. AST

Public Call Information:

Dial: 888-430-8709

Conference ID: 1833093

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter Minarik, DFO, at (213) 894-3437 or pminarik@usccr.gov.

Dated: April 27, 2015.

David Mussatt,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-25-2015]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 122—Corpus Christi, Texas; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; M & G Resins, LLC, (Polyethylene Terephthalate and Terephthalic Acid); Corpus Christi, Texas

The Port of Corpus Christi Authority, grantee of FTZ 122, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of M & G Resins, LLC (M & G), located in Corpus Christi, Texas. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on April 17, 2015.

The M & G facility is located within Subzone 122S. The facility will be used for the manufacturing of polyethylene terephthalate and terephthalic acid. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt M & G from customs duty payments on the foreign status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, M & G would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to polyethylene terephthalate (PET) and terephthalic acid (PTA) (duty rate 6.5%) for the foreign status inputs noted below. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include: Ethylene glycol, para-xylene and acetic acid (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 5.5%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 9, 2015.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Elizabeth Whiteman at Elizabeth.Whiteman@trade.gov or (202) 482-0473.