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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 205

[Doc. No. AMS–NOP–21–0073]

RIN 0581–AE06

National Organic Program; Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On August 9, 2022, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) published proposed amendments to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) organic regulations, with a 60-day comment period ending on October 11, 2022. The proposed rule would amend organic livestock and poultry production requirements. In response to multiple requests, AMS is announcing an extension of the public comment period by an additional 30 calendar days.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of comments on the proposed rule published on August 9, 2022, at 87 FR 48562, is extended until November 10, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may comment on this proposed rule using one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* You may submit comments on the proposed rule, identified by AMS–NOP–21–0073, by electronic submission. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter AMS–NOP–21–0073 in the Search box. Click the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- *Mail:* AMS strongly prefers comments be submitted electronically. However, written comments may be submitted (*i.e.*, postmarked) via mail to Erin Healy, Standards Division, National Organic Program, USDA–AMS–NOP, Room 2646–So., Ag Stop

0268, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250–0268. Mailed comments must be postmarked by November 10, 2022.

All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

Docket: To access the docket, including the Draft Regulatory Impact Analysis/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, other background documents, and comments, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> (search for docket “AMS–NOP–21–0073”).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Healy, Standards Division, National Organic Program, USDA–AMS–NOP, Room 2646–So., Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250–0268; Telephone: (202) 617–4942. Email: erin.healy@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 9, 2022, AMS published proposed changes to the USDA organic regulations for organic livestock and poultry production (87 FR 48562). The proposed changes would address a range of topics related to the care of organic livestock, including:

- *Livestock health care practices*—the proposed rule would specify which physical alteration procedures are prohibited or restricted for use on organic livestock. The proposed livestock health care practice standards include requirements for euthanasia to reduce suffering of any sick or disabled livestock;

- *Living conditions*—the proposed rule would set separate standards for mammalian and avian livestock living conditions to better reflect the needs and behaviors of the different species, as well as related consumer expectations. The proposed mammalian livestock standards would cover both ruminants and swine. The proposed avian livestock living standards would set maximum indoor and outdoor stocking densities to ensure the birds have sufficient space to engage in natural behaviors;

- *Transport of animals*—the proposed rule would add new requirements on the transport of organic livestock to sale or slaughter;

- *Slaughter*—the proposed rule would add a new section to clarify how organic slaughter facility practices and USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) regulations work together to support animal welfare.

During the comment period, AMS received multiple requests for additional time to prepare and submit comments. Having considered the requests, AMS is extending the comment period for an additional 30 days to provide further opportunity for public comment. This extension provides a total of 90 days for public input. We encourage members of the public to submit comments on the proposed amendments, implementation options, and AMS’s analysis of the proposed rule (see 87 FR 48564).

Erin Morris,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 205

[Doc. No. AMS–NOP–21–0008]

RIN 0581–AE02

Inert Ingredients in Pesticides for Organic Production

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is providing additional time for the public to submit comments and information about how to update the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) organic regulations on inert ingredients in pesticides used in organic production. AMS seeks comments on alternatives to its existing regulations that would align with the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) regulatory framework for inert ingredients.

Information from public comments would inform AMS's approach to this topic, including any proposed revisions of the USDA organic regulations.

DATES: The comment period for the notice originally published on September 2, 2022, at 87 FR 54173, is extended. Comments must be submitted on or before December 31, 2022.

ADDRESSES: To submit comments on the ANPR, use any of the following procedures:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. You can access this ANPR and instructions for submitting public comments by searching for document number, AMS-NOP-21-0008.

- *Mail:* Jared Clark, Standards Division, National Organic Program, USDA-AMS-NOP, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Room 2642-S., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268.

All submissions received must include the docket number AMS-NOP-21-0008, NOP-21-01, and/or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) 0581-AE02 for this notice. AMS seeks information and feedback on specific topics listed in this notice. Commenters are also invited to provide information and perspectives on inert ingredients for topics not requested by AMS in this notice. Specific and relevant information and data to support your comments is encouraged, including, scientific, environmental, manufacturing, industry, or impact information. Comments received will be posted to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

To access the document, related documents, and comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> (search for Docket ID AMS-NOP-21-0008).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jared Clark, Standards Division, National Organic Program, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Room 2642-S., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268; Telephone: (202) 720-3252; Email: jared.clark@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 2, 2022 (87 FR 54173), requested comments and information from the public about how to update the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) organic regulations on inert ingredients in pesticides used in organic production. This advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) established a 60-day comment period, ending November 1, 2022. During this comment period, AMS received requests from two industry organizations asking for additional time to submit comments, citing the complexity of the questions

and topic. Further, one organization notes that this comment period overlaps with two other National Organic Program (NOP) comment periods: Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards (87 FR 48562), closing October 11, 2022, and the National Organic Standards Board Meeting (87 FR 37495), closing September 29, 2022.

AMS is extending the comment period by 60 days to encourage constructive input on the topics raised by the ANPR. The September 2, 2022, ANPR includes numerous specific alternatives and questions for commenter consideration. Included for reference in this docket (AMS-NOP-21-0008) are several documents to aid consideration and evaluation of these questions, including: NOSB recommendations; copies of EPA List 3, List 4A, and List 4B; National List petition procedures; and a 2015 spreadsheet identifying inert ingredients used in organic production (based on a 2011 survey by the Organic Materials Review Institute).

Comments received would inform AMS's approach on this topic regarding the allowance of inert ingredients in organic production. We ask that commenters please fully explain all views and alternative solutions or suggestions and supply examples, data, or other information to support those views. Substantive, well-reasoned, and constructive comments will assist AMS in identifying challenges and evaluating alternatives as we move forward with rulemaking.

Erin Morris,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 20

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Guidance Under Section 2053 Regarding Deduction for Interest Expense and Amounts Paid Under a Personal Guarantee, Certain Substantiation Requirements, and Applicability of Present Value Concepts; Hearing Cancellation

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Cancellation of a notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document cancels a public hearing on proposed regulations providing guidance on the proper use of present-value principles in determining the amount deductible by an estate for funeral expenses, administration expenses, and certain claims against the estate.

DATES: The public hearing originally scheduled for October 12, 2022, at 10 a.m. EST is cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vivian Hayes of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Legal Processing Division, Associate Chief Counsel (Procedure and Administration) at (202) 317-6901 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of proposed rulemaking and a notice of public hearing that appeared in the **Federal Register** on June 28, 2022 (87 FR 38331) announced that a public hearing being held by teleconference was scheduled for October 12, 2022, at 10 a.m. EST. The subject of the public hearing is under section 2053 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The public comment period for these regulations expired on September 26, 2022. The notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing instructed those interested in testifying at the public hearing to submit a request to testify and an outline of the topics to be addressed. We received one request to testify at the public hearing. As of October 4, 2022, the requestors have withdrawn their request to testify at the public hearing. Therefore, the public hearing scheduled for October 12, 2022, at 10 a.m. EST is cancelled.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 141

[EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0801; FRL-10287-01-OW]

Notice of Public Meeting: Environmental Justice Considerations for the Development of the Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting two identical