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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### 5 CFR Chapter III

### 48 CFR Chapter 1

#### Federal Regulations; OMB Circulars, OFPP Policy Letters, and CASB Cost Accounting Standards Included in the Semiannual Agenda of Federal Activities; Withdrawal

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget.

**ACTION:** Withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is announcing the withdrawal of its semiannual agenda of upcoming activities for Federal regulations, OMB Circulars, Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Policy Letters, and Cost Accounting Standards Board (CASB) Cost Accounting Standards.

**DATES:** The withdrawal is effective October 14, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** See agency person listed for each entry in the agenda, c/o Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. On the overall agenda, contact Kevin F. Neyland, (202) 395-5897, at the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a document published in the **Federal Register** of September 29, 2011 (77 FR 60357), OMB published its semiannual regulatory agenda. That document is being withdrawn because the agenda was prematurely and improperly published.

Dated: October 11, 2011.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 9 CFR Parts 93, 94, and 98

[Docket No. APHIS-2009-0093]

#### Importation of Live Swine, Swine Semen, Pork, and Pork Products From Liechtenstein and Switzerland

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are amending the regulations governing the importation of animals and animal products to add Liechtenstein and Switzerland to the region of Europe that we recognize as low risk for classical swine fever (CSF). We are also adding Liechtenstein to the list of regions we consider free from swine vesicular disease (SVD) and to the list of regions considered free from foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) and rinderpest. These actions will relieve some restrictions on the importation into the United States of certain animals and animal products from those regions, while continuing to protect against the introduction of CSF, SVD, FMD, and rinderpest into the United States.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 25, 2011.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States to guard against the introduction of animal diseases not currently present or prevalent in this country. The regulations in 9 CFR parts 93, 94 and 98 (referred to below as the regulations) prohibit or restrict the importation of specified animals and animal products to prevent the introduction into the United States of various animal diseases, including classical swine fever (CSF), swine

vesicular disease (SVD), foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), and rinderpest. These are dangerous and destructive communicable diseases of ruminants and swine.

Sections 94.9 and 94.10 of the regulations list regions of the world that are declared free of or low-risk for CSF. Sections 94.24 and 98.38 specify restrictions necessary to mitigate the risk of introducing CSF into the United States via the importation of pork, pork products, live swine, and swine semen from the region of Europe that we recognize as low risk for CSF (currently, 19 Member States of the European Union (EU)). Section 94.12 of the regulations lists regions that are declared free of SVD. Section 94.13 of the regulations lists regions that have been determined to be free of SVD, but that are subject to certain restrictions because of their proximity to or trading relationships with SVD-affected regions. Section 94.1 of the regulations lists regions of the world that are declared free of rinderpest or free of both rinderpest and FMD. Section 94.11 of the regulations lists regions that have been determined to be free of rinderpest and FMD, but that are subject to certain restrictions because of their proximity to or trading relationships with rinderpest- or FMD-affected regions.

On May 19, 2011, we published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 28910-28913, Docket No. APHIS-2009-0093) a proposed rule<sup>1</sup> to add Liechtenstein and Switzerland to the region of Europe that we recognize as low risk for CSF and to add Liechtenstein to the lists of regions we consider free from SVD and from FMD and rinderpest.

We solicited comments concerning our proposal for 60 days ending July 18, 2011.

We received three comments by that date. They were from an individual and from two organizations representing pork producers. The comments are discussed below.

With respect to our proposal to add Switzerland to the region of Europe that we recognize as low risk for CSF, one commenter asked about Switzerland's current practice regarding the feeding of catering waste to pigs in that country. If Switzerland allows this practice, the

<sup>1</sup> To view the proposed rule, supporting documents, and the comments we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2009-0093>.