

Therefore, for the reasons given in the interim rules and in this document, we are adopting the interim rules as final, with the changes discussed in this document.

This final rule also affirms the information contained in the interim rules concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 12372 and 12988, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived the review process required by Executive Order 12866.

Effective Date: Pursuant to the administrative procedure provisions in 5 U.S.C. 553, we find good cause for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. This rule makes minor, nonsubstantive changes to the regulations. They are necessary to clarify requirements concerning the use of irradiation treatment on berries, fruits, nuts, and vegetables that are regulated because of the Medfly and to correct an address. Therefore, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that this rule should be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 301

Agricultural commodities, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

Accordingly, the interim rules amending 7 CFR part 301 that were published at 62 FR 33537–33539 on June 20, 1997; 62 FR 36976–36978 on July 10, 1997; 62 FR 43269–43272 on August 13, 1997; 62 FR 47553–47558 on September 10, 1997; 62 FR 54571–54572 on October 21, 1997; 62 FR 61897–61898 on November 20, 1997; 63 FR 19797–19798 on April 22, 1998; 63 FR 20053–20054 on April 23, 1998; 63 FR 25748–25750 on May 11, 1998; 63 FR 27439–27440 on May 19, 1998; 63 FR 31887–31888 on June 11, 1998; 63 FR 43287–43289 on August 13, 1998; 63 FR 44538–44539 on August 20, 1998; 63 FR 45392–45393 on August 26, 1998; and 63 FR 54037–54038 on October 8, 1998, are adopted as final with the following changes:

PART 301—DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICES

1. The authority citation for part 301 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Title IV, Pub. L. 106–224, 114 Stat. 438, 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772; 7 U.S.C. 166; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

2. Section 301.78–10 is amended as follows:

a. In paragraph (c)(3)(i), by revising footnote 10 to read “¹⁰ If there is a question as to the adequacy of a carton, send a request for approval of the carton, together with a sample carton, to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Oxford Plant Protection Center, 901 Hillsboro Street, Oxford, NC 27565.”

b. By revising paragraphs (c)(5)(ii) and (c)(5)(iii).

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(ii) Absorbed dose must be measured using a dosimetry system that can accurately measure an adsorbed dose of 225 Gray (22.5 krad).

(iii) The utilization of the dosimetry system, including its calibration and the number and placement of dosimeters used, must be in accordance with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards.¹²

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Done in Washington, DC, this 5th day of September 2000.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

12 CFR Parts 612 and 614

RIN 3052–AB95

Standards of Conduct; Loan Policies and Operations

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration (FCA).

ACTION: Confirmation of effective date; partial withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The FCA published a direct final rule, with opportunity for comment, amending parts 612 and 614 on June 30, 2000 (65 FR 40486). The rule rewrote part 612 of our Standards of Conduct regulations in plain language. The rule amended part 614 to

correctly reference our Standard of Conduct regulations. The opportunity for comment expired on July 31, 2000. We received significant adverse comment on part 612. As a result we are withdrawing the revision of part 612 of the direct final rule. The amendment to part 614 will become effective in accordance with this document.

DATES: The regulation amending 12 CFR part 614 published on June 30, 2000 (65 FR 40486) is effective September 11, 2000. The regulation revising 12 CFR part 612 published on June 30, 2000 (65 FR 40486) is withdrawn September 11, 2000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Direct final rulemaking enables Federal agencies to quickly adopt noncontroversial regulations without the usual notice and comment period. On June 30, 2000, we notified you that this rule would become effective 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** during which either or both Houses of Congress are in session unless we receive significant adverse comment by July 31, 2000. A significant adverse comment is one where a commenter explains why the rule would be inappropriate (including challenges to its underlying premise or approach), ineffective, or unacceptable. Our June 30, 2000 notice informed you that if we received a significant adverse comment about any amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule, we would withdraw that amendment, paragraph, or section, but adopt all other provisions as a final rule. We received significant adverse comments on several provisions of part 612 of the rule. The breadth of the comments makes it impossible to adopt the remaining provisions as a final rule. Therefore, part 612 of the rule will not become effective. The amendment to § 614.4440(f) in the direct final rule will take effect on September 11, 2000.

Dated: September 6, 2000.

Kelly Mikel Williams,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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¹² Designation E 1261, “Standard Guide for Selection and Calibration of Dosimetry Systems for Radiation Processing,” American Society for Testing and Materials, Annual Book of ASTM Standards.