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Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 94

[Docket No. 01-065-2]

Change in Disease Status of Greece Because of BSE

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the regulations by adding Greece to the list of regions where bovine spongiform encephalopathy exists because the disease had been detected in a native-born animal in that region. Greece had been listed among the regions that present an undue risk of introducing bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States. The effect of the interim rule was a continued restriction on the importation of ruminants that have been in Greece and meat, meat products, and certain other products of ruminants that have been in Greece. The interim rule was necessary in order to update the disease status of Greece regarding bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interim rule became effective on July 2, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donna Malloy, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export, Products Program, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-3277.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective July 2, 2001, and published in the **Federal Register** on October 30, 2001 (66 FR 54642-54643, Docket No. 01-065-1), we amended the regulations by adding Greece to the list in § 94.18(a)(1) of regions where bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) is known to exist. Greece had previously been listed in § 94.18(a)(2) as a region that presents an undue risk of introducing BSE into the United States. However, due to the

detection of BSE in a native-born animal in that region, the interim rule was necessary to update the disease status of Greece regarding BSE.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before December 31, 2001. We did not receive any comments. Therefore, for the reasons given in the interim rule, we are adopting the interim rule as a final rule.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Order 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.

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 94

Animal diseases, Imports, Livestock, Meat and meat products, Milk, Poultry and poultry products, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

PART 94—RINDERPEST, FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE, FOWL PEST (FOWL PLAGUE), EXOTIC NEWCASTLE DISEASE, AFRICAN SWINE FEVER, HOG CHOLERA, AND BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY: PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED IMPORTATIONS

Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 9 CFR part 94 and that was published at 66 FR 54642-54643 on October 30, 2001.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 450, 7711, 7712, 7713, 7714, 7751, and 7754; 19 U.S.C. 1306; 21 U.S.C. 111, 114a, 134a, 134b, 134c, 134f, 136, and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 42 U.S.C. 4331 and 4332; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of February, 2002.

W. Ron DeHaven,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

19 CFR Parts 162, 171 and 178

[T.D. 02-08]

RIN 1515-AC69

Civil Asset Forfeiture

AGENCY: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document adopts as a final rule, with some changes, the interim rule amending the Customs Regulations that was published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 2000, as T.D. 00-88. The interim rule implemented the provisions of the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act of 2000 (CAFRA), insofar as these provisions were applicable to laws enforced by Customs. The CAFRA created general rules governing civil forfeiture proceedings. However, CAFRA specifically exempted from certain of its requirements forfeitures that were made under a number of statutes, among these being: the Tariff Act of 1930 or any other provision of law codified in title 19, United States Code; the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; the International Emergency Economic Powers Act; and the Trading with the Enemy Act. In addition, this final rule adopts certain minor conforming changes to the Customs Regulations that were made in the interim rule in order to reflect a recodification of existing statutory law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 28, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeremy Baskin, Penalties Branch, (202-927-2344).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 2 of the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act of 2000 (CAFRA), Public Law (Pub. L.) 106-185, 114 Stat. 202, enacted on April 25, 2000, and codified at title 18, United States Code, section 983 (18 U.S.C. 983), created general rules for civil forfeiture proceedings. This section of the CAFRA, however, specifically exempts from certain of its requirements forfeitures undertaken pursuant to the following statutes: the Tariff Act of 1930 or any other provision of law codified in title 19, United States Code; the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*); the Trading with the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. App. 1 *et seq.*); and section 1 of title VI of the Act of June 15, 1917 (40 Stat. 233; 22 U.S.C. 401). In addition, Public Law 107-56, enacted October 26, 2001, the title of which is the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT Act) Act of 2001, exempted from the requirements of CAFRA the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*).

Under section 2 of the CAFRA, specified duties and obligations