

# Proposed Rules

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

#### 7 CFR Part 6

#### Withdrawal of Proposed Rule To Establish Licensing for Certain Sugar-Containing Products Under Tariff-Rate Quota

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** This document advises the public that the proposed rule is withdrawn based on legal action by the Canadian Government which addressed the principal purposes of the proposed rule by rescinding mandated increases in Canadian exports of certain sugar containing products (SCP) packaged for retail sale.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Wanamaker, STOP 1021, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1021, or telephone at (202) 720-1330, or e-mail at Wanamaker@fas.usda.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

##### *Proposed Rule*

The proposed rule (RIN 0551-AA-59), published in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 2000 (65 FR 14478-14484), provides for a licensing system for imports of certain SCP which enter under the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) provided for in Additional U.S. Note 8 to chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). The TRQ limits certain SCP imports entered from October 1 through September 30 in any given year to 64,709,000 kilograms, of which Canada is allocated 59,250,000 kilograms. The proposed rule was published in response to U.S. industry concerns regarding mandated increases in retail packaged SCP exports required under Canada's export permit system which became effective on October 1, 1999. The Department received public comments on the proposed rule from

nearly 100 entities (e.g., importers, packers, industry associations, and government officials) on specific provisions of the proposed rule; potential effects on bulk and retail product importers and packers; and costs or unintended market consequences affecting importers, buyers, and participants in the U.S. SCP re-export program.

#### *Canada's Action*

On June 20, 2000, the Government of Canada amended its export permit system to rescind the phased increase in export permits allocated for retail packaged SCP shipments to the United States. The amendment also rescinded the Canadian Government's policy of promoting value added SCP exports by altering product availability.

In view of the remedial action taken by the Government of Canada to eliminate its market intervention measures, it is appropriate to withdraw the proposed rule.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on September 19, 2000.

**Timothy J. Galvin,**

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

#### 7 CFR Part 457

#### Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Forage Seeding Crop Provisions

**AGENCY:** Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) proposes to amend the Forage Seeding Crop Insurance Provisions. The intended effect of this proposed action is to provide policy changes to better meet the needs of the insureds and to restrict the effect of the current Forage Seeding Crop Insurance Regulations to the 2001 and prior crop years.

**DATES:** Written comments and opinions on this proposed rule will be accepted until close of business October 25, 2000, and will be considered when the rule is to be made final. The comment period for information collection under the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 continues through November 24, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Director, Product Development Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, United States Department of Agriculture, 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, Mo 64133. Comments may be sent via Internet to "DIRECTOR PDD@RM.FCIC.USDA.GOV". A copy of each response will be available for public inspection and copying from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., CDT, Monday through Friday except holidays, at the above address.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Arden Routh, Insurance Management Specialist, Research and Development, Product Development Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, at the Kansas City, MO, address listed above, telephone (816) 926-7730.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Executive Order 12866

This rule has been determined to be exempt for the purpose of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

#### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the collections of information for this rule have been previously approved by OMB under control number 0563-0053 through April 30, 2001.

#### Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) establishes requirements for Federal agencies to assess the effects of their regulatory actions on State, local, and tribal governments and the private sector. This rule contains no Federal mandates (under the regulatory provisions of title II of the UMRA) for State, local, and tribal governments or the private sector. Therefore, this rule is not subject to the requirements of sections 202 and 205 of the UMRA.

#### Executive Order 13132

The provisions contained in this rule will not have a substantial direct effect on States, the relationship between the