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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 301

[Docket 96-016-13]

Karnal Bunt; Clarification

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; clarification.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Department intends to propose revisions to the current Karnal bunt compensation regulations for the 1996-1997 crop year, and that publication in the Federal Register on August 2, 1996, of the current compensation provisions as part of a proposal to amend other aspects of regulations should not be interpreted to mean that the Department has made a decision on compensation.

DATES: The comment closing date for the proposed rule, Docket No. 96-016-10, remains September 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of written comments to Docket No. 96-016-10, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 96-016-10. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Stephen Poe, Operations Officer, Domestic and Emergency Operations, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 134, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-8247.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a series of interim rules published in the Federal Register since March, 1996, we

established a quarantine and regulations concerning Karnal bunt in the United States.

The interim rules were published on March 28, 1996 (61 FR 13649-13655, Docket No. 96-016-3), April 25, 1996 (61 FR 18233-18235, Docket No. 96-016-5), and July 5, 1996 (61 FR 35107-35109, Docket No. 96-016-6 and 61 FR 35102-35107, Docket No. 96-016-7). Public forums were held in Washington, DC, on July 17, 1996, in Kansas City, MO, on August 13, 1996, in Phoenix, AZ, on August 14, 1996, and in Imperial, CA, on August 15, 1996. A notice of a public forum on August 20, 1996, in Las Cruces, NM, was published in the Federal Register on August 13, 1996 (61 FR 41990-41991, Docket No. 96-016-12). On August 2, 1996, we published a proposed rule (61 FR 40354-40361, Docket No. 96-016-10) in which we proposed changes to certain of the Karnal bunt regulations. Written comments on the interim rules and the proposed rule are required to be received by September 3, 1996.

The Department is reviewing the issue of compensation under the proposed regulatory changes we published in the Federal Register on August 2, 1996. In that proposal, the current compensation provisions were republished with the proposed regulatory changes, which should not be interpreted to mean that the Department has made a decision on compensation for the 1996-1997 crop year. Additionally, there are no provisions in the current regulations for compensation for wheat for propagative purposes or straw. Also, the compensation provisions do not reflect the changed market conditions in the quarantined area as a result of Karnal bunt. The Department plans to publish a proposed rule on compensation for the 1996-1997 crop year as soon as possible after a decision is made on the final rule regarding the regulatory system for Karnal bunt. Comments are welcome on what you believe that proposal should contain, and should be directed as indicated under the heading **ADDRESSES**.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 150bb, 150dd, 150ee, 150ff, 161, 162, and 164-167; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(c).

Done in Washington, DC, this 14th day of August 1996.

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Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight

12 CFR Part 1270

RIN 2550-AA02

Risk-Based Capital

AGENCY: Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, HUD.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period for first notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: On June 11, 1996 (61 FR 29592), the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) entitled "Risk-Based Capital," which proposes the methodology for identifying the benchmark loss experience. This NPR is a significant step in the process of developing a regulation to establish risk-based capital standards for the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. OFHEO has been requested to extend the comment period. To ensure that the public has ample opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process by commenting on the issues involved in the NPR, today's notice extends the public comment period from September 9, 1996, through October 24, 1996.

DATES: The comment period is extended until October 24, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Anne E. Dewey, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, 1700 G Street, N.W., Fourth Floor, Washington, D.C. 20552.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David J. Pearl, Director, Office of Research, Analysis and Capital Standards; or Gary L. Norton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Office of Federal Housing