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Final Rule Stage

**86. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE WHEAT, FEED GRAIN, COTTON AND RICE PROGRAM REGULATIONS**

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 1421 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 718; 7 CFR 719; 7 CFR 1413; 7 CFR 1414

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This action is needed to revise the regulations governing the Wheat, Feed Grain, Cotton, and Rice Programs, as follows: 1) Implement the 0,50/85 and 0,50/92 provisions of the updated Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993; 2) Amend the ARP participation contracts to provide for declarations of intention to participate; 3) Amend the Integrated Farm Management provisions for 1994; 4) Clarify the compliance regulations; and 5) Incorporate existing handbook provisions. Implementation of the 0,50/85 and 0,50/92 provisions is expected to save about \$95-\$100 million annually. The other provisions will have insignificant costs.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/16/94	59 FR 59280
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 0560-AD72

**87. 1995 WHEAT LOAN RATE AND ACREAGE REDUCTION PROGRAM**

**Priority:** Economically Significant

**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 1445b-3a

**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1413; 7 CFR 1421

**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Statutory, April 1, 1994. Final, Statutory, June 1, 1994. Other, Statutory, March 31, 1994. Other deadline is for adjustments.

**Abstract:** This action is needed to implement the Wheat Program as required by the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990. The purpose of the program is to assure sufficient supplies of wheat for domestic and export use, maintain

adequate carryover stocks, and support farm income. The expected cost is about \$1 to \$3 billion.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/06/94	59 FR 16149
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 0560-AD76

**88. AMENDMENTS TO ASCS AND CCC DEBT SETTLEMENT REGULATIONS**

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** 31 USC 3711 et seq; 15 USC 714b-c

**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 792; 7 CFR 1403

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This action is needed to amend the ASCS and CCC debt settlement regulations to: (1) change the rate of interest CCC charges on its delinquent debts from a rate equal to that assessed under the Prompt Payment Act to a rate equal to the higher of the Treasury Department's current value of funds rate or the rate of interest assessed under the Prompt Payment Act. This would allow the late payment interest rate charged by CCC to conform to the late payment interest rate assessed by ASCS, as well as conforming to the rate required by the Federal Claims Collection Act; (2) delete references to IRS Notices of Levy; and (3) provide for offset of a debtor's pro rata share of payments due any entity in which the debtor participates and provide for offset when ASCS and CCC determine that a debtor has established an entity, or transferred ownership of, reorganized, or changed in some other manner, his or her operations in order to avoid a debt. This will increase the ability of ASCS and CCC to collect delinquent debts, without adversely affecting nondebtors.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/24/94	59 FR 43504

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	09/23/94	
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 0560-AD78

**89. REOPENING OF THE 1993 TREE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** PL 103-211

**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 1478

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This action is needed to reopen the 1993 Tree Assistance Program (TAP) for nursery owners, as authorized by the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1994 (PL 103-211). The program is intended to reimburse part of the reestablishment costs for small- and medium-scale commercial nursery owners who experienced tree and other nursery plant losses. Payments are only authorized for eligible owners who actually reestablish or rehabilitate eligible trees or other nursery plants. Flat rate cost-share payments will be made to nursery owners who incurred losses due to damaging weather, including but not limited to drought, hail, excessive moisture, freeze, tornado, hurricane, earthquake, or excessive wind, or any combination thereof; or related conditions including but not limited to heat, insect infestation, plant disease, or other related conditions. Outlays of about \$5 million are expected.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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