

revenues which will be gained from the increase will be useful in strengthening the position of the pork industry in the marketplace and in maintaining, developing, and expanding markets for pork and pork products.

The increase in total annual assessments, resulting from the increase in the assessment rate from .35 to .45 percent, will enable the pork promotion and research program to continue the funding pattern that has helped keep pork competitive with other meats and poultry since 1987. The increase will also provide the necessary funding to finance the pork industry's long range strategic plan which will address issues and initiatives that pork producers and importers believe will have the most significant economic impact on the future of the industry. These issues include environmental management, odor control, animal care, swine health, and food safety. The increase in annual assessment will provide the additional funding necessary to help producers take full advantage of the enhanced foreign trade opportunities created by NAFTA and GATT. In voting for the assessment rate increase, the National Pork Producers Delegate Body believed that the increase was necessary to make sure all producers have access to the latest research, technology, and information available to help them remain competitive in a rapidly changing industry.

Accordingly, this final rule adopts the increase in the assessment rate from 0.35 percent of market value of porcine animals to 0.45 percent as proposed; and the adjustment in the amount of assessment per pound due on imported pork and pork products to reflect the assessment rate increase of 0.10 percent and the decrease in the 1994 average price for domestic barrows and gilts as proposed.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1230

Administrative practice and procedure, Advertising, Agriculture research, Marketing agreement, Meat and meat products, Pork and pork products.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 1230 is amended as set forth below:

PART 1230—PORK PROMOTION, RESEARCH, AND CONSUMER INFORMATION

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR Part 1230 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 4801-4819.

Subpart—[Amended]

2. Subpart B—Rules and Regulations is amended by revising § 1220.110 to read as follows:

§ 1230.110 Assessments on imported pork and pork products.

(a) The following HTS categories of imported live porcine animals are subject to assessment at the rate specified.

Live porcine animals	Assessment
0103.10.0000	0.45 percent Customs Entered Value.
0103.91.0000	0.45 percent Customs Entered Value.
0103.92.0000	0.45 percent Customs Entered Value.

(b) The following HTS categories of imported pork and pork products are subject to assessment at the rates specified.

Pork and pork products	Assessment	
	cents/lb	cents/kg
0203.11.0000 .....	.25	.551150
0203.12.1010 .....	.25	.551150
0203.12.1020 .....	.25	.551150
0203.12.9010 .....	.25	.551150
0203.12.9020 .....	.25	.551150
0203.19.2010 .....	.30	.661380
0203.19.2090 .....	.30	.661380
0203.19.4010 .....	.25	.551150
0203.19.4090 .....	.25	.551150
0203.21.0000 .....	.25	.551150
0203.22.1000 .....	.25	.551150
0203.22.9000 .....	.25	.551150
0203.29.2000 .....	.30	.661380
0203.29.4000 .....	.25	.551150
0206.30.0000 .....	.25	.551150
0206.41.0000 .....	.25	.551150
0206.49.0000 .....	.25	.551150
0210.11.0010 .....	.25	.551150
0210.11.0020 .....	.25	.551150
0210.12.0020 .....	.25	.551150
0210.12.0040 .....	.25	.551150
0210.19.0010 .....	.30	.661380
0210.19.0090 .....	.30	.661380
1601.00.2010 .....	.35	.771610
1601.00.2090 .....	.35	.771610
1602.41.2020 .....	.38	.837748
1602.41.2040 .....	.38	.837748
1602.41.9000 .....	.25	.551150
1602.42.2020 .....	.38	.837748
1602.42.2040 .....	.38	.837748
1602.42.4000 .....	.25	.551150
1602.49.2000 .....	.35	.771610
1602.49.4000 .....	.30	.661380

3. Subpart B—Rules and Regulations is amended by revising § 1230.112 to read as follows:

§ 1230.112 Rate of assessment.

In accordance with § 1230.71(d) the rate of assessment shall be 0.45 percent of market value.

Dated: June 1, 1995.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 202

[Regulation B; Docket No. R-0865]

Equal Credit Opportunity

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Final rule; official staff interpretation.

SUMMARY: The Board is revising its official staff commentary to Regulation B (Equal Credit Opportunity). The commentary applies and interprets the requirements of Regulation B and is a substitute for individual staff interpretations. The revisions to the commentary provide guidance on several issues including disparate treatment, special purpose credit programs, credit scoring systems, and marital status discrimination.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 5, 1995.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA), 15 U.S.C. 1691-1691f, makes it unlawful for creditors to discriminate in any aspect of a credit transaction on the basis of sex, marital status, age, race, national origin, color, religion, receipt of public assistance, or the exercise of rights under the Consumer Credit Protection Act. The Board's Regulation B (12 CFR Part 202) implements this statute. In addition, the Board's official staff commentary (12 CFR Part 202 (Supp. I)) interprets the regulation. The commentary provides general guidance in applying the regulation to various credit transactions and is updated periodically.