salable quantities of 723,326 pounds and 897,388 pounds, and allotment percentages of 41 percent and 46 percent, respectively, for Scotch and Native spearmint oils. A proposed rule was published in the December 21, 1993, issue of the **Federal Register** (58 FR 67378). Comments on the proposed rule were solicited from interested persons until January 20, 1994. No comments were received. Accordingly, based upon analysis of available information, a final rule establishing the salable quantities and allotment percentages for Scotch and Native spearmint oils for the 1994-95 marketing year was published in the March 16, 1994, issue of the Federal Register (59 FR 12151).

At its June 14, 1994, teleconference meeting, the Committee recommended that the salable quantity and allotment percentage for Native spearmint oil for the 1994–95 marketing year be increased. The Committee recommended that the Native spearmint oil salable quantity be increased from 897,388 pounds to 1,092,577 pounds, and that the allotment percentage, based on a revised total allotment base of 1,951,032 pounds, be increased from 46 to 56 percent resulting in a 195,189 pound increase in the salable quantity.

An interim final rule was published in the August 26, 1994, **Federal Register** (59 FR 44028). Comments on the interim rule were solicited from interested persons until September 26, 1994. No comments were received.

At its October 5, 1994, meeting, the Committee recommended that the salable quantities for Scotch and Native spearmint oils for the 1994-95 marketing year be increased from 723,326 pounds to 811,516 pounds, and from 1,092,577 pounds to 1,287,680 pounds, respectively. Based on a revised total allotment base of 1,763,795 pounds, the Committee recommended that the allotment percentage for Scotch spearmint oil be increased from 41 percent to 46 percent, resulting in an 88,190 pound increase in the salable quantity. Further, based on the revised total allotment base published in the August 26, 1994, Federal Register (59 FR 44028), the Committee recommended that the allotment percentage for Native spearmint oil be increased from 56 percent to 66 percent, resulting in a 195,103 pound increase in the salable quantity.

An interim final rule amending the August 26, 1994, rule was published in the October 31, 1994, **Federal Register** (59 FR 54376). Comments on the interim rule were solicited from interested persons until November 30, 1994. No comments were received.

Accordingly, based upon an analysis of available information, a final rule finalizing the 1994–95 salable quantities and allotment percentages was published in the February 2, 1995, **Federal Register** (60 FR 6392).

Pursuant to authority contained in §§ 985.50, 985.51, and 985.52 of the order, at its February 22, 1995, meeting, the Committee recommended, with one member voting in opposition, that the salable quantity for Native spearmint oil for the 1994-95 marketing year be increased from 1,287,680 pounds to 1,358,404 pounds. The member voting in opposition favored the establishment of a lower salable quantity that would have resulted in a lower allotment percentage. Based on the revised total allotment base of 1,951,032 pounds, the allotment percentage for Native spearmint oil is increased from 66 percent to 70 percent, resulting in a 70,724 pound increase in the salable quantity.

Native Spearmint Oil Recommendations

(1) Salable Quantity
October 6, 1993—897,388 pounds
June 14, 1994—1,092,577 pounds
October 5, 1994—1,287,680 pounds
February 22, 1995—1,358,404 pounds

(2) Total Allotment Base October 6, 1993—1,950,843 pounds June 14, 1994—1,951,032 pounds October 5, 1994—1,951,032 pounds February 22, 1995—1,951,032 pounds

(3) Allotment Percentage October 6, 1993—46 percent June 14, 1994—56 percent October 5, 1994—66 percent February 22, 1995—70 percent

In making this latest recommendation the Committee considered all available information on supply and demand.

information on supply and demand. As of February 22, 1995, the Committee reports that of the 1994-95 marketing year Scotch and Native spearmint oil salable quantities of 811,516 pounds and 1,287,680 pounds. respectively, 154,375 pounds and 70,840 pounds remained available for handling. Handlers have indicated that the available supply of Scotch spearmint oil is adequate to meet anticipated demand through May 31, 1995. However, handlers have indicated that demand for Native spearmint oil may be as high as 100,000 pounds for the remainder of this marketing year. This level of demand was not anticipated by the Committee when it made its initial recommendation for the establishment of the Scotch and Native spearmint oil salable quantities and allotment percentages for the 1994–95 marketing year, nor was it foreseen when the Committee made its June 14 and October 5, 1994, recommendations for increasing the Native spearmint oil

salable quantity and allotment percentage.

The recommended salable quantity of 1,358,404 pounds of Native spearmint oil (an increase of 70,724 pounds), combined with the June 1, 1994, carryin of 19,139 pounds, results in a revised 1994–95 available supply of 1,377,543 pounds. The revised available supply of Native spearmint oil is approximately 300,000 pounds higher than the annual average of sales for the past five years. The Committee anticipates that foreseeable demand for Native spearmint oil will be adequately met for the remainder of the 1994–95 marketing year.

The Department, based on its analysis of available information, has determined that an allotment percentage of 70 percent should be established for Native spearmint oil for the 1994–95 marketing year. This percentage will provide an increased salable quantity of 1,358,404 pounds of Native spearmint oil.

An interim final rule concerning this action was issued on March 31, 1995, and was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 17434). Comments were solicited from interested persons through May 8, 1995. No comments were received.

Based on available information, the Administrator of the AMS has determined that the issuance of this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

After consideration of all relevant matter presented, including that contained in the prior proposed, final, and interim final rules in connection with the establishment of the salable quantities and allotment percentages for Scotch and Native spearmint oils for the 1994–95 marketing year, the Committee's recommendation and other available information, it is found that to revise § 985.213 (60 FR 6392) to change the salable quantity and allotment percentage for Native spearmint oil, as hereinafter set forth, will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, it is also found and determined upon good cause that it is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest to give preliminary notice prior to putting this rule into effect and that good cause exists for not postponing the effective date of this rule until 30 days after publication in the Federal Register because: (1) This final rule finalizes an interim final rule increasing the quantity of Native spearmint oil that may be marketed during the marketing year beginning on June 1, 1994; and (2) Handlers are aware of this rule which was recommended by the Committee at