Comments on whether this provision should be implemented for the 1995 crops are requested.

D. Whether to permit the planting of designated crops on up to half of the announced acreage reduction.

Sections 107B(e)(2)(F)(i), 105B(e)(2)(F)(i), 103B(e)(2)(F)(i), and 101B(e)(2)(F)(i) of the 1949 Act, with respect to wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, and rice, provide that the Secretary may permit producers to plant a designated crop on not more than one-half of the reduced acreage on the farm.

The designated crops may be: (a) any oilseed crop; (b) any industrial or experimental crop designated by CCC; and (c) any other crop, except any fruit or vegetable (including dry edible beans, lentils, peas, and potatoes), not designated by the Secretary as (i) an industrial or experimental crop, or (ii) a crop for which no substantial domestic production or market exist. Program crops may not be planted on the reduced acreage on the farm.

If producers on a farm elect to plant a designated crop, the amount of deficiency payments that the producers are otherwise eligible to receive shall be reduced, for each acre that is planted to the designated crop, by an amount equal to the deficiency payment that would be made with respect to a number of acres of the crop that the Secretary considers appropriate. Such reductions in deficiency payments must be sufficient to ensure that this provision does not increase CCC outlays.

CCC intends to permit the harvesting of designated crops on up to one-half of ACR for the 1995 crops.

E. Whether to permit the planting of oats on wheat and feed grain ACR.

In any crop year that it is determined that projected domestic production of oats will not fulfill the projected domestic demand for oats, CCC: (a) may provide that acreage designated as ACR under the wheat and feed grains programs may be planted to oats for harvest under sections 107B(e)(8) and 105B(e)(8) of the 1949 Act; (b) may make program benefits (including loans, purchases, and payments) available under the annual program for oats under section 105B of the 1949 Act for oats planted on ACR; and (c) shall not make program benefits other than the benefits specified in (b) available to producers with respect to acreage planted to oats under this provision.

It is proposed that the planting of oats on wheat and feed grains ACR for harvest not be permitted for the 1995 crops.

F. Whether to permit conserving crops to be planted on ACR.

Under sections 107B(e)(4)(B)(iii), 105B(e)(4)(B)(iii), 103B(e)(4)(B)(iii), and 101B(e)(4)(B)(iii) of the 1949 Act, with respect to wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, and rice, producers may be authorized to plant all or any part of the ACR to castor beans, crambe, guar, milkweed, mung beans, plantago ovato, sesame, sweet sorghum, rye, triticale, or other commodity, if the Secretary determines that the production is needed to provide an adequate supply of the commodities, is not likely to increase the cost of the price support program, and will not adversely affect farm income.

CCC intends to permit the harvesting of the following conserving crops on ACR: castor beans, chia, crambe, crotalaria, cuphea, guar, guayule, hesperaloe, kenaf, lesquerella, meadowfoam, milkweed, plantago ovato, and sesame. However, CCC will consider adding to or removing crops from the list of eligible conserving crops that is set forth at 7 CFR part 1413.8.

G. Whether to permit alternative crops

on conserving use acres.

Under sections 107B(c)(1)(F)(i), 105B(c)(1)(F)(i), 103B(c)(1)(E)(i), and 101B(c)(1)(E)(i) of the 1949 Act, with respect to wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, and rice, producers may be authorized to plant all or any part of acreage otherwise required to be devoted to conserving uses as a condition of qualifying for payment under the so-called "0/85/92" or "50/ 85/92" provisions of the price support and production adjustment programs to castor beans, guar, millet, mung beans, plantago ovato, sweet sorghum, rye, triticale, commodities for which no substantial domestic production or market exists but that could yield industrial raw material being imported, or likely to be imported, or commodities grown for experimental purposes (including kenaf and milkweed). The Secretary may permit these crops to be planted on conserving use acres only if the Secretary determines that the production is not likely to increase the cost of the price support program, is needed to provide an adequate supply of the commodities, or is needed to encourage domestic manufacture of industrial raw materials derived from these crops.

CCC intends to permit the harvesting of the following alternative crops on conserving use acres: castor beans, chia, crambe, crotalaria, cuphea, guar, guayule, hesperaloe, kenaf, lesquerella, meadowfoam, milkweed, plantago ovato, and sesame. However, CCC will consider adding to or removing crops from the list of eligible alternative crops that is set forth at 7 CFR part 1413.8.

Accordingly, comments are requested with respect to these foregoing issues.

List of Subjects

7 CFR Part 1405

Loan programs/agriculture, Price support programs.

7 CFR Part 1413

Cotton, Feed grains, Price support programs, Rice, Wheat.

Accordingly, it is proposed that 7 CFR parts 1405 and 1413 be amended as follows:

PART 1405—LOANS, PURCHASES AND OTHER OPERATIONS

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 1405 is amended to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 714b and 714c; 7 U.S.C. 1308a.

2. Part 1405 is amended by adding a new § 1405.6 to read as follows:

§ 1405.6 Cost reduction options.

With respect to the 1995 crop, no cost reduction options specified in section 1009(c), (d), or (e) of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended (the 1985 Act), will be initially included in the program. However, the Secretary reserves the right to initiate at a later date any action not previously included but authorized by section 1009 of the 1985 Act, including the right to reopen and change a contract entered into by a producer under the program if the producer voluntarily agrees to the change.

PART 1413—FEED GRAIN, RICE, UPLAND AND EXTRA LONG STAPLE COTTON, WHEAT AND RELATED PROGRAMS

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 1413 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1308, 1308a, 1309, 1441–2, 1444–2, 1444f, 1445b–3a, 1461–1469; 15 U.S.C. 714b and 714c.

2. In section 1413.54, paragraph (f) is revised to read as follows:

§ 1413.54 Acreage reduction program provisions.

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(f) Producers may plant

(f) Producers may plant designated minor oilseeds, soybeans and mung beans on up to 50 percent of the designated ACR acreage,

3. In § 1413.64, the introductory text of paragraph (c) and paragraph (d) are revised to read as follows: