

Cotton Classing Fees Act of 1987, as amended by Public Law 102-237. The 2002 base fee for HVI classification exclusive of adjustments, as provided by the Act, was \$2.28 per bale. An increase of .84 percent, or 2 cents per bale, increase due to the implicit price deflator of the gross domestic product added to the \$2.28 would result in a 2003 base fee of \$2.30 per bale. The formula in the Act provides for the use of the percentage change in the implicit price deflator of the gross national product (as indexed for the most recent 12-month period for which statistics are available). However, gross *national* product has been replaced by gross *domestic* product by the Department of Commerce as a more appropriate measure for the short-term monitoring and analysis of the U.S. economy.

The number of bales to be classed by the United States Department of Agriculture from the 2003 crop is estimated at 16,793,610 bales. The 2003 base fee was decreased 15 percent based on the estimated number of bales to be classed (1 percent for every 100,000 bales or portion thereof above the base of 12,500,000, limited to a maximum adjustment of 15 percent). This percentage factor amounts to a 35 cents per bale reduction and was subtracted from the 2003 base fee of \$2.30 per bale, resulting in a fee of \$1.95 per bale.

With a fee of \$1.95 per bale, the projected operating reserve would be 51.09 percent. The Act specifies that the Secretary shall not establish a fee which, when combined with other sources of revenue, will result in a projected operating reserve of more than 25 percent. Accordingly, the fee of \$1.95 must be reduced by 50 cents per bale, to \$1.45 per bale, to provide an ending accumulated operating reserve for the fiscal year of 25 percent of the projected cost of operating the program. This would establish the 2003 season fee at \$1.45 per bale.

Accordingly, § 28.909, paragraph (b) would be revised to reflect the continuation of the HVI classification fee at \$1.45 per bale.

As provided for in the Uniform Cotton Classing Fees Act of 1987, as amended, a 5 cent per bale discount would continue to be applied to voluntary centralized billing and collecting agents as specified in § 28.909 (c).

Growers or their designated agents receiving classification data would continue to incur no additional fees if only one method of receiving classification data was requested. The fee for each additional method of receiving classification data in § 28.910 would remain at 5 cents per bale.

Growers or their designated agents receiving classification data would continue to incur no additional fees if only one method of receiving classification data was requested. The fee in § 28.910 (b) for an owner receiving classification data from the central database would remain at 5 cents per bale, and the minimum charge of \$5.00 for services provided per monthly billing period would remain the same. The provisions of § 28.910 (c) concerning the fee for new classification memoranda issued from the central database for the business convenience of an owner without reclassification of the cotton will remain the same.

The fee for review classification in § 28.911 would be maintained at \$1.45 per bale.

The fee for returning samples after classification in § 28.911 would remain at 40 cents per sample.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 28

Administrative practice and procedure, Cotton, Cotton samples, Grades, Market news, Reporting and record keeping requirements, Standards, Staples, Testing, Warehouses.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR Part 28 is amended as follows:

#### PART 28—[AMENDED]

- 1. The authority citation for 7 CFR Part 28, Subpart D, continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 471–476.

- 2. In § 28.909, paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

#### § 28.909 Costs.

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(b) The cost of High Volume Instrument (HVI) cotton classification service to producers is \$1.45 per bale.

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- 3. In § 28.911, the last sentence of paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

#### § 28.911 Review classification.

- (a) \*\*\* The fee for review classification is \$1.45 per bale.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Agricultural Marketing Service

##### 7 CFR Part 1205

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##### Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports, (2003 Amendments)

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is amending the Cotton Board Rules and Regulations by lowering the value assigned to imported cotton for the purpose of calculating supplemental assessments collected for use by the Cotton Research and Promotion Program. An adjustment is required on an annual basis to ensure that the assessments collected on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products remain similar to those paid on domestically produced cotton.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 23, 2003.

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##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Executive Order 12866

The Office of Management and Budget has waived the review process required by Executive Order 12866 for this action.

##### Executive Order 12988

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. It is not intended to have retroactive effect. This rule would not preempt any state or local laws, regulations, or policies, unless they present an irreconcilable conflict with this rule.

The Cotton Research and Promotion Act provides that administrative proceedings must be exhausted before parties may file suit in court. Under section 12 of the Act, any person subject to an order may file with the Secretary a petition stating that the order, any provision of the plan, or any obligation imposed in connection with the order is not in accordance with law and requesting a modification of the order or to be exempted therefrom. Such person is afforded the opportunity for a hearing

on the petition. After the hearing, the Secretary would rule on the petition. The Act provides that the District Court of the United States in any district in which the person is an inhabitant, or has his principal place of business, has jurisdiction to review the Secretary's ruling, provided a complaint is filed within 20 days from the date of the entry of ruling.

#### **Regulatory Flexibility Act**

Pursuant to requirements set forth in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) AMS has considered the economic impact of this action on small entities and has determined that its implementation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses.

There are an estimated 10,000 importers who are presently subject to rules and regulations issued pursuant to the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. This rule would affect importers of cotton and cotton-containing products. The majority of these importers are small businesses under the criteria established by the Small Business Administration. This rule would lower the assessments paid by the importers under the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. Even though the assessment would be lowered, the decrease is small and will not significantly affect small businesses. The current assessment on imported cotton is \$0.00862 per kilogram of imported cotton. The new assessment is \$0.008267, a decrease of \$0.000353 or a 4.1 percent decrease. From January through December 2002 approximately \$24 million was collected. Should the volume of cotton products imported into the U.S. remain at the same level in 2003, one could expect the decreased assessment to generate approximately \$23 million or a 4.1 percent decrease from 2002.

#### **Paperwork Reduction**

In compliance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR part 1320), which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the information collection requirements contained in the regulation to be amended have been previously approved by OMB and were assigned control number 0581–0093.

#### **Background**

The Cotton Research and Promotion Act Amendments of 1990 enacted by Congress under Subtitle G of Title XIX of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 on November 28, 1990, contained two provisions that

authorized changes in the funding procedures for the Cotton Research and Promotion Program.

These provisions are: (1) The assessment of imported cotton and cotton products; and (2) termination of the right of cotton producers to demand a refund of assessments.

An amended Cotton Research and Promotion Order was approved by producers and importers voting in a referendum held July 17–26, 1991, and the amended Order was published in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 1991, (56 FR 64470). A proposed rule implementing the amended Order was published in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 1991, (56 FR 65450). Implementing rules were published on July 1 and 2, 1992, (57 FR 29181) and (57 FR 29431), respectively.

This rule will decrease the value assigned to imported cotton in the Cotton Board Rules and Regulations (7 CFR 1205.510(b)(2)). This value is used to calculate supplemental assessments on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products. Supplemental assessments are the second part of a two-part assessment. The first part of the assessment is levied on the weight of cotton produced or imported at a rate of \$1 per bale of cotton which is equivalent to 500 pounds or \$1 per 226.8 kilograms of cotton.

Supplemental assessments are levied at a rate of five-tenths of one percent of the value of domestically produced cotton, imported cotton, and the cotton content of imported products. The agency has adopted the practice of assigning the calendar year weighted average price received by U.S. farmers for Upland cotton to represent the value of imported cotton. This is done so that the assessment on domestically produced cotton and the assessment on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products remain similar. The source for the average price statistic is "Agricultural Prices," a publication of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the Department of Agriculture. Use of the weighted average price figure in the calculation of supplemental assessments on imported cotton and the cotton content of imported products yields an assessment that approximates assessments paid on domestically produced cotton in the prior calendar year.

The current value of imported cotton as published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 36793) on May 28, 2002, for the purpose of calculating supplemental assessments on imported cotton is \$.8422 per kilogram. This number was calculated using the annual weighted

average price received by farmers for Upland cotton during the calendar year 2001 which was \$0.382 per pound and multiplying by the conversion factor 2.2046. Using the Average Weighted Price Received by U.S. farmers for Upland cotton for the calendar year 2002, which is \$0.35 per pound, the new value of imported cotton is \$0.7716 per kilogram. The amended value is \$.0706 per kilogram less than the previous value.

An example of the complete assessment formula and how the various figures are obtained is as follows:

One bale is equal to 500 pounds.  
One kilogram equals 2.2046 pounds.  
One pound equals 0.453597 kilograms.

#### **One Dollar per Bale Assessment Converted to Kilograms**

A 500 pound bale equals 226.8 kg.  
 $(500 \times .453597)$ .

\$1 per bale assessment equals  
\$0.002000 per pound (1/500) or  
\$0.004409 per kg. (1/226.8).

#### **Supplemental Assessment of 5/10 of One Percent of the Value of the Cotton Converted to Kilograms**

The 2002 calendar year weighted average price received by producers for Upland cotton is \$0.35 per pound or \$0.7716 per kg.  $(.35 \times 2.2046)$ .

Five tenths of one percent of the average price in kg. equals \$0.003858 per kg.  $(.7716 \times .005)$ .

#### **Total Assessment**

The total assessment per kilogram of raw cotton is obtained by adding the \$1 per bale equivalent assessment of \$0.004409 per kg. and the supplemental assessment \$0.003858 per kg. which equals \$0.008267 per kg.

The current assessment on imported cotton is \$0.008620 per kilogram of imported cotton. The amended assessment is \$0.008267, a decrease of \$0.000353 per kilogram. This decrease reflects the decrease in the Average Weighted Price of Upland Cotton Received by U.S. Farmers during the period January through December 2002.

Since the value of cotton is the basis of the supplemental assessment calculation and the figures shown in the right hand column of the Import Assessment Table 1205.510(b)(3) are a result of such a calculation, the figures in this table have been revised. These figures indicate the total assessment per kilogram due for each Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) number subject to assessment.

A proposed rule with request for comments was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 12310) on March 14,

2003. No comments were received during the period (March 14 through April 14, 2003).

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1205

Advertising, Agricultural research, Cotton, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR Part 1205 is amended as follows:

#### PART 1205—COTTON RESEARCH AND PROMOTION

■ 1. The authority citation for Part 1205 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 2101–2118.

■ 2. In § 1205.510, paragraph (b)(2) and the table in paragraph (b)(3)(ii) are revised to read as follows:

#### § 1205.510 Levy of assessments.

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(b) \* \* \*

(2) The 12-month average of monthly weighted average prices received by U.S. farmers will be calculated annually. Such weighted average will be used as the value of imported cotton for the purpose of levying the supplemental assessment on imported cotton and will be expressed in kilograms. The value of imported cotton for the purpose of levying this supplemental assessment is \$0.8267 per kilogram.

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#### IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.	IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE—Continued		
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			HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
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5205320000 ....	1.1111	0.9185	5208421000 ....	1.1455	0.9470
5205330000 ....	1.1111	0.9185	5208423000 ....	1.1455	0.9470
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5205410090 ....	1.1111	0.9185	5208430000 ....	1.1455	0.9470
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5205230020 ....	1.1111	0.9185	5208396090 ....	1.1455	0.9470
5205230090 ....	1.1111	0.9185	5208398020 ....	1.1455	0.9470
5205240020 ....	1.1111	0.9185	5208412000 ....	1.1455	0.9470
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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.	HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.	HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
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5513130020 ....	0.4009	0.3314	6005310080 ....	0.2894	0.2392	6107110020 ....	1.1322	0.9360
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5513310000 ....	0.4009	0.3314	6005330080 ....	0.2894	0.2392	6107210010 ....	0.8806	0.7280
5514120020 ....	0.4009	0.3314	6005340080 ....	0.2894	0.2392	6107220015 ....	0.3774	0.3120
5516420060 ....	0.4009	0.3314	6005410080 ....	0.2894	0.2392	6107220025 ....	0.3774	0.3120
5516910060 ....	0.4009	0.3314	6005420080 ....	0.2894	0.2392	6107910040 ....	1.2581	1.0401
5516930090 ....	0.4009	0.3314	6005430080 ....	0.2894	0.2392	6108210010 ....	1.2445	1.0288
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5601210090 ....	1.1455	0.9470	6006211000 ....	1.1574	0.9568	6108310010 ....	1.1201	0.9260
5601300000 ....	1.1455	0.9470	6006221000 ....	1.1574	0.9568	6108310020 ....	1.1201	0.9260
5602109090 ....	0.5727	0.4735	6006231000 ....	1.1574	0.9568	6108320010 ....	0.2489	0.2058
5602290000 ....	1.1455	0.9470	6006241000 ....	1.1574	0.9568	6108320015 ....	0.2489	0.2058
5602906000 ....	0.526	0.4348	6006310040 ....	0.1157	0.0956	6108320025 ....	0.2489	0.2058
5604900000 ....	0.5556	0.4593	6006320040 ....	0.1157	0.0956	6108910005 ....	1.2445	1.0288
5607909000 ....	0.8889	0.7349	6006330040 ....	0.1157	0.0956	6108910015 ....	1.2445	1.0288
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5608902300 ....	1.1111	0.9185	6006310080 ....	0.1157	0.0956	6108910030 ....	1.2445	1.0288
5609001000 ....	1.1111	0.9185	6006320080 ....	0.1157	0.0956	6108920030 ....	0.2489	0.2058
5609004000 ....	0.5556	0.4593	6006330080 ....	0.1157	0.0956	6109100005 ....	0.9956	0.8231
5701104000 ....	0.0556	0.0460	6006340080 ....	0.1157	0.0956	6109100007 ....	0.9956	0.8231
5701109000 ....	0.1111	0.0918	6006410085 ....	0.1157	0.0956	6109100009 ....	0.9956	0.8231
5701901010 ....	1.0444	0.8634	6006420085 ....	0.1157	0.0956	6109100012 ....	0.9956	0.8231

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.	HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.	HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6109100014 ....	0.9956	0.8231	6116926440 ....	1.0965	0.9065	6204223030 ....	1.0413	0.8608
6109100018 ....	0.9956	0.8231	6116928800 ....	1.0965	0.9065	6204223040 ....	1.0413	0.8608
6109100023 ....	0.9956	0.8231	6117809510 ....	0.9747	0.8058	6204223050 ....	1.0413	0.8608
6109100027 ....	0.9956	0.8231	6117809540 ....	0.3655	0.3022	6204223060 ....	1.0413	0.8608
6109100037 ....	0.9956	0.8231	6201121000 ....	0.948	0.7837	6204223065 ....	1.0413	0.8608
6109100040 ....	0.9956	0.8231	6201122010 ....	0.8953	0.7401	62042292040 ....	0.3254	0.2690
6109100045 ....	0.9956	0.8231	6201122050 ....	0.6847	0.5660	6204322010 ....	1.2366	1.0223
6109100060 ....	0.9956	0.8231	6201122060 ....	0.6847	0.5660	6204322030 ....	1.0413	0.8608
6109100065 ....	0.9956	0.8231	6201134030 ....	0.2633	0.2177	6204322040 ....	1.0413	0.8608
6109100070 ....	0.9956	0.8231	6201921000 ....	0.9267	0.7661	6204423010 ....	1.2728	1.0522
6109901007 ....	0.3111	0.2572	6201921500 ....	1.1583	0.9576	6204423030 ....	0.9546	0.7892
6109901009 ....	0.3111	0.2572	6201922010 ....	1.0296	0.8512	6204423040 ....	0.9546	0.7892
6109901049 ....	0.3111	0.2572	6201922021 ....	1.2871	1.0640	6204423050 ....	0.9546	0.7892
6109901050 ....	0.3111	0.2572	6201922031 ....	1.2871	1.0640	6204423060 ....	0.9546	0.7892
6109901060 ....	0.3111	0.2572	6201922041 ....	1.2871	1.0640	6204522010 ....	1.2654	1.0461
6109901065 ....	0.3111	0.2572	6201922051 ....	1.0296	0.8512	6204522030 ....	1.2654	1.0461
6109901090 ....	0.3111	0.2572	6201922061 ....	1.0296	0.8512	6204522040 ....	1.2654	1.0461
6110202005 ....	1.1837	0.9786	6201931000 ....	0.3089	0.2554	6204522070 ....	1.0656	0.8809
6110202010 ....	1.1837	0.9786	6201933511 ....	0.2574	0.2128	6204522080 ....	1.0656	0.8809
6110202015 ....	1.1837	0.9786	6201933521 ....	0.2574	0.2128	6204533010 ....	0.2664	0.2202
6110202020 ....	1.1837	0.9786	6201999060 ....	0.2574	0.2128	6204594060 ....	0.2664	0.2202
6110202025 ....	1.1837	0.9786	6202121000 ....	0.9372	0.7748	6204622010 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6110202030 ....	1.1837	0.9786	6202122010 ....	1.1064	0.9147	6204622025 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6110202035 ....	1.1837	0.9786	6202122025 ....	1.3017	1.0761	6204622050 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6110202040 ....	1.1574	0.9568	6202122050 ....	0.8461	0.6995	6204624005 ....	1.2451	1.0293
6110202045 ....	1.1574	0.9568	6202122060 ....	0.8461	0.6995	6204624010 ....	1.2451	1.0293
6110202065 ....	1.1574	0.9568	6202134005 ....	0.2664	0.2202	6204624020 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6110202075 ....	1.1574	0.9568	6202134020 ....	0.333	0.2753	6204624025 ....	1.2451	1.0293
6110909022 ....	0.263	0.2174	6202921000 ....	1.0413	0.8608	6204624030 ....	1.2451	1.0293
6110909024 ....	0.263	0.2174	6202921500 ....	1.0413	0.8608	6204624035 ....	1.2451	1.0293
6110909030 ....	0.3946	0.3262	6202922026 ....	1.3017	1.0761	6204624040 ....	1.2451	1.0293
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6110909042 ....	0.263	0.2174	6202922071 ....	1.0413	0.8608	6204624050 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6111201000 ....	1.2581	1.0401	6202931000 ....	0.3124	0.2583	6204624055 ....	0.9854	0.8146
6111202000 ....	1.2581	1.0401	6202935011 ....	0.2603	0.2152	6204624060 ....	0.9854	0.8146
6111203000 ....	1.0064	0.8320	6202935021 ....	0.2603	0.2152	6204624065 ....	0.9854	0.8146
6111205000 ....	1.0064	0.8320	6203122010 ....	0.1302	0.1076	6204633510 ....	0.2546	0.2105
6111206010 ....	1.0064	0.8320	6203221000 ....	1.3017	1.0761	6204633530 ....	0.2546	0.2105
6111206020 ....	1.0064	0.8320	6203322010 ....	1.2366	1.0223	6204633532 ....	0.2437	0.2015
6111206030 ....	1.0064	0.8320	6203322040 ....	1.2366	1.0223	6204633540 ....	0.2437	0.2015
6111206040 ....	1.0064	0.8320	6203332010 ....	0.1302	0.1076	6204692510 ....	0.249	0.2058
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6111305040 ....	0.2516	0.2080	6203399060 ....	0.2603	0.2152	6204699044 ....	0.249	0.2058
6112110050 ....	0.7548	0.6240	6203422010 ....	0.9961	0.8235	6204699046 ....	0.249	0.2058
6112120010 ....	0.2516	0.2080	6203422025 ....	0.9961	0.8235	6204699050 ....	0.249	0.2058
6112120030 ....	0.2516	0.2080	6203422050 ....	0.9961	0.8235	6205202015 ....	0.9961	0.8235
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6112120050 ....	0.2516	0.2080	6203424005 ....	1.2451	1.0293	6205202025 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6112120060 ....	0.2516	0.2080	6203424010 ....	1.2451	1.0293	6205202030 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6112390010 ....	1.1322	0.9360	6203424015 ....	0.9961	0.8235	6205202035 ....	1.1206	0.9264
6112490010 ....	0.9435	0.7800	6203424020 ....	1.2451	1.0293	6205202046 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6114200005 ....	0.9002	0.7442	6203424025 ....	1.2451	1.0293	6205202050 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6114200010 ....	0.9002	0.7442	6203424030 ....	1.2451	1.0293	6205202060 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6114200015 ....	0.9002	0.7442	6203424035 ....	1.2451	1.0293	6205202065 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6114200020 ....	1.286	1.0631	6203424040 ....	0.9961	0.8235	6205202070 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6114200040 ....	0.9002	0.7442	6203424045 ....	0.9961	0.8235	6205202075 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6114200046 ....	0.9002	0.7442	6203424050 ....	0.9238	0.7637	6205302010 ....	0.3113	0.2574
6114200052 ....	0.9002	0.7442	6203424055 ....	0.9238	0.7637	6205302030 ....	0.3113	0.2574
6114200060 ....	0.9002	0.7442	6203424060 ....	0.9238	0.7637	6205302040 ....	0.3113	0.2574
6114301010 ....	0.2572	0.2126	6203431500 ....	0.1245	0.1029	6205302050 ....	0.3113	0.2574
6114301020 ....	0.2572	0.2126	6203434010 ....	0.1232	0.1018	6505302070 ....	0.3113	0.2574
6114303030 ....	0.2572	0.2126	6203434020 ....	0.1232	0.1018	6205302080 ....	0.3113	0.2574
6115198010 ....	1.0417	0.8612	6203434030 ....	0.1232	0.1018	6206100040 ....	0.1245	0.1029
6115929000 ....	1.0417	0.8612	6203434040 ....	0.1232	0.1018	6206303010 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6115936020 ....	0.2315	0.1914	6203498045 ....	0.249	0.2058	6206303020 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6116101300 ....	0.3655	0.3022	6204132010 ....	0.1302	0.1076	6206303030 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6116101720 ....	0.8528	0.7050	6204192000 ....	0.1302	0.1076	6206303040 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6116926420 ....	1.0965	0.9065	6204198090 ....	0.2603	0.2152	6206303050 ....	0.9961	0.8235
6116926430 ....	1.2183	1.0072	6204221000 ....	1.3017	1.0761	6206303060 ....	0.9961	0.8235

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6206403010 ....	0.3113	0.2574
6206403030 ....	0.3113	0.2574
6206900040 ....	0.249	0.2058
6207110000 ....	1.0852	0.8971
6207199010 ....	0.3617	0.2990
6207210030 ....	1.1085	0.9164
6207220000 ....	0.3695	0.3055
6207911000 ....	1.1455	0.9470
6207913010 ....	1.1455	0.9470
6207913020 ....	1.1455	0.9470
6208210010 ....	1.0583	0.8749
6208210020 ....	1.0583	0.8749
6208220000 ....	0.1245	0.1029
6208911010 ....	1.1455	0.9470
6208911020 ....	1.1455	0.9470
6208913010 ....	1.1455	0.9470
6209201000 ....	1.1577	0.9571
6209203000 ....	0.9749	0.8059
6209205030 ....	0.9749	0.8059
6209205035 ....	0.9749	0.8059
6209205040 ....	1.2186	1.0074
6209205045 ....	0.9749	0.8059
6209205050 ....	0.9749	0.8059
6209303020 ....	0.2463	0.2036
6209303040 ....	0.2463	0.2036
6210109010 ....	0.2291	0.1894
6210403000 ....	0.0391	0.0323
6210405020 ....	0.4556	0.3766
6211111010 ....	0.1273	0.1052
6211111020 ....	0.1273	0.1052
6211118010 ....	1.1455	0.9470
6211118020 ....	1.1455	0.9470
6211320007 ....	0.8461	0.6995
6211320010 ....	1.0413	0.8608
6211320015 ....	1.0413	0.8608
6211320030 ....	0.9763	0.8071
6211320060 ....	0.9763	0.8071
6211320070 ....	0.9763	0.8071
6211330010 ....	0.3254	0.2690
6211330030 ....	0.3905	0.3228
6211330035 ....	0.3905	0.3228
6211330040 ....	0.3905	0.3228
6211420010 ....	1.0413	0.8608
6211420020 ....	1.0413	0.8608
6211420025 ....	1.1715	0.9685
6211420060 ....	1.0413	0.8608
6211420070 ....	1.1715	0.9685
6211430010 ....	0.2603	0.2152
6211430030 ....	0.2603	0.2152
6211430040 ....	0.2603	0.2152
6211430050 ....	0.2603	0.2152
6211430060 ....	0.2603	0.2152
6211430066 ....	0.2603	0.2152
6212105020 ....	0.2412	0.1994
6212109010 ....	0.9646	0.7974
6212109020 ....	0.2412	0.1994
6212200020 ....	0.3014	0.2492
6212900030 ....	0.1929	0.1595
6213201000 ....	1.1809	0.9763
6213202000 ....	1.0628	0.8786
6213901000 ....	0.4724	0.3905
6214900010 ....	0.9043	0.7476
6216000800 ....	0.2351	0.1944
6216001720 ....	0.6752	0.5582
6216003800 ....	1.2058	0.9968
6216004100 ....	1.2058	0.9968
6217109510 ....	1.0182	0.8417
6217109530 ....	0.2546	0.2105
6301300010 ....	0.8766	0.7247

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6301300020 ....	0.8766	0.7247
6302100005 ....	1.1689	0.9663
6302100008 ....	1.1689	0.9663
6302100015 ....	1.1689	0.9663
6302215010 ....	0.8182	0.6764
6302215020 ....	0.8182	0.6764
6302217010 ....	1.1689	0.9663
6302217020 ....	1.1689	0.9663
6302217050 ....	1.1689	0.9663
6302219010 ....	0.8182	0.6764
6302219020 ....	0.8182	0.6764
6302219050 ....	0.8182	0.6764
6302220010 ....	0.4091	0.3382
6302220020 ....	0.4091	0.3382
6302313010 ....	0.8182	0.6764
6302313050 ....	1.1689	0.9663
6302315050 ....	0.8182	0.6764
6302317010 ....	1.1689	0.9663
6302317020 ....	1.1689	0.9663
6302317050 ....	1.1689	0.9663
6302319010 ....	0.8182	0.6764
6302319040 ....	0.8182	0.6764
6302319050 ....	0.8182	0.6764
6302322020 ....	0.4091	0.3382
6302322040 ....	0.4091	0.3382
6302402010 ....	0.9935	0.8213
6302511000 ....	0.5844	0.4831
6302512000 ....	0.8766	0.7247
6302513000 ....	0.5844	0.4831
6302514000 ....	0.8182	0.6764
6302600010 ....	1.1689	0.9663
6302600020 ....	1.052	0.8697
6302600030 ....	1.052	0.8697
6302910005 ....	1.052	0.8697
6302910015 ....	1.1689	0.9663
6302910025 ....	1.052	0.8697
6302910035 ....	1.052	0.8697
6302910045 ....	1.052	0.8697
6302910050 ....	1.052	0.8697
6302910060 ....	1.052	0.8697
6303110000 ....	0.9448	0.7811
6303910010 ....	0.6429	0.5315
6303910020 ....	0.6429	0.5315
6304111000 ....	1.0629	0.8787
6304190500 ....	1.052	0.8697
6304191000 ....	1.1689	0.9663
6304191500 ....	0.4091	0.3382
6304192000 ....	0.4091	0.3382
6304910020 ....	0.9351	0.7730
6304920000 ....	0.9351	0.7730
6505901540 ....	0.181	0.1496
6505902060 ....	0.9935	0.8213
6505902545 ....	0.5844	0.4831

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**10 CFR Part 20**

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**Radiation Exposure Reports: Labeling Personal Information, Confirmation of Effective Date**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule: Confirmation of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is confirming the effective date of June 9, 2003, for the direct final rule that was published in the **Federal Register** on March 25, 2003 (68 FR 14307). This direct final rule amended the NRC's regulations on written event reports submitted to the NRC that contain personal information.

**DATES:** The effective date of June 9, 2003, is confirmed for this direct final rule.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents related to this rulemaking, including comments received, may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, Room O-1F23, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. These same documents may also be viewed and downloaded electronically via the rulemaking Web site (<http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>). For information about the interactive rulemaking Web site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher at (301) 415-5905; e-mail: [CAG@nrc.gov](mailto:CAG@nrc.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 25, 2003 (68 FR 14307), the NRC published in the **Federal Register** a direct final rule amending its regulations in 10 CFR part 20 requiring licensees to clearly label any section of the written event report containing personal information "Privacy Act Information: Not for Public Disclosure." In the direct final rule, NRC stated that if no significant adverse comments were received, the direct final rule would become final on June 9, 2003. The NRC did not receive any comments that warranted withdrawal of the direct final rule. Therefore, this rule will become effective as scheduled.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of May, 2003.