

Although the insecticides generally do not differ greatly in price, at least some consumers can be expected to benefit from inclusion of methoprene as an alternative treatment.

Impact on Small Entities

Businesses such as nurseries that work with regulated articles are the entities most likely to be affected by this rule. This final rule will result in a wider selection of treatment options for imported fire ant. The economic effect on affected entities will either be positive, since a wider selection of insecticides will provide greater choice, or neutral, if they choose not to use methoprene.

The Regulatory Flexibility Act requires that agencies consider the economic effects of their rules on small businesses. Based on data from the 1997 Census of Agriculture, there were 14,762 nurseries and greenhouses in the 13 States that have been affected by imported fire ant plus Puerto Rico, of which 82 to 99 percent were small entities, according to the Small Business Administration criterion of annual sales of \$750,000 or less.

We expect that the economic effect of this final rule on these businesses will either be positive (a wider selection of insecticides will provide greater choice) or neutral (if they choose not to use methoprene). The majority (82 to 99 percent) of firms that may potentially be affected by this final rule are small entities.

Under these circumstances, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Executive Order 12372

This program/activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.025 and is subject to Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V.)

Executive Order 12988

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule: (1) Preempts all State and local laws and regulations that are inconsistent with this rule; (2) has no retroactive effect; and (3) does not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule contains no information collection or recordkeeping

requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 301

Agricultural commodities, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

■ Accordingly, we are amending 7 CFR part 301 as follows:

PART 301—DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 301 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Section 301.75–15 also issued under Sec. 204, Title II, Pub. L. 106–113, 113 Stat. 1501A–293; sections 301.75–15 and 301.75–16 also issued under Sec. 203, Title II, Pub. L. 106–224, 114 Stat. 400 (7 U.S.C. 1421 note).

Appendix to Subpart—Imported Fire Ant [Amended]

■ 2. In part 301, Subpart—Imported Fire Ant (§§ 301.81 through 301.81–10), the appendix to the subpart is amended as follows:

■ a. In paragraph III.B., under the heading INSECTICIDES, by adding, in alphabetical order, an entry for “Methoprene (Extinguish®)”.

■ b. In paragraph III.C.4., under the heading *Control*, by removing the word “or” immediately following the word “(AWARD®),” and by adding the words “, or methoprene (Extinguish®)” immediately following the word “(Distance®)”.

■ c. In paragraph III.C.5., in the paragraph titled *Material*, by removing the word “or” immediately following the word “(AMDRO®),” and by adding the words “, or methoprene (Extinguish®)” immediately following the word “(Distance®)”.

■ d. In paragraph III.C.5., in the paragraph titled *Dosage*, by removing the word “or” immediately following the word “(AMDRO®),” and by adding the words “, or methoprene (Extinguish®)” immediately following the word “(Distance®)”.

■ e. In paragraph III.C.5., in the paragraph titled *Method*, in the first and third sentences, by removing the word “or” immediately following the word “(AMDRO®),” and by adding the words “, or methoprene (Extinguish®)” immediately following the word “(Distance®)”.

■ f. In paragraph III.C.5., by amending the paragraph titled *Special Information* as follows:

■ i. In the first and third sentences, by removing the word “or” immediately following the word “(AMDRO®)” and by adding the words “, or methoprene (Extinguish®)” immediately following the word “(Distance®)”.

■ ii. In the second sentence, by removing the word “or” immediately following the word “(AWARD®)” and by adding the words “, pyriproxyfen (Distance®), or methoprene (Extinguish®)” immediately following the word “(AMDRO®)”.

Done in Washington, DC, this 9th day of October, 2003.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

12 CFR Parts 910 and 913

[No. 2003–25]

RIN 3069–AB07

Amendments to the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act; Implementation

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) is adopting as a final rule the interim final rule that revised its Privacy Act regulation to reflect an agency reorganization and to make it more “user-friendly” by using plain language and where appropriate, a question-and-answer format. The rule also amended the fee schedule in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulation, which the Finance Board uses to determine the amount of the fee it charges to duplicate records under both the FOIA and the Privacy Act, to take into account increased salary and operating costs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The final rule will become effective on November 14, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janice A. Kaye, Senior Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, by electronic mail at kayej@fhfb.gov, by telephone at 202/408–2505, or by regular mail at the Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In July 2003, the Finance Board published an interim final rule with request for comments that revised its

Privacy Act and FOIA regulations. See 68 FR 39810 (July 3, 2003). The revised Privacy Act regulation (12 CFR part 913) is written in a "user-friendly" format using plain language and, where appropriate, a question-and-answer format. It reflects a reassignment of responsibility and authority for the agency's Privacy Act program to the Office of General Counsel. The rule also amended the fee schedule in the FOIA regulation (12 CFR 910.9), which the Finance Board uses to determine the amount of the fee it charges to duplicate records under both the FOIA and the Privacy Act, to take into account increased salary and operating costs. The 60-day public comment period for the interim final rule closed on September 2, 2003. See 68 FR at 39811.

II. Analysis of Public Comments and the Final Rule

The Finance Board received no comments in response to the interim final rule. Thus, for the reasons set forth in detail in the interim final rulemaking, the Finance Board is adopting the interim final rule as a final rule with one technical change to redesignate § 913.7(c)(1)(vii) as § 913.7(c)(1)(vi).

III. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Finance Board adopted the amendments to parts 910 and 913 in the form of an interim final rule and not as a proposed rule. Therefore, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act do not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2), 603(a).

IV. Paperwork Reduction Act

The final rule does not contain any collections of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. See 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* Consequently, the Finance Board has not submitted any information to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

List of Subjects

12 CFR Part 910

Administrative practice and procedure, Archives and records, Confidential business information, Federal home loan banks, Freedom of information.

12 CFR Part 913

Administrative practice and procedure, Archives and records, Freedom of information, Privacy.

■ For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Finance Board hereby adopts the interim final rule revising 12 CFR parts 910 and 913 that was published at 68 FR 39810 on July 3, 2003, as a final rule with the following change:

PART 913—PRIVACY ACT REGULATION

■ 1. The authority citation for part 913 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552a.

■ 2. Redesignate § 913.7(c)(1)(vii) as § 913.7(c)(1)(vi).

Dated: October 9, 2003.

By the Board of Directors of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

John T. Korsmo,
Chairman.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Part 121

RIN 3245-AF03

Small Business Size Standards; Facilities Support Services (Including Base Maintenance)

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is adopting an increase to the size standard for the Facilities Support Services industry (North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 561210) from \$6 million in average annual receipts to \$30 million and increases the size standard for the sub-category of Base Maintenance from \$23 million to \$30 million. These increased standards better define the size of businesses in this industry that the SBA believes should be eligible for Federal small business assistance programs. This final rule also changes the title of "Base Housing Maintenance" under NAICS code 238990 to "Building and Property Specialty Trade Services" to better identify the type of activities that fall under this category.

DATES: This rule is effective November 14, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Heal, Program Analyst, Office of Size Standards, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, (202) 205-6618 or sizestandards@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 3, 2003, the SBA published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 5234) to increase the size standard for the Facilities Support Services industry (NAICS code 561210) from \$6 million in average annual receipts to \$30 million and the size

standard for the sub-category of Base Maintenance from \$23 million to \$30 million. The SBA proposed this increase after reviewing requests from firms in the Facilities Support Services industry to review the \$6 million size standard for this industry and the \$23 million size standard for Base Maintenance, a sub-category of the industry. These size standards are based on annual receipts of the business, as described in 13 CFR 121.104. These firms argued that a size standard increase is warranted to reflect the size of Federal contracts issued in this industry. These contracts include a broad spectrum of services involving administrative support, custodial services, facilities repair and maintenance, and technical services, which often are \$10 million per year or more in value. A small business can lose its small business status with only one or two contracts. Costs on these types of contracts have increased greater than the general inflation rate, especially due to changes in the mandated labor rates under the Service Contract Act and increased health insurance costs. The requestors believed that to help develop small businesses to be competitive with large businesses in this industry, the size standard should be increased to the \$25 million to \$30 million range.

Based on these concerns, the SBA conducted a review of this industry's size standards. In addition to reviewing patterns of Federal procurement in this industry, it collected and evaluated data on the industry's structure. This review involved comparisons of average firm size, the size distribution of firms, measures of start-up costs, and the degree of concentration of economic activity among very large firms in the industry. Based on its review of each of these evaluation factors, and the nature and patterns of Federal contracting for Facility Support Services, the SBA concluded that the activities comprising this industry and the characteristics of firms in the industry no longer support the need for separate size standards for Base Maintenance and for all other facilities support activities. The SBA also found that the data supported an increase in the size standards for all activities comprising Facility Support Services to \$30 million in average annual receipts. (For more information on the reasons for the proposed size standard increase to \$30 million, see the February 3, 2003, proposed rule, 68 FR 5234).

The SBA received 16 comments on the proposed size standard. After giving careful consideration to the comments, the SBA has decided to adopt its proposed size standard of \$30 million.