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SUBJECT: Federal Register Interim Rule – Administrative Provisions for Competitive and Non-competitive Non-formula Grant Programs

An interim rule was published in the Federal Register on Friday, August 1, 2008 (73 FR 44897) by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), USDA. The publication includes a set of administrative requirements that include elements common to all of the competitive and noncompetitive non-formula grant programs (except the Small Business Innovation Research Grants Program) followed by a section for program-specific rules. Included in the program-specific rule section are rules for the Specialty Research Crop Initiative. The interim rule became effective August 1, 2008 and is available for comment on or before September 30, 2008 in accordance with instructions provided in the publication.

For more information, please see the attached file containing the Federal Register publication. The Federal Register publication also may be retrieved by entering pertinent data and performing an advance search through the Federal Register at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/advanced.html>.

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