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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

7 CFR Part 1710

RIN 0572-AB71

Notice of Confirmation of Direct Final Rule

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of confirmation of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby gives notice that no adverse comments were received regarding the direct final rule establishing rules and regulations to administer the Treasury Rate Direct Loan Program, and confirms the effective date of the direct final rule.

DATES: The direct final rule published in the *Federal Register* on December 26, 2001 (66 FR 66293) is effective February 11, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In fiscal year 2001, Congress provided funding to establish a Treasury rate loan program to address the backlog of qualified loan applications for insured municipal rate electric loans from RUS. RUS administered the Treasury rate loan program in a manner substantially the same as it administered the municipal rate program under a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

published in the *Federal Register* at 65 FR 80830 on December 22, 2000. Title III of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (Pub. L. 107-76) authorizes a Treasury rate electric loan program of \$750 million for FY 2002. RUS is amending its regulations to establish rules and regulations to administer the Treasury rate loan program.

Confirmation of Effective Date

This is to confirm the effective date of February 11, 2002, 7 CFR part 1710, Treasury Rate Direct Loan Program, published in the *Federal Register* on December 26, 2001, at 66 FR 66293.

Dated: January 29, 2002.

Hilda Gay Legg,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 93

[Docket No. 01-121-1]

Limited Ports of Entry for Pet Birds, Performing or Theatrical Birds, and Poultry and Poultry Products

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: We are amending the regulations regarding ports designated for the importation of pet birds, performing or theatrical birds, and poultry and poultry products by removing Boston, MA, from the lists of limited ports of entry. Very few of these animals or products are imported through the port of Boston, MA, as importers most often use other limited ports of entry to bring these animals and products into the United States. This action will update the regulations by removing an underutilized port from the lists.

DATES: This rule will be effective on April 15, 2002 unless we receive written adverse comments or written notice of intent to submit adverse comments that

are postmarked, delivered, or e-mailed by March 14, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments or notice of intent to submit adverse comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 01-121-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 01-121-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 01-121-1" on the subject line.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in 9 CFR part 93, "Importation of Certain Animals, Birds, and Poultry, and Certain Animal, Bird, and Poultry Products; Requirements for Means of Conveyance and Shipping Containers" (referred to below as the regulations), prescribe, among other things, conditions for importing pet birds, performing birds or theatrical birds, and poultry and poultry products into the United States. Section 93.102(d) contains a list of limited ports of entry