marketing agreements and orders may be viewed at: http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/moab.html. Any questions about the compliance guide should be sent to Jay Guerber at the previously mentioned address in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

After consideration of all relevant material presented, including the information and recommendation submitted by the Board and other available information, it is hereby found that this rule, as hereinafter set forth, will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

# List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 984

Walnuts, Marketing agreements, Nuts, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

# PART 984—WALNUTS GROWN IN CALIFORNIA

Accordingly, the interim final rule amending 7 CFR part 984 which was published at 67 FR 70146 on November 21, 2002, is adopted as a final rule without change.

Dated: February 26, 2003.

#### A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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# **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

8 CFR Parts 1001, 1003, 1101, 1103, 1205, 1208, 1209, 1212, 1216, 1235, 1236, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241, 1244, 1245, 1246, 1249, 1270, 1274a, 1292, 1337

[EOIR No. 137F1; OLC Order No. 2]

RIN 1125—AA42

Aliens and Nationality; Homeland Security; Reorganization of Regulations

**AGENCY:** Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended, transfers the functions of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to the Department of Homeland Security. In a rule published in the Federal Register on February 28, 2003, the Department of Justice reorganized title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations to reflect the transfer of functions of the Immigration and Naturalization Service through the division of jurisdiction over regulations currently codified in 8 CFR chapter I, by establishing a new chapter V in 8 CFR,

by transferring or duplicating certain parts and sections to the new chapter V and to 28 CFR chapter I, and by making other amendments as necessary to continue existing authorities after the transfer of functions to the Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003. This rule effects technical amendments to internal citations in chapter V.

DATES: This rule is effective on February 28, 2003.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Executive Office for Immigration Review: Chuck Adkins-Blanch, General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, 5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2600, Falls Church, Virginia 22041, telephone (703) 305–0470; Civil Division: Thomas W. Hussey, Director, Office of Immigration Litigation, United States Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20530, telephone (202) 616–4852.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended, ("HSA") transfers the functions of the Immigration and Naturalization Service ("Service" or "INS") to the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"). Public Law 107-296, title IV, subtitles D, E, F, 116 Stat. 2135, 2192 (Nov. 25, 2002), as amended ("HSA"). The HSA retains in the Department of Justice, under the direction of the Attorney General, the functions of the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR") and other law determination and litigation functions. HSA, 116 Stat. at 2273. This rule reflects technical amendments to citations in 8 CFR chapter V.

Changes to section citations to sections within the same part of chapter V have already been accomplished in the rule published February 28, 2003. This rule sets out the tables of citation changes for citations to sections in other parts of both chapters I and V. Where appropriate, the changes are made to the conformed sections of chapter V, but there are instances where the conformed section and specific paragraph cite to authority that does not related to functions that will remain in the Department of Justice. Accordingly, these citations are changed to refer to the appropriate section of chapter I of this part as it is being transferred to the Department of Homeland Security. For example, authority of the Service that is contained in chapter I often requires a change in chapter V to eliminate "in this chapter" language and refer directly to the Service's authority "in chapter I." This is consistent with the Department of Justice long range plan in eliminating unnecessary duplication of provisions between chapter I and chapter V.

#### **Administrative Procedure Act**

The Department of Justice finds that good cause exists for adopting this rule as a final rule and without public notice and comment under 5 U.S.C. 553 because this rule only makes technical amendments to the organization, procedures, and practices of the Department of Justice to improve the organization of the regulations of the Department of Justice and reflects the transfer of functions contemplated by the Homeland Security Act of 2002. Similarly, because this final rule makes only technical changes in crossreferences in existing regulations, this final rule is not subject to the effective date limitation of 5 U.S.C. 553(d).

# **Regulatory Flexibility Act**

Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this rule under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) do not apply.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

The provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104– 13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, do not apply to this final rule because there are no new or revised record keeping or reporting requirements.

# **Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of** 1995

This rule will not result in the expenditure by state, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year, and it will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

# **Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996**

This rule is not a major rule as defined by section 251 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, 5 U.S.C. 804. This rule will not result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies in domestic and export markets.

#### **Executive Order 12866**

This rule has been drafted and reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866, section 1(b), Principles of Regulation. The Department has determined that this rule is not a "significant regulatory action" under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review.

#### **Executive Order 13132**

This rule will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with section 6 of Executive Order 13132, the Department of Justice has determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant a federalism summary impact statement.

#### **Executive Order 12988**

This rule meets the applicable standards set forth in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform.

#### List of Subjects

8 CFR Part 1001

Administrative practice and procedure and Immigration.

#### 8 CFR Part 1003

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens, Immigration, Legal Services, Organization and function (Government agencies).

8 CFR Part 1101

Immigration.

8 CFR Part 1103

Administrative practice and procedure, Authority delegations (Government agencies), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

8 CFR Part 1205

Administrative practice and procedure and Immigration.

#### 8 CFR Part 1208

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens, Immigration and Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

#### 8 CFR Part 1209

Immigration, Refugees and Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

#### 8 CFR Part 1211

Immigration, Passports and visas and Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

## 8 CFR Part 1212

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens, Immigration, Passports and visas and Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

#### 8 CFR Part 1216

Administrative practice and procedure, and Aliens.

#### 8 CFR Part 1235

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens, Immigration and Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

#### 8 CFR Part 1236

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens and Immigration.

#### 8 CFR Part 1238

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens and Immigration.

# 8 CFR Part 1239

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens and Immigration .

#### 8 CFR Part 1240

Administrative practice and procedure and Aliens.

## 8 CFR Part 1241

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens and Immigration.

#### 8 CFR Part 1244

Administrative practice and procedure and Immigration.

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1001

#### 8 CFR Part 1245

Aliens, Immigration, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

#### 8 CFR Part 1246

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens and immigration.

#### 8 CFR Part 1249

Aliens, Immigration and Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

#### 8 CFR Part 1270

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens, Employment, Fraud and Penalties.

#### 8 CFR Part 274a

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens, Employment, Penalties, and Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

#### 8 CFR Part 1292

Administrative practice and procedure, Immigration, Lawyers and Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

#### 8 CFR Part 1337

Citizenship and naturalization and Courts.

# **Authority and Issuance**

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Department of Justice amends titles 8 and 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

### Title 8—Aliens and Nationality

Chapter V—Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice

## PART 1001—DEFINITIONS

1. The authority citation for part 1001 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1101; 8 CFR part 2.

2. Amend part 1001 as follows:

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1001.1(j) 1001.1(r)		1292.1(a)(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and 1292.1(b). 242.1 of 8 CFR chapter I.

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# PART 1003—EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW

3. The authority citation for part 1003 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301; 8 U.S.C. 1101 note, 1103, 1252 note, 1252b, 1324b, 1362; 28 U.S.C. 509, 510, 1746; sec. 2, Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1950, 3 CFR, 1949–1953 Comp., p. 1002; section 203 of Pub. L. 105–100, 111 Stat. 2196–200; sections 1506 and 1510 of Pub. L. 106–386; 114 Stat. 1527–29, 1531–32; section

1505 of Pub. L. 106–554, 114 Stat. 2763A–326 to –328.

4. Amend part 1003 as follows:

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1003

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1003.1(b)(2)	Part 240	Part 1240.
1003.1(b)(3)	Part 240	Part 1240.
1003.1(b)(5)	Parts 204 and 205, respectively, of this chap-	Parts 204 and 205, respectively, of 8 CFR
	ter.	chapter I or parts 1204 and 1205, respectively, of this chapter.
1003.1(b)(6)	Part 212	Part 1212.
1003.1(b)(7)	Part 236	Part 1236.
1003.1(b)(8)	Part 246	Part 1246.
1003.1(b)(9)	208.2(b)	1208.2(b).
1003.1(b)(10)	Part 244	Part 1244.
1003.1(b)(12)	245.13(n)(2) and 245.15(n)(3)	1245.13(n)(2) and 1245.15(n)(3).
1003.1(b)(12)	245.13(d)(2) and 245.15(e)(2)	1245.13(d)(2) and 1245.15(e)(2)
1003.1(b)(14)	241.14	1241.14.
1003.1(d)(2)(D)(iii)	292.2(d)	1292.2(d).
1003.1(d)(5)	292.2(d)	1292.2(d).
1003.2(c)(1)	1.1(p)	1001(p).
	208.22(f)	1208.22(f).
1003.2(c)(3)(iv)	( )	
1003.4	1.1(q)	1001(q).
1003.6(b)	242.22 of this chapter	242.22 of 8 CFR chapter I.
1003.8(a)	103.7(b)(1)	1103.7(b)(1).
1003.8(b)	103.7(b)	1103.7(b).
1003.14(a)	3.19, 236.1(d) and 240.2(b)	1003.19, 1236.1(d) and 1240.2(b).
1003.14(c)	337.2(b)	1337.2(b).
1003.15(b)(5)	292.1	1292.1.
1003.16(b)	Part 292	Part 1292.
1003.19(a) (two times)	Part 236	Part 1236.
1003.19(h)(1)(i)(D)	236.1(c)(2)	1236.1(c)(2).
1003.19(h)(1)(i)(E)	236.1(c)	1236.1(c).
1003.19(h)(1)(ii)	Part 235 or 236	Part 1235 or 1236.
1003.19(h)(2)(ii)	Part 235 or 236	Part 1235 or 1236.
1003.23(b)(1)	208.22	1208.22.
1003.24	103.7	1103.7.
1003.30	240.10(b)	1240.10(b).
1003.31(b)	240.11(f)	1240.11(f).
1003.31(b)	103.7(a)	1103.7(a).
1003.61(a)(1)	292.2	1292.2.
1003.61(a)(2)	292.2	1292.2.
1003.61(a)(4)	1.1(f)	1001.1(f).
1003.62	292. (in each place it appears)	1292.
1003.62	1.1(f) (in each place it appears)	1001.1(f).
1003.64	103.3(a)(1)(ii)	1103.3(a)(1)(ii).
1003.65	103.3(a)(1)(ii)	1103.3(a)(1)(ii).
1003.101	1.1 (in each place it appears)	1001.1.
1003.102	292 (in each place it appears)	1292.
1003.105(a)	103.5a of this chapter	103.5a of 8 CFR chapter I.
1003.106(a)(1)(ii)	103.5a of this chapter	103.5a of 8 CFR chapter I.
1003.106(a)(1)(v)	240.9	1240.9.
1003.106(a)(1)(v)	103.5a of this chapter	103.5a of 8 CFR chapter I.
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# PART 1101—PRESUMPTION OF LAWFUL ADMISSION

5. The authority citation for part 1101 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1103, 8 CFR part 2.

6. Amend part 1101 as follows:

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1101

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1101.4	264.2 of this chapter	264.2 of 8 CFR chapter I.

# PART 1103—APPEALS, RECORDS, AND FEES

7. The authority citation for part 1103 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1101, 1103, 1304, 1356; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 28 U.S.C. 509, 510.

# 8. Amend part 1101 as follows:

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1103

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1103.3(a)(1)(ii) 1103.3(a)(1)(ii) 1103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B)	3.1(b)	1103.4 of this part and 103.5 of 8 CFR chapter I.
1103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B) 1103.3(a)(1)(v) (three times) 1103.3(a)(2)(iii) 1103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(2)(ii) 1103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2)(ii) 103.4(a)(6) 103.7(c)(1) 103.7(c)(4)	Part 292 292 1103.5(a)(5)(i) of this part 1103.5(a)(5)(i) of this part 1103.5(a)(5)(i) of this part 3.1(b) 3.3(b) 240.20	Part 1292. 1292. 103.5(a)(5)(i) of 8 CFR chapter I. 103.5(a)(5)(i) of 8 CFR chapter I. 103.5(a)(5)(i) of 8 CFR chapter I. 1003.1(b). 1003.3(b). 1240.20.

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# PART 1205—REVOCATION OF APPROVAL OF PETITIONS

9. The authority citation for part 1205 continues to read as follows: **Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1101, 1103, 1151, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1182, and 1186a.

# 10. Amend part 1205 as follows:

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1205

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1205.1(a)	Part 3	Part 1003.

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# PART 1208—PROCEDURES FOR ASYLUM AND WITHHOLDING OF REMOVAL

11. The authority citation for part 1208 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1158, 1226, 1252, 1282; 8 CFR part 2.

12. Amend part 1208 as follows:

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1208.1(a)	Parts 3 and 103	Parts 1003 and 1103.
1208.2(c)(3)(i)		Part 1240.
1208.4(a)(2)(ii)	103.2(a)(7) of this chapter	103.2(a)(7) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1208.4(a)(2)(ii)		
1208.4(b)(3)(ii)		
1208.4(b)(4)		
1208.4(b)(4)	Part 3	Part 1003.
1208.4(b)(5)		Part 103.
1208.5(b)(2)		
1208.7(a)(1)		1274a.12(c)(8) and 1274a.13(a).
1208.7(a)(2)		103.2(b)(8) of 8 CFR chapter l.
1208.7(a)(4)		
1208.8(b)		
1208.12		
1208.14(c)(4)(i)		
1208.14(c)(4)(ii)		
1208.14(c)(4)(ii)(A)		1235.3(b).
1208.17(d)(1)		1003.11.
1208.17(e)(1)		1003.11.
1208.18(b)(2)		1003.23 and 1003.2.
1208.18(b)(3)(ii)(A)		1003.2 and 1003.23.
1208.22(f)		I .
1208.23(f)		
1208.30(f)		1212.5.
1208.30(g)(2)(iii)		

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1208—Continued

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1208.31	241.8(b)	1241.8(b).

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# PART 1209—ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS OF REFUGEES AND ALIENS GRANTED ASYLUM

13. The authority citation for part 1209 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1101, 1103, 1157, 1158, 1159, 1228, 1252, 1282; 8 CFR part 2.

14. Amend part 1209 as follows:

# **AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1209**

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1209(c)	207.2(c)	207.2(c) of chapter I.

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# PART 1212—DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS: NONIMMIGRANTS; WAIVERS; ADMISSION OF CERTAIN INADMISSIBLE ALIENS; PAROLE

15. The authority citation for part 1212 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1101 and note, 1102, 1103, 1182 and note, 1184, 1187, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1228; 8 CFR part 2.

16. Amend part 1212 as follows:

#### AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1212

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1212.1(g)(3) (two times)	of this chapter	of 8 CFR chapter I
1212.3(e)(3)	3.36	1003.36.
1212.4(b)	Part 3	part 1003.
1212.5(b)	235.3(b)	1235.3(b).
1212.5(b)(3) (two times)	236.3(a)	1236.3(a).
1212.5(c) (three times)	235.3(b)	1235.3(b).
1212.6(a)(2)	235.1(f)	1235.1(f).
1212.6(d)(1)	292.2	1292.2.
1212.6(e)	103.7(b)(1)	1103.7(b)(1).
1212.7(a)(1)(iii) (two times)	245.15(t)	1245.15(t).
1212.7(a)(1)(iv) (two times)	245.13(k)(2)	1245.13(k)(2).
1212.7(b)(2)(iv)	245.15(t)(2)	1245.15(t)(2).
1212.7(b)(2)(v)	245.13(k)(2)	1245.13(k)(2).
1212.7(b)(5)	Part 103 of this chapter	part 103 of 8 CFR chapter I.
1212.7(c)(7)	Part 204 of this chapter	part 204 of 8 CFR chapter I.
1212.7(c)(9)(ii)(B)	8 CFR part 103	8 CFR part 1103.
1212.7(c)(9)(vi)	214.2(h) of this chapter	214.2(h) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1212.7(c)(9)(vi)(A)	214.2(h)(2)(i)(E) of this chapter	214.2(h)(2)(i)(E) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1212.7(c)(9)(vi)(B)	214.2(h)(2)(i)(D) and (E) of this chapter	214.2(h)(2)(i)(D) and (E) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1212.7(c)(9)(vi)(B)	214.2(h) of this chapter	214.2(h) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1212.7(c)(9)(vi)(C)(2)	214.2(h) of this chapter	214.2(h) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1212.7(c)(9)(vi)(D)	214.2(h) of this chapter	214.2(h) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1212.8(b)	204.2(j) of this chapter	204.2(j) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1212.10	part 236	Part 1236.
1212.14(a)(1)(vi)	235.3	1235.3.

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# PART 1216—CONDITIONAL BASIS OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENCE STATUS

17. The authority citation for part 1216 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1101, 1103, 1154, 1184, 1186a, 1186b, and 8 CFR part 2.

18. Amend part 1216 as follows:

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1216

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
216.3(a)	103.2(b)(2) of this chapter Part 239	103.2(b)(2) of 8 CFR chapter I. Part 1239. 103.7(b) of 8 CFR chapter I. 1211.(b)(1). 1235.11. 1239.2. Part 1239. 103.7(b) of 8 CFR chapter I. 103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I. 1211.1(b)(1). 1235.11. 242.7 of 8 CFR chapter I. 1216.6(a)(5).

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# PART 1235—INSPECTION OF PERSONS APPLYING FOR PERMISSION

19. The authority citation for part 1235 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1101 and note, 1103, 1183, 1201, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1228; 8 CFR part 2.

20. Amend part 1235 as follows:

#### AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1235

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1235.1(d)(1)	211.11	211.1.
1235.1(d)(4)	208.30	1208.30.
1235.1(d)(4)	208.2(b)(2)	1208.2(b)(2).
1235.1(e)(1)(iii)	103.7(b)(1) of this chapter	103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1235.1(e)(1)(v)	217.2(a) of this chapter	217.2(a) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1235.1(e)(2)	103.7(b)(1) of this chapter	103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1235.1(e)(5)(ii)	217.2(a) of this chapter	217.2(a) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1235.1(f)(1)(i)	212.1(a)	1212.1(a).
1235.1(f)(1)(iii)	212.1(c)(1)	1212.1(c)(1).
1235.1(f)(1)(iv)	212.1(c)(1)	1212.1(c)(1).
1235.1(f)(1)(v)	212.1(c)(1)	1212.1(c)(1).
1235.3(b)(1)(i)	1.1(q)	1001.1(q).
1235.3(b)(2)(i)	211.1(b)(3) or § 212.1 of this chapter	1211.1(b)(3) or § 1212.1 of this chapter.
1235.3(b)(4)	208.30	1208.30.
1235.3(b)(5)(ii)	211.1 (b)(3)	1211.1(b)(3).
1235.3(b)(5)(iii)	223.2(b)(2)(ii) of this chapter	223.2(b)(2)(ii) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1235.3(b)(5)(iii)	223.2(b)(2)(i) of this chapter	223.2(b)(2)(i) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1235.3(b)(8)	Part 241	Part 1241.
1235.3(c)	212.5	1212.5.
1235.3(f)	236.1(e)	1236.1(e).
1235.4	212.5(b)	1212.5(b).
1235.5(a)	and 240	and 1240.
1235.5(a)	Part 240	Part 1240.
1235.6(a)(2)(iii)	208.2(b)(1)	1208.2(b)(1).
1235.8(b)(4)	Part 208	Part 1208.
1235.8(e)	1.1(q)	1001.1(q).
1235.11(c)	211.1(b)(1)	1211.1(b)(1).

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# PART 1236—APPREHENSION AND DETENTION OF INADMISSABLE AND DEPORTABLE ALIENS; REMOVAL OF ALIENS ORDERED REMOVED

21. The authority citation for part 1236 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301, 552, 552a; 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1182, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1231, 1362; 18 U.S.C. 4002, 4013(c)(4); 8 CFR part

22. Amend part 1236 as follows:

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1236.1(a)	287.7 of this chapter	287.7 of 8 CFR chapter I.

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1236—Continued

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1236.1(b) 1236.1(b) 1236.1(c)(10) 1236.1(c)(10) 1236.1(c)(11) 1236.1(d)(1) 1236.1(d)(1) 1236.1(d)(1) 1236.1(d)(4) 1236.1(f) 1236.2(a) 1236.2(a) 1236.5(d)	287.5(e)(2) of this chapter 287.5(e)(3) of this chapter 103.6 of this chapter 3.19 3.19(h) Part 240 3.19 3.38 3.19(i) 3.39 1.19(j) 239.1 103.5a(c) of this chapter 208.2 and 208.16	287.5(e)(2) of 8 CFR chapter I. 287.5(e)(3) of 8 CFR chapter I. 103.6 of 8 CFR chapter I. 1003.19. 1003.19(h). Part 1240. 1003.38. 1003.19(i). 1003.19(g). 1239.1. 103.5a(c) of 8 CFR chapter I. 1208.2 and 1208.16.

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# PART 1238—EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF AGGRAVATED FELONS

23. The authority citation for part 1238 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1228; 8 CFR part 2.

24. Amend part 1238 as follows:

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1238

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1238.1(a)	Part 3	1239.1 1003.41. 103.5a(c)(2) of 8 CFR chapter I. Part 1003. Part 1292. 1208.16. 1241.2. 1208.16. 1208.31. 287.5(e)(2) of 8 CFR chapter I.

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### PART 1239—INITIATION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

25. The authority citation for part 1239 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1221, 1229; 8 CFR part 2.

26. Amend part 1239 as follows:

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1239

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1239.2(a)	3.14	1003.14. 1003.14.

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# PART 1240—PROCEEDINGS TO DETERMINE REMOVABILITY OF ALIENS IN THE UNITED STATES

27. The authority citation for part 1240 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1103; 1182, 1186a, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1251, 1252 note, 1252a, 1252b, 1362; secs. 202 and 203, Pub. L. 105–100 (111 Stat. 2160, 2193); sec. 902, Pub. L. 105–277 (112 Stat. 2681); 8 CFR part 2.

28. Amend part 1240 as follows:

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1240.2(a)	3.38 3.23 Part 292	1003.38. 1003.23. Part 1292.

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1240—Continued

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1240.7	3.35	1003.35.
1240.10(a)(2)	Part 3	Part 1003.
1240.10(a)(2)	292.2	1292.2.
1240.10(b)	3.27	1003.27.
1240.11(a)(1)	Parts 245 and 249	Parts 1245 and 1249.
1240.11(a)(1)	Part 216	Part 1216.
1240.11(c)(1)	208.14	1208.14.
1240.11(c)(2)	208.4(c)	1208.4(c).
1240.11(c)(2)	208.111	208.11.
1240.11(c)(3)	Part 208	Part 1208.
1240.11(c)(3)	208.14 or 208.16	1208.14 or 1208.16.
1240.11(c)(3)(iii)	208.13	1208.13.
1240.11(e)	208.14(b)	1208.14(b).
1240.11(f)	103.7(b)(1) of this chapter	103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1240.13(a)	3.3	1003.3.
1240.14	3.39	1003.39.
1240.15	Part 3	Part 1003.
1240.15	3.3, 3.31, and 3.38	1003.3, 1003.31, and 1003.38.
1240.15	3.3	1003.3.
1240.15	3.1(d)(2)	1003.1(d)(2).
1240.20(a)	103.7(b) of this chapter	103.7(b) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1240.20(b)	3.14	1003.14.
1240.21(b)(2)(iii)	245.13(e)	1245.13(e).
1240.21(b)(5)(ii)	212.5	1212.5.
1240.21(c)	3.1(d)(3) and 3.39	1003.1(d)(3) and 1003.39.
1240.26	1240.25	240.25.
1240.32(a)	Part 235	Part 1235.
1240.32(a)	Part 3	Part 1003.
1240.32(a)	292.2	1292.2.
1240.33(a)	208.14(b)	1208.14(b).
1240.33(b)	208.4(c)	1208.4(c).
1240.33(b)	208.11	1208.11.
1240.33(c)	Part 208	Part 1208.
1240.33(c)	208.13(c)	1208.13(c).
1240.33(c)(1)	236.3	1236.3.
1240.33(c)(3)	208.13	1208.13.
1240.35	3.37	1003.37.
1240.36	3.37	1003.37.
1240.37	3.38	1003.38.
1240.40	Part 240	Part 1240.
1240.42	Part 292	Part 1292.
1240.46	3.35	1003.35.
1240.48(a)	Part 3	Part 1003.
1240.48(a)	292.2	1292.2.
1240.49(a)	Parts 240, 245, and 249	Parts 1240, 1245, and 1249.
1240.49(a)	Part 216	Part 1216.
1240.49(c)(2)	208.14(b)	1208.14(b).
1240.49(c)(3)	208.4(b)	1208.4(b).
1240.49(c)(3)	208.11	1208.11.
1240.49(c)(4)	Part 208	Part 1208.
1240.49(c)(4)	208.13 or 208.16	1208.13 or 1208.16.
1240.49(c)(4)(iii)	208.13	1208.13.
1240.49(e)	208.2	1208.2.
1240.49(e)	208.14(b)	1208.14(b).
1240.51(a)	3.3	1003.3.
1240.52	3.39	1003.39.
1240.53	Part 3	Part 1003.
1240.53(a)	3.3, 3.31, and 3.38	1003.3, 1003.31, and 1003.38.
1240.53(a)	3.3(b)	1003.3(b).
1240.53(a)	3.1(d)(2)	1003.1(d)(2.)
1240.55	Part 240	Part 1240.
1240.56	Part 240	Part 1240.
1240.62	3.43	1003.43.
1240.63(a)	103.7(b)(1)	1103.7(b)(1).
1240.63(a)	103.7(c)	1103.7(c).
1240.63(b)	1260.62(b)	1240.62(b).
1240.67(a)	103.2(e) of this subchapter	103.2(e) of 8 CFR chapter I. 1208.9.
1240.69	208.12	1208.9.
1270.03	200.12	1200.12.

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# PART 1241—APPREHENSION AND DETENTION OF ALIENS ORDERED REMOVED

29. The authority citation for part 1241 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301, 552, 552a; 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1182, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1231, 1251, 1253, 1255, 1330, 1362; 18 U.S.C. 4002, 4013(c)(4); 8 CFR part 2.

30. Amend part 1241 as follows:

#### AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1241

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1241.2	287.5(e) of this chapter	287.5(e) of 8 CFR chapter I
1241.3(b)(1)	208.16 or 208.17	1208.16 or 1208.17.
1241.3(b)(1)	236.1	1236.1.
1241.3(b)(2)	212.12	1212.12.
1241.3(b)(3)	Part 241	Part 1241.
1241.3(b)(3)	208.17(d)	1208.17(d)
1241.3(b)(4) (two times)	241.13	1241.13.
1241.4(j)	212.5(c)	1212.5(c).
1241.6(a)	212.5	1212.5.
1241.6(b)	Part 3	Part 1003.
1241.8(e)	208.31	1208.31.
1241.11(d)	208.5(b)	1208.5(b).
1241.11(d)	208.30	1208.30.
1241.11(d)	208.30	1208.30.
1241.11(d)	212.5	1212.5.
1241.13(b)(1)	Section 241.4	Section 1214.4.
1241.13(b)(3)(i)	212.12	1212.12.
1241.13(g)(1)	214.14	1241.14.
1241.13(g)(2)	214.14	1241.14.
1241.14(d)(3)(ii)	Part 292	Part 1292.
1241.14(g)(3)(i)	Part 292	Part 1292.
1241.14(h)(4)	3.38	1003.38.
1241.14(i)(3)	240.13(a) or (b)	1240.13(a) or (b).
1241.14(i)(4)(ii)	3.1(d)(3)	1003.1(d)(3).
1241.14(k)(6)(ii)	3.23 or 3.2	1003.23 or 1003.2.
1241.14(k)(6)(iii)	3.38	1003.38.
1241.15	236.6	1236.6.
1241.22	Part 240	Part 1240.
1241.30	Part 241	Part 1241.
1241.31	Part 240	Part 1240.
1241.33	212.5(b)	1212.5(b).

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# PART 1244—TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR NATIONALS OF DESIGNATED STATES

31. The authority citation for part 1244 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1254, 1254a note, 8 CFR part 2.

32. Amend part 1244 as follows:

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1244

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1244.10(b)	240.11 and 244.18	1240.11 and 1244.18. 1240.18(b). 1003.3. 1244.14(a)(3).

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#### PART 1245—ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS TO THAT OF PERSON ADMITTED FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE

33. The authority citation for part 1245 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1101, 1103, 1182, 1255; sec. 202, Pub. L. 105–100, 111 Stat. 2160, 2193; sec. 902, Pub. L. 105–277, 112 Stat. 2681; 8 CFR part 2.

34. Amend part 1245 as follows:

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1245

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1245.1(b)(7)	212.1(e)	1212.1(e).
1245.1(b)(8)	Part 217 of this chapter	Part 217 of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.1(b)(10)	274a.12(c)(9)	1274a.12(c)(9).
1245.1(c)(1)	212.8(b)	1212.8(b).
1245.1(c)(2)	212.7(c)(9)	1212.7(c)(9).
1245.1(c)(3)	Part 247 of this chapter	Part 247 of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.1(c)(4)	Part 204 of this chapter	Part 204 of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.1(c)(6)(i)	214.2(k) of this chapter	214.2(k) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.1(c)(6)(ii)	214.2(k) of this chapter	214.2(k) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.1(c)(7)	245.11	1245.11.
1245.1(d)(1)(ii)	Part 214 of this chapter	Part 214 of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.1(d)(2)	214.2(f) of this chapter	214.2(f) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.1(d)(2)	214.2(j) of this chapter	214.2(j) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.1(f)	Parts 235 and 249	Parts 1235 and 1249.
1245.2(a)	Part 245	Part 1245.
1245.2(a)	Part 240	Part 1240.
1245.2(a)(2)(i)(B)	Parts 103 and 245	Parts 103 of 8 CFR chapter I and 1245 of this
		_ chapter.
1245.2(a)(5)(ii) (two times)	Part 240	Part 1240.
1245.2(a)(5)(iii) (two times)	Part 240	Part 1240.
1245.4	Part 211	Part 1211.
1245.5	214.2(k) of this chapter	214.2(k) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.5	Part 235	Part 1235.
1245.9(k)(1)	Part 245	Part 1245.
1245.10(a)(2)(i)	103.2(a)(1) and (a)(2) of this chapter	103.2(a)(1) and (a)(2) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.10(a)(4)	205.1(a)(3)(i) or (a)(3)(ii) of this chapter	1205.1(a)(3)(i) or (a)(3)(ii) of this chapter.
1245.10(d) (two times)	103.2 of this chapter	103.2 of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.10(f)(1)	103.5 of this chapter	103.5 of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.11(d)(1)	245.2	1245.2.
1245.12(a)(2)	232.1 of this chapter	232.1 8 of CFR chapter I.
1245.13(c)(1)	212.7	1212.7.
1245.13(e)(1)	103.7(b)(1) of this chapter	103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.13(e)(2)	103.7(b)(1) of this chapter	103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.13(g)	103.7(b)(1) of this chapter	103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.13(g)	103.7 of this chapter	103.7 of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.13(g)	240.11(f)	1240.11(f).
1245.13(g)	103.2(e) of this chapter	103.2(c) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.13(j)(1)	103.7(b)(1) of this chapter	103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.13(j)(2)	274a.13(d)	1274a.13(d).
1245.13(k)(1)	103.7(b)(1) of this chapter	103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.13(k)(3)	212.2	1212.2.
1245.13(m)(1)(i)	239.1	1239.1.
1245.13(n)(1)	3.10	1003.10.
1245.13(n)(1)	Part 240	Part 1240.
1245.13(n)(2)	3.3 and 3.8	1003.3 and 1003.8.
1245.14	212.15	1212.15.
1245.15(a)	204.3(b) of this chapter (each time that it ap-	204.3(b) of 8 CFR chapter I.
	pears).	
1245.15(c)(2)(iv) B)	103.7(c) of this chapter	103.7(c) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.15(c)(2)(iv)(B)	240.11(f)	1240.11(f).
1245.15(d)(4)	(d)(5) of this chapter	(d)(5) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.15(e)(2)	212.7	1212.7.
1245.15(g)(3)(iii)	241.6	1241.6.
1245.15(h)(1)	103.7(b)(1) of this chapter	103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.15(h)(2)	103.7(b)(1) of this chapter	103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I.
		103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1245.15(n)(1)	103.7(b)(1) of this chapter	103.7(b)(1) of 0 of 11 chapter 1.
1245.15(n)(1)1245.15(n)(2)	103.7(b)(1) of this chapter 274a.13(d)	1274a.13(d).
		1274a.13(d). 1003.11 and 1003.31.
1245.15(n)(2)	274a.13(d)	1274a.13(d).
1245.15(n)(2) 1245.15(p)(1)	274a.13(d) 3.11 and 3.31	1274a.13(d). 1003.11 and 1003.31.
1245.15(n)(2)	274a.13(d)	1274a.13(d). 1003.11 and 1003.31. 1239.1.
1245.15(n)(2)	274a.13(d)	1274a.13(d). 1003.11 and 1003.31. 1239.1. 1003.3 and 1003.8.
1245.15(n)(2)	274a.13(d)	1274a.13(d). 1003.11 and 1003.31. 1239.1. 1003.3 and 1003.8. 103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I. 1212.2.
1245.15(n)(2)	274a.13(d)	1274a.13(d). 1003.11 and 1003.31. 1239.1. 1003.3 and 1003.8. 103.7(b)(1) of 8 CFR chapter I.

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# PART 1246—RESCISSION OF ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS

35. The authority citation for part 1246 continues to read as follows: **Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1254, 1255, 1256, 1259; 8 CFR part 2.

# 36. Amend part 1246 as follows:

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1246

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1246.1	240.70 240.3, 240.4, 240.5, 240.6, 240.7, and 240.9	1240.70. 1240.3, 1240.4, 1240.5, 1240.6, 1240.7, and 1240.9.
	3.23	1003.23. Part 1292 1240.13(a) and (b) and 1240.14. Part 1003.

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## PART 1249—CREATION OF RECORDS OF LAWFUL ADMISSION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE

37. The authority citation for part 1249 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1182, 1259; 8 CFR part 2.

38. Amend part 1249 as follows:

#### AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1249

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1249.2 (two times)	Part 240	Part 1240. 103.5 of 8 CFR chapter I.

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#### PART 1270—PENALTIES FOR DOCUMENT FRAUD

39. The authority citation for part 1270 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1101, 1103, and 1324c; Pub. L. 101–410, 104 Stat. 890, as amended by Pub. L. 104–134, 110 Stat. 1321.

40. Amend part 1270 as follows:

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1270

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1270.1(d)	103.5a(a)(2) of this chapter242.1 of this chapter	242.1 of 8 CFR chapter I.

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# PART 1274a—CONTROL OF EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS

41. The authority citation for part 1274a continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1101, 1103, 1324a; 8 CFR part 2.

42. Amend part 1274a as follows:

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1274A

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1274a.10	Part 103 of this chapter	214.2(a) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(c) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(e) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(f) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(f) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(g) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(g) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(h) of 8 CFR chapter I.

# AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1274A—Continued

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
1274a.12(b)(11)	214.2(j) of this chapter	214.2(j) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(l) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(o) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1274a.12(b)(14)	214.2(p) of this chapter	214.2(p) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(q)(1) 8 CFR of chapter I. 214.2(r) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(o) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1274a.12(b)(18) 1274a.12(b)(19) 1274a.12(b)(20) 1274a.12(c)(1)	214.2(o) of this chapter	214.2(o) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(e) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2 or 216 of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(a)(2) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1274a.12(c)(2) 1274a.12(c)(3)(i) 1274a.12(c)(4)	214.2(e) of this chapter	214.2(e) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(f) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(g) of 8 CFR chapter I.
1274a.12(c)(5)	214.2(j) of this chapter	214.2(j) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(m) of 8 CFR chapter I. 214.2(ng) of 8 CFR chapter I. Part 1208.
1274a.12(c)(8)(i) (two times)	208.7 245.13(j) and 245.15(n) Part 249 Part 210 of this chapter	1208.7. 1245.13(j) and 1245.15(n). Part 1249. Part 210 of 8 CFR chapter I.
1274a.12(c)(22) 1274a.12(c)(23) 1274a.14(a)(2)	Part 245a of this chapter	Part 245a of 8 CFR chapter I. 215.2(q)(15) of 8 CFR chapter I. 1208.3 and 1208.4

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# PART 1292—REPRESENTATION AND APPEARANCES

43. The authority citation for part 1292 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** Secs. 103, 262, 289, 66 Stat. 173, 224, 234; 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1302, 1359; 45 Stat. 401, 54 Stat. 670; 8 U.S.C. 226a, 451. 44. Amend part 1292 as follows:

# **AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 1292**

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# PART 1337—OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

45. The authority citation for part 1337 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1443, 1448; 8 CFR part 2.

46. Amend part 1292 as follows:

Amend:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
All sections	this chapter (each place that it appears)	8 CFR chapter I.

Dated: February 28, 2003.

#### Joan L. Larsen,

Deputy Assistant Attorney General. [FR Doc. 03-5154 Filed 2-28-03; 3:10 pm] BILLING CODE 4410-30-P

# **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

## **Animal and Plant Health Inspection** Service

# 9 CFR Part 50

[Docket No. 00-105-2]

RIN 0579-AB36

# **Payments for Cattle and Other Property Because of Tuberculosis**

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are adopting as a final rule, with one change, an interim rule that amended the regulations regarding payments made in connection with animals and other property disposed of because of bovine tuberculosis. The interim rule provided that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will make payments to owners of dairy cattle and other property used in connection with a dairy business and a dairy processing plant in the area of El Paso, TX, provided the owners agreed to dispose of their herds within 2 years, close their existing dairy operations, and refrain from establishing new cattle breeding operations in the area. As amended by this document, we will allow owners 3 years to dispose of their herds. The interim rule was necessary to further tuberculosis eradication efforts in the United States and protect livestock not affected with bovine tuberculosis from the disease.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 4, 2003.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: $\mathrm{Dr.}$ Joseph Van Tiem, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 36, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-7716.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Bovine tuberculosis (tuberculosis) is a contagious, infectious, and communicable disease caused by Mycobacterium bovis. It affects cattle, bison, deer, elk, goats, and other warmblooded species, including humans. Tuberculosis in infected animals and humans manifests itself in lesions of the lung, bone, and other body parts, causes weight loss and general debilitation, and

can be fatal. At the beginning of the past century, tuberculosis caused more losses of livestock than all other livestock diseases combined. This prompted the establishment of the National Cooperative State/Federal **Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication** Program for tuberculosis in livestock. Through this program, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) works cooperatively with the national livestock industry and State animal health agencies to eradicate tuberculosis from domestic livestock in the United States and prevent its recurrence.

Federal regulations implementing this program are contained in 9 CFR part 77, "Tuberculosis" and in the "Uniform Methods and Rules—Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication," January 22. 1999, edition, which is incorporated by reference into the regulations in part 77. Additionally, the regulations in 9 CFR part 50 (referred to below as the regulations) provide for the payment of indemnity to owners of certain animals destroyed because of tuberculosis, in order to encourage destruction of animals that are infected with, or at significant risk of being infected with, the disease.

In an interim rule effective and published in the Federal Register on July 26, 2002 (57 FR 48745–48752, Docket No. 00-105-1), we amended the regulations in part 50 by providing that APHIS will make payments to owners of dairy cattle and other property used in connection with a dairy business and a dairy processing plant in the area of El Paso, TX, provided the owners agreed to dispose of their herds, close their existing dairy operations, and refrain from establishing new cattle breeding operations in the area. The interim rule was necessary to further tuberculosis eradication efforts in the United States and protect livestock not affected with bovine tuberculosis from the disease.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before September 24, 2002. We did not receive any comments by that date. However, we are making one change to the interim rule. One condition of eligibility for payment for dairy cattle was that each owner agree to cease operations within the described area and dispose of all sexually intact cattle on the dairy operation premises no later than 2 years after eligible owners signed their respective agreements. We have learned from representatives of dairy cattle owners affected by the interim rule that 2 years is an insufficient amount of time to dispose of all of their cattle through market channels. Therefore, we are amending the regulations to provide that owners of dairy cattle and other

property in the described area must cease all dairy cattle operations and dispose of all sexually intact cattle on the dairy operations premises no later than 3 years after all eligible owners sign their respective agreements.

Therefore, for the reasons given in the interim rule and in this document, we are adopting the interim rule as a final rule, with the change discussed in this document.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 12372 and 12988, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, this rule has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

#### List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 50

Animal diseases, Bison, Cattle, Hogs, Indemnity payments, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Tuberculosis.

Accordingly, the interim rule amending 9 CFR part 50 that was published at 67 FR 48745-48752 on July 26, 2002, is adopted as a final rule with the following changes:

### PART 50—ANIMALS DESTROYED **BECAUSE OF TUBERCULOSIS**

1. The authority citation for part 50 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 8301-8317; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

2. In § 50.17, paragraphs (b)(1) and (d) are revised to read as follows:

# § 50.17 Payment.

(b) \* \* \*

(1) Cease all dairy cattle operations within the described area and dispose of all sexually intact cattle on the dairy operation premises no later than 3 years after all eligible owners have signed their respective agreements;

(d) Any dairy cattle added to a premises after the date an owner has signed the agreement required under paragraph (b) of this section will not be included in the rate calculation in paragraph (c) of this section and must be disposed of within 3 years after all eligible owners have signed their respective agreements.