

revising the words "sells a" to read "transfers title to the."

82. Section 3550.200 is amended by revising the OMB control number "0575-0166" to read "0575-0172" and by removing the third sentence.

#### Subpart E—Special Servicing

83. Section 3550.208 is amended by revising in paragraph (b) the reference to "paragraph (a)(6)" to read "paragraph (a)(5)" and by adding a new paragraph (a)(6) to read as follows:

##### § 3550.208 Reamortization using promissory note interest rate.

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(a) \* \* \*

(6) Bring an account current where the National Appeals Division (NAD) reverses an adverse action, the borrower has adequate repayment ability, and RHS determines the reamortization is in the best interests of the Government and the borrower.

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84. Section 3550.211 is amended in paragraph (c) by removing the last two sentences.

85. Section 3550.250 is amended by revising the OMB control number "0575-0166" to read "0575-0172" and by removing the third sentence.

#### Subpart F—Post-Servicing Actions

86. Section 3550.251 is amended in paragraph (c)(5)(i)(A) by revising the words "program-eligible applicants" to "eligible direct or guaranteed single family housing loan applicants" and by revising paragraphs (c)(4)(i) and (c)(4)(ii) to read as follows:

##### § 3550.251 Property management and disposition.

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(c) \* \* \*

(4) \* \* \*

(i) Program REO properties are reserved for eligible direct or guaranteed single family housing loans under this part or part 1980, subpart D of this title and nonprofit organizations or public bodies providing transitional housing during the first 60 days after the date of the first notice of sale, and during the first 30 days following any reduction in price or any other change in credit terms or other sale terms. After the expiration of a reservation period, program REO properties can be bought by any buyer.

(ii) An offer on a program REO property from a buyer who does not qualify for a direct or guaranteed single family housing loan may be submitted during a reservation period, but is considered to have been received on the day after the reservation period ends.

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87. Section 3550.300 is amended by revising the OMB control number "0575-0166" to read "0575-0172" and by removing the third sentence.

Dated: December 16, 2002.

Arthur A. Garcia,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 9 CFR Parts 93 and 98

[Docket No. 02-064-2]

#### Canadian Border Ports; Blaine and Lynden, WA

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** On November 8, 2002, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service published a direct final rule in the *Federal Register*. (See 67 FR 68021-68022, Docket No. 02-064-1.) The direct final rule notified the public of our intention to amend the regulations by removing Blaine and Lynden, WA, from the lists of Canadian border ports designated as ports of entry for the importation of certain animals, birds, poultry, and animal germ plasm into the United States. We did not receive any written adverse comments or written notice of intent to submit adverse comments in response to the direct final rule.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the direct final rule is confirmed as January 7, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Gary Colgrove, Chief Staff Veterinarian, Sanitary Issues Management Staff, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-4356.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1622, 8303, 8306-8308, 8310, 8313, and 8315; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this 17th day of December 2002.

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Parts 50 and 72

RIN 3150-AG52

#### Decommissioning Trust Provisions

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations relating to decommissioning trust provisions for nuclear power plants. For licensees that are no longer rate-regulated, or no longer have access to a non-bypassable charge for decommissioning, the NRC is requiring that decommissioning trust agreements be in a form acceptable to the NRC in order to increase assurance that an adequate amount of decommissioning funds will be available for their intended purpose. Until recently, direct NRC oversight of the terms and conditions of the decommissioning trusts was not necessary because rate regulators typically exercised this type of oversight authority. With deregulation, this oversight may cease and the NRC needs to take a more active oversight role.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 24, 2003.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

In a staff requirements memorandum (SRM) dated August 10, 1999, the Commission directed the NRC staff to initiate a rulemaking to require that decommissioning trust agreements be in a form acceptable to the NRC in order to increase assurance that an adequate amount of decommissioning funds will be available for their intended purpose. This SRM was in response to SECY-99-170 (July 1, 1999), "Summary of Decommissioning Fund Status Reports," in which the NRC staff noted that it intended to continue to review decommissioning trust agreements in license transfers on a case-by-case basis and impose appropriate conditions in the orders approving these transfers. In response to the SRM, the NRC staff issued a rulemaking plan for Decommissioning Trust Provisions, SECY-00-0002, on December 30, 1999. The plan called for amending 10 CFR 50.75 and revising Regulatory Guide