

per acre will more accurately reflect anticipated 2003 crop yields.

This rule imposes no additional reporting or recordkeeping requirements on either small or large raisin handlers. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the information collection requirement referred to in this rule (*i.e.*, the application) has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control No. 0581-0178. As with all Federal marketing order programs, reports and forms are periodically reviewed to reduce information requirements and duplication by industry and public sector agencies. Finally, USDA has not identified any relevant Federal rules that duplicate, overlap, or conflict with this rule.

Further, the RAC's meeting on January 29, 2003, and the RAC's Administrative Issues Subcommittee meeting on January 24, 2003, when this action was deliberated were both public meetings widely publicized throughout the raisin industry. All interested persons were invited to attend the meetings and participate in the industry's deliberations.

An interim final rule concerning this action was published in the **Federal Register** on March 19, 2003 (68 FR 13219). Copies of the rule were mailed by RAC staff to all RAC members and alternates, the Raisin Bargaining Association, handlers and dehydrators. In addition, the rule was made available through the Internet by the Office of the Federal Register and USDA. That rule provided for a 15-day comment period that ended on April 3, 2003. No comments were received.

A small business guide on complying with fruit, vegetable, and specialty crop 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 RAC and other available information, it is found that finalizing the interim final rule, without change, as published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 13219, March 19, 2003) will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 989

Grapes, Marketing agreements, Raisins, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

### PART 989—RAISINS PRODUCED FROM GRAPES GROWN IN CALIFORNIA

■ Accordingly, the interim final rule amending 7 CFR part 989 which was published at 68 FR 13219 on March 19, 2003, is adopted as a final rule without change.

Dated: May 6, 2003.

A.J. Yates,

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### 10 CFR Parts 40 and 150

RIN 3150-AH10

#### Source Material Reporting Under International Agreements; Confirmation of Effective Date

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is confirming the effective date of October 1, 2003, for the direct final rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** of March 5, 2003 (68 FR 10362). This direct final rule amended the NRC's regulations on reporting source material with foreign obligations. This document confirms the effective date.

**DATES:** The effective date of October 1, 2003, is confirmed for this direct final rule.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents related to this rulemaking, including comments received, may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, Room O-1F23, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. These same documents may also be viewed and downloaded electronically via the rulemaking Web site (<http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>). For information about the interactive rulemaking Web-site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher (301) 415-5905; e-mail: [CAG@nrc.gov](mailto:CAG@nrc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Merri Horn, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; telephone (301) 415-8126; (e-mail: [mlh1@nrc.gov](mailto:mlh1@nrc.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 5, 2003 (68 FR 10362), the NRC published in the **Federal Register** a direct final rule amending its

regulations in 10 CFR parts 40 and 150 to require licensees to report their holdings of source material with foreign obligations to the agency. In the direct final rule, NRC stated that if no significant adverse comments were received, the direct final rule would become final on the date noted above. The NRC did not receive any comments that warranted withdrawal of the direct final rule. Therefore, this rule will become effective as scheduled.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of May, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michael T. Lesar,

*Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration.*

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### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

#### 17 CFR Part 241

[Release No. 34-47806]

#### Electronic Storage of Broker-Dealer Records

**AGENCY:** The Securities and Exchange Commission.

**ACTION:** Interpretation.

**SUMMARY:** The Securities and Exchange Commission is publishing its views on the operation of its rule permitting broker-dealers to store required records in electronic form. Under the rule, electronic records must be preserved exclusively in a non-rewriteable and non-erasable format. This interpretation clarifies that broker-dealers may employ a storage system that prevents alteration or erasure of the records for their required retention period.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 12, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Michael A. Macchiaroli, Associate Director, 202/942-0131; Thomas K. McGowan, Assistant Director, 202/942-4886; or Randall W. Roy, Special Counsel, 202/942-0798, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-1001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is publishing guidance with respect to paragraph (f)(2)(ii)(A) of Rule 17a-4, which requires broker-dealers maintaining records electronically to use a digital storage medium or system that "[p]reserve[s]