

## NOTICES

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

## Bureau of Customs

[T. D. 52109]

## PRODUCTS OF BRITISH MALAYA

## MARKING OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

DECEMBER 15, 1948.

Amendment of T. D. 52003 to provide for an additional period during which certain markings are acceptable on articles manufactured or produced in British Malaya.

T. D. 52003, which relates to the marking to indicate the name of the country of origin, under the marking provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, of articles imported into the United States from British Malaya, is hereby amended to provide that either the markings specified in T. Ds. 51755, 51781, and 48833 (1) for the territories in question, or the markings listed in T. D. 52003, shall be acceptable on articles arriving in the United States before the expiration of 120 days after the publication of T. D. 52003 in the weekly Treasury Decisions.

[SEAL]

FRANK DOW,

Acting Commissioner of Customs.

[F. R. Doc. 48-11096; Filed, Dec. 20, 1948; 9:01 a. m.]

[T. D. 52110]

## SHIPMENTS TO CUBA

## WHEAT FLOUR

DECEMBER 15, 1948.

Duty assessable under the third paragraph of section 311, Tariff Act of 1930, and section 2 (a) of the act of June 12, 1934, in the case of wheat flour manufactured in bonded manufacturing warehouses from imported wheat and withdrawn for exportation to Cuba. T. D. 44290 superseded.

Reference is made to T. D. 44290 containing instructions relative to the duties which should be assessed under the third paragraph of section 311, Tariff Act of 1930, in the case of flour manufactured in customs bonded manufacturing warehouses (class 6) in the United States with the use of imported wheat and withdrawn for exportation to Cuba.

Reference is also made to section 2 (a) of the act of June 12, 1934 (T. D. 47117), which provides in part as follows:

• • • The third paragraph of section 311 of the Tariff Act of 1930 shall apply to any agreement concluded pursuant to this Act (i. e., section 350, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended) to the extent only that such agreement assures to the United States a rate of duty on wheat flour produced in the United States which is preferential in respect to the lowest rate of duty imposed by the country with which such agreement has been concluded on like flour produced in any other country; and upon the withdrawal of wheat flour from bonded manufacturing warehouses for exportation to the country with which such agreement has been concluded, there

shall be levied, collected, and paid on the imported wheat used, a duty equal to the amount of such assured preference.

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., dated September 14, 1948, to the effect that under the trade agreements published as T. D. 51802 and T. D. 51819 the minimum rate of duty which may be imposed by Cuba on wheat flour manufactured in any of the signatory countries other than the United States and imported into Cuba is 83 cents per 100 kilograms, gross weight; that this minimum rate was applied by Cuba on wheat flour from certain of the signatory countries (other than the United States) commencing on January 17, 1948; and that the rate of duty which may be imposed by Cuba on wheat flour manufactured in the United States and imported into Cuba is 63 cents per 100 kilograms, gross weight.

In view of the foregoing, you are hereby instructed, in the case of wheat flour manufactured in customs bonded manufacturing warehouses with the use of imported wheat and withdrawn for exportation to Cuba, to assess a duty on the imported wheat used equal in amount to the assured preference of 20 cents per 100 kilograms, gross weight, and to assess this duty in the case of all such withdrawals made on and after January 17, 1948. T. D. 44290 is hereby superseded.

[SEAL]

FRANK DOW,

Acting Commissioner of Customs.

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## NATIONAL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT

## Secretary of Defense

[Transfer Order 29]

## ORDER TRANSFERRING FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY TO DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE FUNCTIONS RELATING TO RECRUITING AND ENLISTMENT

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the National Security Act of 1947 (act of July 26, 1947; Public Law 253, 80th Congress) and in order to effect certain transfers authorized or directed therein, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. There are hereby transferred to and vested in the Secretary of the Air Force and the Department of the Air Force all functions, powers, and duties relating to recruiting and enlistment, insofar as they may pertain to the Department of the Air Force or the United States Air Force or the military personnel thereof, which are vested in the Secretary of the Army, or the Department of the Army, or any officer of that Department by the following laws, parts of laws and Executive orders, as limited by other laws, parts of laws and Executive orders, whether or not specifically set forth herein:

a. Act of March 2, 1833, c. 68, sec. 6 (4 Stat. 647), as amended by the act of

July 4, 1864, c. 237, sec. 5 (13 Stat. 380), and the act of March 3, 1865, c. 79, sec. 18 (13 Stat. 490; R. S. 1118), and the act of July 29, 1941, c. 325 (55 Stat. 606; 10 U. S. C. 622).

b. Act of August 22, 1912, c. 336, sec. 1 (37 Stat. 356; 10 U. S. C. 624).

c. Act of June 3, 1916, c. 134, sec. 27 (39 Stat. 185), as amended by the act of June 4, 1920, c. 227, subch. I, sec. 27 (41 Stat. 775), and the act of June 28, 1947, c. 162, sec. 1 (61 Stat. 191; 10 U. S. C. 628).

d. Act of December 12, 1941, c. 566 (55 Stat. 797; 10 U. S. C. 628a).

e. Act of March 3, 1909, c. 252 (35 Stat. 741; 10 U. S. C. 632).

f. Act of June 3, 1916, c. 134, sec. 127a, as added by the act of June 4, 1920, c. 227, subch. I, sec. 51 (41 Stat. 785), and amended by the act of May 14, 1940, c. 194 (54 Stat. 213; 10 U. S. C. 634).

g. Act of October 6, 1945, c. 393, sec. 2, 5 (59 Stat. 538, 539; 10 U. S. C. 635, 636).

h. Act of February 2, 1901, c. 192, sec. 31 (31 Stat. 756), as amended by the act of June 12, 1906, c. 3078 (34 Stat. 242; 10 U. S. C. 641).

i. All other laws, parts of laws, including applicable provisions of Appropriations Acts, and Executive orders which vest in the Secretary of the Army or the Department of the Army or any officer of that Department functions, powers, and duties relating to recruiting and enlistment insofar as they pertain to the Department of the Air Force or the United States Air Force or the military personnel thereof.

2. The Department of the Air Force will utilize the services of the Department of the Army, and the Department of the Army will utilize the services of the Department of the Air Force for such types of service relating to recruiting and enlistment of military personnel as are presently performed by one for the other, subject to such adjustments as from time to time are jointly determined to be necessary or desirable by the Secretaries of the two Departments.

3. The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Air Force or their representatives are hereby authorized to issue such orders as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this order. In this respect, the transfer of such related personnel, property, records, installations, agencies, activities and projects as the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force shall from time to time jointly determine to be necessary, is authorized.

4. It is expressly determined that the functions herein transferred are necessary and desirable for the operations of the Department of the Air Force and of the United States Air Force.

5. Nothing contained in this order shall operate as a transfer of funds.

6. This order shall be effective as of 12:00 noon, December 10, 1948.

JAMES FORRESTAL,  
Secretary of Defense.

DECEMBER 10, 1948.

[F. R. Doc. 48-11038; Filed, Dec. 20, 1948; 8:46 a. m.]

[Transfer Order 30]

**ORDER TRANSFERRING FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY TO DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE CERTAIN FUNCTIONS PERTAINING TO DECORATIONS AND AWARDS**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the National Security Act of 1947 (act of July 26, 1947, Public Law 253, 80th Congress), and in order to effect certain transfers authorized or directed therein, and by direction of the President, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. There are hereby transferred to and vested in the Secretary of the Air Force and the Department of the Air Force all functions, powers, and duties relating to decorations, honors, service medals and other awards for acts or services performed with or under the cognizance of the Air Corps, United States Army, the Army Air Forces, the United States Air Force or the Department of the Air Force, which are now vested in the Secretary of the Army or the Department of the Army or any Officer of that Department by or under the following:

- a. Act of July 9, 1918, c. 143 (40 Stat. 870, 871; 10 U. S. C. 1403, 1406, 1407, 1424).
- b. Act of July 20, 1942, c. 508, sec. 2 (56 Stat. 662; 10 U. S. C. 1408b), as amended by Executive Order No. 9260 of October 29, 1942 (7 F. R. 8819), and Executive Order No. 9637 of October 4, 1945 (10 F. R. 12543), and Executive Order No. 9857-A of May 29, 1947 (12 F. R. 3583).
- c. Act of July 9, 1918, c. 143 (40 Stat. 871), as amended by the act of January 24, 1920, c. 55, sec. 1 (41 Stat. 398), and the act of December 15, 1942, c. 736 (56 Stat. 1052; 10 U. S. C. 1412).
- d. Act of July 2, 1926, c. 721, sec. 11 (44 Stat. 789; 10 U. S. C. 1428).
- e. Act of July 2, 1926, c. 721, sec. 12 (44 Stat. 789), as amended by the act of July 30, 1937, c. 545, sec. 4 (50 Stat. 549; 10 U. S. C. 1429), and Executive Order No. 4601 of March 1, 1927.
- f. Act of July 6, 1945, c. 275 (59 Stat. 462), as modified by Proc. No. 2714 of December 31, 1946 (12 F. R. 1; 10 U. S. C. 1430c).
- g. Act of August 1, 1947, c. 426, sec. 1, 2 (61 Stat. 710; 36 U. S. C. 182a, 182b).
- h. Act of November 21, 1941, c. 501 (55 Stat. 781).
- i. Executive Order No. 8808 of June 28, 1941 (6 F. R. 3209).
- j. Executive Order No. 8809 of June 28, 1941 (6 F. R. 3209), as amended by Executive Order No. 9323 of March 31, 1943 (8 F. R. 4225).
- k. Executive Order No. 9158 of May 11, 1942 (7 F. R. 3541), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A of September 11, 1942 (7 F. R. 7874).
- l. Executive Order No. 9265 of November 6, 1942 (7 F. R. 9106).
- m. Executive Order No. 9396 of November 30, 1943 (8 F. R. 16095).
- n. Executive Order No. 9419 of February 4, 1944 (9 F. R. 1495).
- o. Executive Order No. 9586 of July 6, 1945 (10 F. R. 8523).
- p. Act of February 24, 1923, c. 110 (42 Stat. 1286), as amended by the act of April 21, 1928, c. 392 (45 Stat. 437; 10 U. S. C. 1425).

- q. Act of March 5, 1934, c. 44, sec. 1, 2 (48 Stat. 396; 10 U. S. C. 1408a).
- r. Act of May 12, 1928, c. 528, sec. 1 (45 Stat. 500), as amended by the act of May 17, 1932, c. 190 (47 Stat. 158; 10 U. S. C. 1415a).
- s. Act of May 12, 1928, c. 528, sec. 2, 3 (45 Stat. 500; 10 U. S. C. 1415b, c).
- t. Act of July 2, 1926, c. 721, sec. 13 (44 Stat. 789; 10 U. S. C. 1430).
- u. War Department General Orders No. 3 of February 22, 1932.
- v. All other laws, parts of laws, including applicable provisions of Appropriation Acts, Executive orders, and directions of the President, which vest in the Secretary of the Army or the Department of the Army or any officer of that Department functions, powers, and duties relating to decorations, honors, service medals or other awards for acts or services performed with or under the cognizance of the Air Corps, United States Army, the Army Air Forces, the United States Air Force or the Department of the Air Force.

2. Nothing contained in paragraph 1 hereof is to be construed as transferring any functions, powers or duties of the Secretary of the Army, or the Department of the Army, or any officer of that Department insofar as pertains to any recommendation for decorations, honors, service medals or other awards submitted to the Secretary of the Army prior to the effective date of this order.

3. It is expressly determined that the functions herein transferred are necessary and desirable for the operations of the Department of the Air Force and the United States Air Force.

4. The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Air Force or their representatives are hereby authorized to issue such orders as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this order. In this respect, the transfer of such related personnel, property, records, installations, agencies, activities, and projects as the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force shall from time to time jointly determine to be necessary, is authorized.

5. Nothing contained in this order shall operate as a transfer of funds.

6. This order shall be effective as of 12:00 noon, December 10, 1948.

JAMES FORRESTAL,  
Secretary of Defense.

DECEMBER 10, 1948.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**LIST OF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES**

Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of the Interior, by and through the Fish and Wildlife Service, has acquired easements for the protection of wildlife on privately-owned land in the States and subdivisions as listed. Under authority of the act of August 14, 1946, 60 Stat. 1080, these lands are being administered as National Wildlife Refuges in accordance with the regulations contained in Parts 18 and 21 of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations so far as such regulations may be applicable.

National Wildlife Refuge	State	Subdivision (County)	Acres as of June 30, 1948
Bear Butte.....	South Dakota.....	Meade.....	438
Clearwater.....	North Dakota.....	Mountain.....	134
Eagle Creek.....	South Dakota.....	Todd.....	1,201
Lac Aux Mortes.....	North Dakota.....	Ramsey.....	8,882
Lake Arconge.....	South Dakota.....	Charles Mix.....	240
Robb Lake.....	North Dakota.....	Rolette.....	261
Rose Lake.....	do.....	Nelson.....	1,280
School Section Lake.....	do.....	Rolette.....	680
Shenoyne Lake.....	do.....	Sheridan.....	1,273
Silver Lake.....	do.....	Benson, Ramsey.....	3,348
Storm Lake.....	do.....	Sargent.....	730
Wildfang Lake.....	do.....	Burlingame.....	660
Wild Rice Lake.....	do.....	Sargent.....	779
Willow Lake.....	do.....	Rolette.....	2,848
Wood Lake.....	do.....	Benson.....	280
Yanktonal.....	do.....	McLean.....	913

O. H. JOHNSON,  
Acting Director.

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**LIST OF FISH CULTURAL STATIONS**

Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of the Interior, by and through the Fish and Wildlife Service, controls or is acquiring control of lands for the following listed Fish Cultural Stations in the States and subdivisions as shown under authority of the act of May 21, 1930 (46 Stat. 371), and various individual statutes. The lands acquired and to be acquired for these Fish Cultural Stations will be admin-

istered in accordance with the regulations contained in Parts 18 and 19 of Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

Fish cultural station <sup>1</sup>	State or Territory	Subdivision
Allegheny National Forest.....	Pennsylvania.....	Warren.....
Arcadia.....	Rhode Island.....	Washington.....
Argos.....	Indiana.....	Marshall.....
Austin.....	Texas.....	Travis.....
Battle Creek.....	California.....	Tehama.....
Berkshire Trout Hatchery.....	Massachusetts.....	Berkshire.....
Berlin.....	New Hampshire.....	Cook.....
Big White Salmon.....	Washington.....	Skamania.....
Boothbay Harbor.....	Maine.....	Lincoln.....
Boarbron.....	Missouri.....	Crawford.....
Bozeman.....	Montana.....	Gallatin.....
Cape Vincent.....	New York.....	Jefferson.....
Carbon Hill.....	Alabama.....	Walker.....
Carpenters Brook.....	New York.....	Onondaga.....
Carson.....	Washington.....	Skamania.....

<sup>1</sup> Fish cultural station unless otherwise designated.

Fish cultural stations <sup>1</sup>	State or Territory	Subdivision
Charlevoix	Michigan	Charlevoix
Chattahoochee Forest	Georgia	Fannin
Oberaw	South Carolina	Chesterfield
Cobatta	Georgia	Whitfield
Coleman	California	Tehama
Corning	Arkansas	Clay
Cortland	New York	Cortland
Craig Brook	Maine	Hancock
Crawford	Nebraska	Dawes
Creed	Colorado	Mineral
Creston	Montana	Flathead
Crystal Lake	Colorado	Lake
Delph Creek	Oregon	Clackamas
Dexter	New Mexico	Chaves
Eagle Nest	do	Collar
Edenton	North Carolina	Bertie
EK River	Alabama	Limestone
Ennis	Montana	Madison
Entiat	Washington	Chelan
Erwin	Tennessee	Unicoi
Fairport	Iowa	Muscatine
Farrington	Kansas	Crawford
Fort Belvoir	Virginia	Fairfax
Fort Worth	Texas	Tarrant
Genoa	Wisconsin	Vernon
GloUCEster	Massachusetts	Essex
Guttenberg	Iowa	Clayton
Hagerman	Idaho	Gooding
Harrison Lake	Virginia	Charles City
Homer	Minnesota	Winona
Hebron	Ohio	Licking
Het Springs	New Mexico	Sierra
Inks Dam	Texas	Burnet
La Crosse	Wisconsin	La Crosse
Lake Mills	do	Jefferson
Lamar	Pennsylvania	Clinton
Leadville	Colorado	Lake
Leavenworth	Washington	Chelan
Leetown	West Virginia	Jefferson
Little White Salmon	Washington	Skamania
Louisville	Kentucky	Jefferson
Lyman	Mississippi	Harrison
Mammoth Spring	Arkansas	Fulton
Manchester	Iowa	Delaware
Marion	Alabama	Perry
McKinney Lake Fish Hatchery	North Carolina	Richmond
Meridian	Mississippi	Lauderdale
Miles City	Montana	Custer
Moorefield	West Virginia	Hardy
Nashua	New Hampshire	Hillsboro
Natchitoches	Louisiana	Natchitoches
Neoho	Missouri	Newton
Newcastle	Virginia	Craig
New London	Minnesota	Kandiyohi
Northville	Michigan	Wayne
Orangeburg	South Carolina	Orangeburg
Pisgah Forest	North Carolina	Transylvania
Pittsford	Vermont	Rutland
Quilcene	Washington	Jefferson
Rochester	Indiana	Fulton
St. Johnsbury	Vermont	Caledonia
Salmon	Idaho	Lemhi
San Angelo	Texas	Tom Green
San Marcos	do	Hays
Santa Rosa	New Mexico	Guadalupe
Saratoga	Wyoming	Carbon
Senecaville	Ohio	Gurnsey
Spearfish	South Dakota	Lawrence
Springville	Utah	Utah
Tiborningo	Oklahoma	Johnston
Tupelo	Mississippi	Lee
Uvalde	Texas	Uvalde
Valdosta	Georgia	Lowndes
Valley City	North Dakota	Barnes
Walhalla	South Carolina	Geonne
Warm River	Idaho	Freemont
Warm Springs	Georgia	Merrivether
Welaka	Florida	Putman
White Sulphur Springs	West Virginia	Greenbrier
Williams Creek	Arizona	Apache
Winthrop	Washington	Okanogan
Wytheville	Virginia	Wythe
Yellowstone Park	Wyoming	Yellowstone National Park

<sup>1</sup> Fish cultural station unless otherwise designated.

Dated: December 15, 1948.

O. H. JOHNSON,  
Acting Director.

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**LIST OF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES**

Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of the Interior, by and through the Fish and Wildlife Serv-

ice, has acquired and is acquiring lands for the following listed National Wildlife Refuges in the States and subdivisions as shown under authority of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act of March 16, 1934 (48 Stat. 451), as amended by the act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 379, 381, 16 U. S. C. 718), and under

authority of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act of February 18, 1929 (45 Stat. 1222; 16 U. S. C. 715), as amended. The lands acquired and to be acquired for these Refuges will be administered in accordance with the regulations contained in Parts 18 and 21 of Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

National Wildlife Refuge	State	Subdivision (County)	Acres as of June 30, 1948
Blackwater	Maryland	Dorchester	10,853
Brigantine	New Jersey	Atlantic	9,454
Cape Henlopen	Delaware	Sussex	212
Chincoteague	Maryland, Virginia	Somerset, Accomac	8,907
Chinsegut	Florida	Hernando	2,033
Colusa	California	Colusa	2,385
Everglades	Florida	Monroe and Dade	467,322
Horicon	Wisconsin	Dodge	18,364
Laguna Atascosa	Texas	Cameron	11,275
Mingo	Missouri	Stoddard, Wayne	18,369
Missisquoi	Vermont	Franklin	1,688
Monomoy	Massachusetts	Barnstable	2,946
Reelfoot	Tennessee	Lake, Obion	9,272
Sanibel	Florida	Lee	2,394
Santa Ana	Texas	Hidalgo	1,981
Santee	South Carolina	Clarendon, Berkeley	78,369
Skagit	Washington	Skagit	5,074
Slide	North Dakota	Kidder	3,000
Sutter	California	Sutter	1,278
Swanquarter	North Carolina	Hyde	15,501
Widow Island	Maine	Knox	12
Wilson	Georgia	Effingham	1,888

Dated: December 15, 1948.

O. H. JOHNSON,  
Acting Director.

[F. R. Doc. 48-11042; Filed, Dec. 20, 1948; 8:47 a. m.]

**National Park Service**

[D. C. Sign Order 8]

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**ADOPTION AND DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL SIGNS**

DECEMBER 16, 1948.

Pursuant to the National Capital Parks Regulations (36 CFR 3.4 (f) 3.33) issued by the Secretary of the Interior, effective September 15, 1945, the lists of official signs adopted and designated by Sign Order No. 7 are hereby made a part of this order and amended and supplemented as follows:

*Arlington Memorial Bridge and Memorial Avenue.* Substitute under this heading the attached page 1 in lieu of page 1 attached to Sign Order No. 7. The signs contained and described on the attached list<sup>1</sup> are hereby adopted and designated as official signs.

This order shall become effective as of December 20, 1948.

IRVING C. ROOT,  
Superintendent.

[F. R. Doc. 48-11078; Filed, Dec. 20, 1948; 8:57 a. m.]

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**OFFICE OF BUDGET AND FINANCE**

**REVISION OF STATEMENT ON ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by law (R. S. 161, 5 U. S. C., 22), the

<sup>1</sup> Filed as part of the original document.

statement on organization and functions of the Office of Budget and Finance (formerly 7 CFR, Part 2202) is revised and amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Office of Budget and Finance is a staff agency of the Department of Agriculture supervised by the Director of Finance who is also the Budget Officer. It exercises, through appropriate subject matter divisions within the Office, general direction, coordination and supervision of budgetary and financial operations of the Department, including acquisition and distribution of funds; accounting; auditing; budgetary and financial reporting; budget, fiscal, and procurement organization and management; purchasing, warehousing, utilizing, and disposing of administrative supplies, equipment and materials; traffic; and related activities. The Office formulates and promulgates departmental policies and procedures relating to the above functions; reviews and evaluates program and legislative proposals for budgetary, financial, and related implications; and, in cooperation with staff and program agencies, develops improvements in the management and operation of departmental activities. The Office acts as Department liaison on the foregoing matters with other Government agencies, including the congressional Committees on Appropriations.

**SEC. 2.** The Office has no field organization other than seven field representatives who assist in the coordination of surplus property administration among bureaus and agencies of the Department, in cooperation with interbureau committees.

The purchasing and sales authority for the Department, with the exception of the procurement or sale of real property and commodity facilities and stocks acquired in connection with commodity programs, has been delegated by the Secretary to the Director of Finance. The Director has delegated to field offices of Departmental agencies limited au-

thority to make purchases in the open market, and by contract after public advertising, of equipment, materials and supplies, construction, repairs and alterations and other non-personal services, subject to a monetary limitation of generally not to exceed \$10,000 for each purchase, except for construction and repair contracts which are usually limited to \$2,000 per contract. The Director, likewise, has delegated to field offices of Departmental agencies limited authority to make sales and to exchange or rent equipment, materials and supplies, and other property subject to a monetary limitation for individual sales and the provisions of Public Law 862, 80th Congress with respect to surplus property disposals. The purchase and sales functions of the Office are conducted through the Division of Purchase, Sales and Traffic.

Sec. 3. The Office receives requests from bureaus to contract for the procurement of supplies, equipment or services and for the sale of supplies and equipment, except where procurement or sales authority has been delegated. Specifications and invitations to bid, are submitted to firms and other individuals and otherwise advertised in compliance with section 3709, Revised Statutes (41 U. S. C. 5). In specific cases, bureaus are authorized to solicit the bids but the award is made in the Office of Budget and Finance. Lists of prospective bidders are maintained in the Office of Budget and Finance. Prospective bidders may have their names placed on appropriate lists upon request. Applicable forms and general conditions will be provided along with the specifications and invitations to bid. Upon receipt of bids, each bid envelope, which must be sealed, is time stamped and placed in a locked container until the time set for opening of the bids. At the designated time specified in the invitation to bid, the bids are opened, read in public, and recorded. After opening, determination of the award is made and the departmental agency concerned is notified and informs the successful bidder.

Persons seeking information with regard to matters within the authority of the Office should communicate with the Director of Finance, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

[SEAL] A. J. LOVELAND,  
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

DECEMBER 16, 1948.

[F. R. Doc. 48-11050; Filed, Dec. 20, 1948; 8:57 a. m.]

**Rural Electrification Administration**

[Administrative Order 1691]

**LOAN ANNOUNCEMENT**

DECEMBER 6, 1948.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, a loan contract bearing the following designation has been signed on behalf of the Government acting through

the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration:

Loan designation:	Amount
Texas 77P Johnson.....	\$180,000

[SEAL] WILLIAM J. NEAL,  
Acting Administrator.

[F. R. Doc. 48-11057; Filed, Dec. 20, 1948; 8:50 a. m.]

[Administrative Order 1692]

**LOAN ANNOUNCEMENT**

DECEMBER 7, 1948.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, a loan contract bearing the following designation has been signed on behalf of the Government acting through the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration:

Loan designation:	Amount
Illinois 29M Shelby.....	\$795,000

[SEAL] WILLIAM J. NEAL,  
Acting Administrator.

[F. R. Doc. 48-11058; Filed, Dec. 20, 1948; 8:50 a. m.]

[Administrative Order 1693]

**LOAN ANNOUNCEMENT**

DECEMBER 7, 1948.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, a loan contract bearing the following designation has been signed on behalf of the Government acting through the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration:

Loan designation:	Amount
Ohio 41L Licking.....	\$335,000

[SEAL] WILLIAM J. NEAL,  
Acting Administrator.

[F. R. Doc. 48-11059; Filed, Dec. 20, 1948; 8:50 a. m.]

[Administrative Order 1694]

**LOAN ANNOUNCEMENT**

DECEMBER 7, 1948.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, a loan contract bearing the following designation has been signed on behalf of the Government acting through the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration:

Loan designation:	Amount
Texas 23R McCulloch.....	\$185,000

[SEAL] WILLIAM J. NEAL,  
Acting Administrator.

[F. R. Doc. 48-11060; Filed, Dec. 20, 1948; 8:50 a. m.]

[Administrative Order 1695]

**LOAN ANNOUNCEMENT**

DECEMBER 7, 1948.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, a loan contract bearing the following

designation has been signed on behalf of the Government acting through the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration:

Loan designation:	Amount
Arkansas 24T Washington.....	\$605,000

[SEAL] WILLIAM J. NEAL,  
Acting Administrator.

[F. R. Doc. 48-11061; Filed, Dec. 20, 1948; 8:52 a. m.]

[Administrative Order 1696]

**LOAN ANNOUNCEMENT**

DECEMBER 7, 1948.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, a loan contract bearing the following designation has been signed on behalf of the Government acting through the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration:

Loan designation:	Amount
Nebraska 81N, R Cornhusker District Public.....	\$904,000

[SEAL] WILLIAM J. NEAL,  
Acting Administrator.

[F. R. Doc. 48-11062; Filed, Dec. 20, 1948; 8:52 a. m.]

[Administrative Order 1697]

**LOAN ANNOUNCEMENT**

DECEMBER 7, 1948.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, a loan contract bearing the following designation has been signed on behalf of the Government acting through the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration:

Loan designation:	Amount
Illinois 41H, L Jefferson.....	\$877,000

[SEAL] WILLIAM J. NEAL,  
Acting Administrator.

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[Administrative Order 1698]

**LOAN ANNOUNCEMENT**

DECEMBER 7, 1948.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, a loan contract bearing the following designation has been signed on behalf of the Government acting through the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration:

Loan designation:	Amount
Texas 96T Victoria.....	\$270,000

[SEAL] WILLIAM J. NEAL,  
Acting Administrator.

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[Administrative Order 1699]

**LOAN ANNOUNCEMENT**

DECEMBER 7, 1948.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, a