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Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1969

Prepared by the President and Transmitted to the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress Assembled, July 22, 1969, Pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 9 of Title 5 of the United States Code.¹

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

SECTION 1. *Transfer of functions to the Chairman.* (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, there are hereby transferred from the Interstate Commerce Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, to the Chairman of the Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Chairman, the executive and administrative functions of the Commission, including functions of the Commission with respect to (1) the appointment and supervision of personnel employed under the Commission, (2) the distribution of business among such personnel and among administrative units of the Commission, and (3) the use and expenditure of funds.

(b) (1) In carrying out any of his functions under the provisions of this section the Chairman shall be governed by general policies of the Commission and by such regulatory decisions, findings, and determinations as the Commission may by law be authorized to make.

(2) The appointment by the Chairman of the heads of major administrative units under the Commission shall be subject to the approval of the Commission.

(3) Personnel employed regularly and full time in the immediate offices of commissioners other than the Chairman shall not be affected by the provisions of this reorganization plan.

(4) Requests for regular, supplemental, or deficiency appropriations for the Commission (prepared by or under the Chairman in pursuance of section 214 of the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921, as amended (31 U.S.C. 22) and as affected by this reorganization plan) shall require the approval of the Commission prior to the submission of the requests to the Bureau of the Budget by the Chairman.

(5) There are hereby reserved to the Commission its functions with respect to determining upon the distribution of appropriated funds according to major programs and purposes.

SEC. 2. *Performance of transferred functions.* The Chairman may from time to time make such provisions as he shall deem appropriate authorizing the performance by any officer, employee, or administrative unit under his jurisdiction of any function transferred to the Chairman by the provisions of section 1 of this reorganization plan.

¹ Effective in part on January 1, 1970, under the provisions of section 3 of the plan, and also in part on October 11, 1969, under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 906.

SEC. 3. *Designation of Chairman.* (a) The function of the Commission of choosing the Chairman from among the commissioners composing the Commission is hereby transferred to the President of the United States.

(b) Nothing in this reorganization plan shall preclude the Commission from designating a commissioner to be the acting chairman of the Commission and to perform the functions of the Chairman during any period of time when (by reason of death, resignation, or other cause) no Presidentially designated Chairman is available to perform them.

SEC. 4. *Taking effect.* Section 3 of this reorganization plan shall take effect on the first day of January, 1970, and the other sections hereof shall take effect on the date determined under section 906(a) of title 5 of the United States Code.

[F.R. Doc. 69-12301; Filed, Oct. 13, 1969; 8:50 a.m.]

Rules and Regulations

Title 7—AGRICULTURE

Subtitle A—Office of the Secretary of Agriculture

[Amdt. 25]

PART 5—DETERMINATION OF PARITY PRICES

Chickens

The regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to the determination of parity prices (21 F.R. 761, as amended; 7 CFR 5.1-5.6) are amended as hereinafter specified, effective January 1, 1970, in order to delete chickens from the list of commodities for which parity prices shall be calculated.

In § 5.4, the paragraph under the centerhead "Other Commodities" is amended to read as follows:

§ 5.4 Commodities for which parity prices shall be calculated.

OTHER COMMODITIES

Beef cattle; hogs; lambs; calves; sheep; turkeys; eggs; beeswax; potatoes; hops; peppermint oil; popcorn; spearmint oil; tobacco, Types 61 and 62; barley; beans, dry edible; cottonseed; peas, dry field; flaxseed; hay, all baled; oats; rye; sorghum grain; soybeans; sweetpotatoes; and crude pine gum.

(Sec. 301, 52 Stat. 38, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1801)

Done at Washington, D.C., this 8th day of October 1969.

CLIFFORD M. HARDIN,
Secretary.

[F.R. Doc. 69-12274; Filed, Oct. 13, 1969; 8:50 a.m.]

Chapter VIII—Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (Sugar), Department of Agriculture

SUBCHAPTER G—DETERMINATION OF PROPORTIONATE SHARES

[Amdt. 1]

PART 855—MAINLAND CANE SUGAR AREA

Proportionate Shares for Farms; 1970 Crop

Pursuant to the provisions of the Sugar Act of 1948, as amended, Part 855 (34 F.R. 14201) is amended in the following respects:

1. In the table of contents, the last listed reference "855.67 Acreage for experimental use" is deleted and in the Authority following the table of contents "855.67" is changed to read "855.66".

2. Section 855.59 is amended by inserting a period after the word "errors" and deleting the words "and under § 855.67 for increasing shares for old-producer farms to cover experimental plantings of cane".

3. In § 855.61(b) the second sentence is amended by deleting the comma between "§§ 855.65, 855.66" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "and" and by deleting "and 855.67".

4. In § 855.62(b)(1) the first sentence is amended by deleting the comma between "§ 855.64, § 855.66" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "or" and by deleting, "or § 855.67".

5. Section 855.64(b) is amended by revoking subparagraph (4).

6. Section 855.64(h) is amended by deleting "or § 855.67".

7. Section 855.67 is revoked.

8. In the statement of bases and considerations under the subheading "Regulation", the fifth paragraph is deleted.

Statement of bases and considerations. The original regulation made available 75 acres and 50 acres for Louisiana and Florida, respectively, for use by the State committees to increase shares of producers who grow sugarcane for experimental uses in conjunction with publicly owned agricultural experimental stations.

The Department has been informed that several thousand acres have been devoted to experimental uses each year on a few hundred farms. It is expected that for the 1970 crop the same level of acreage will be devoted to such use. Because of the very limited number of acres available for increasing shares to cover experimental plantings in relation to the acreage that will be actually used for such purposes for the 1970 crop, it is believed that the distribution of such acreage to a very few producers would not be equitable to the sizeable number of other producers participating in an experimental program. Accordingly, this amendment eliminates from the regulation the acreage set aside for experimental use and makes such acreage available for allotment to old producer farms.

Accordingly, I hereby find and conclude that the foregoing amendment will effectuate the applicable provisions of the Act.

(Secs. 301, 302, 403, 61 Stat. 929, 930 as amended, 932; 7 U.S.C. 1131, 1132, 1153)

Effective date: Date of publication.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on October 7, 1969.

CLIFFORD M. HARDIN,
Secretary of Agriculture.

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Chapter XVI—Consumer and Marketing Service (Food Stamp Program), Department of Agriculture

PART 1602—PARTICIPATION OF RETAIL FOOD STORES, WHOLESALE FOOD CONCERNS AND BANKS

Miscellaneous Amendments

Sections 1602.4 and 1602.7, relating to the procedure for redeeming coupons, are amended to broaden the authority of the Consumer Food Programs Officers-In-Charge to approve the redemption of coupons accepted by firms prior to authorization. The limitation that gave the Officers-In-Charge the authority to approve redemption only within 90 days of the opening of a project area, has been removed. As amended, §§ 1602.4 and 1602.7 read as follows:

§ 1602.4 Procedure for redeeming coupons.

(a) Coupons accepted by a retail food store or a wholesale food concern prior to the receipt by such firm of an authorization card from C&MS shall not be presented for redemption under the procedure set forth in this section, except that the Consumer Food Programs Officer-In-Charge, in accordance with procedures set forth in § 1602.7, may approve such redemption if the criteria in § 1602.7(b) are met.

§ 1602.7 Determination and disposition of claims—retail food stores and wholesale food concerns.

(b) The Consumer Food Programs Officer-In-Charge may approve the redemption of coupons accepted by firms prior to the receipt of an authorization card from C&MS if the following conditions exist: (1) The coupons were received in accordance with the provisions of this part governing acceptance of coupons except the provisions requiring that the firm be authorized before acceptance; (2) the coupons were accepted by the firm in good faith, and without any intent to circumvent the provisions of this part; and (3) the firm applies for and receives authorization to participate in the program. Firms seeking to redeem coupons as provided in this paragraph shall present a claim in writing for redemption of such coupons to the local Consumer Food Programs Field Office. This claim shall be accompanied by a notarized affidavit containing a full statement of the circumstances surrounding the acceptance of the coupons. The affidavit shall also include a certification that the coupons were accepted in good faith, and without any intent to circumvent the requirements of this part.