(hereinafter called "clearing agency") need not be deducted under the provisions of this subparagraph.

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(9) The term "clearing fund" shall mean a fund established by a clearing agency to receive and hold deposits of cash or securities or both cash and securities from members of such clearing agency for use in payment, and as security for payment, of the liabilities of such members to such clearing agency, or for use in payment by the clearing agency of liabilities it has incurred as a result of its clearing and settling of securities transactions.

(10) The term "continuous net settlement system" shall mean that system for the clearance and settlement of securities transactions whereby a clearing agency: (i) Compares trade execution data submitted by members to arrive at agreed upon contract terms; (ii) on a given date nets purchases and sales of securities by a member with such member's previously unfulfilled purchase or sale obligations with respect to such securities; (iii) allocates delivery obligations as to money and securities between members and the clearing agency itself for unsettled transactions; and (iv) acts as the other party in the settlement of cleared transactions between members with respect to both money and securities.

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Because the effect of the above-described amendment would be to relax certain of the requirements of Rule 15c 3-1 under the Exchange Act, the Commission finds that, for good cause, the notice and procedures specified in the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) are unnecessary, and accordingly it adopts the foregoing amendments effective immediately.

(Sec. 15(c)(3), 48 Stat. 895, 52 Stat. 1075, sec. 2, 84 Stat. 1653, 15 U.S.C. 78o(c)(3); sec. 23(a), 48 Stat. 901, 49 Stat. 1379, 15 U.S.C. 78w)

By the Commission.

[SEAL] RONALD F. HUNT, *Secretary.*

MAY 8, 1972.

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PART 240—GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

PART 249—FORMS, SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Annual Fees for Nonmember Broker-Dealers for Fiscal Year 1972

Correction

In F.R. Doc. 72-6657 appearing on page 8660 in the issue of Saturday, April 29, 1972, the section number now reading "§ 240.1519-2" should read "§ 240.15b9-2".

Title 21—FOOD AND DRUGS

Chapter I—Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

SUBCHAPTER C—DRUGS

PIPERACETAZINE INJECTION AND PIPERACETAZINE TABLETS

The Commissioner of Food and Drugs has evaluated new animal drug applications for piperacetazine tablets (13-619V) and piperacetazine injection (13-618V), filed by Pitman-Moore, Inc., Washington Crossing, N.J. 08560, proposing the safe and effective use of the drugs in dogs and cats. The applications are approved.

To facilitate referencing, Pitman-Moore, Inc., is being assigned a code number and is placed in the list of firms in § 135.501 (21 CFR 135.501).

Therefore, pursuant to provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 512(i), 82 Stat. 347; 21 U.S.C. 360b(i)) and under authority delegated to the Commissioner (21 CFR 2.120), Parts 135, 135b, and 135c are amended as follows:

PART 135—NEW ANIMAL DRUGS

1. Part 135 is amended in § 135.501(c) by adding a new code number as follows:

§ 135.501 Names, addresses, and code numbers of sponsors of approved applications.

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Code No.	*Firm name and address*
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066	Pitman-Moore, Inc., Washington Crossing, N.J. 08560.
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PART 135b—NEW ANIMAL DRUGS FOR IMPLANTATION OR INJECTION

2. Part 135b is amended by adding the following new section:

§ 135b.52 Piperacetazine injection.

(a) *Specifications.* The drug is a sterile aqueous solution and each milliliter contains piperacetazine hydrochloride equivalent to 2 milligrams of piperacetazine.

(b) *Sponsor.* See code No. 066 in § 135.501(c) of this chapter.

(c) *Conditions of use.* (1) It is intended for use in dogs and cats as a tranquilizer, sedative, and antiemetic agent and for the symptomatic relief of pruritis.

(2) It is administered intramuscularly, intravenously, or subcutaneously; method of administration depends upon the effect desired. It is administered at a recommended average dose that ranges from 0.5 to 2 milligrams per 10 pounds of body weight, depending on the effect desired and the response of the patient. Subsequent doses are adjusted as indicated. Treatment is repeated as necessary. Parenteral treatment may be followed by administration of the drug in tablet form, as indicated.

(3) It is not to be used in conjunction with organophosphates and/or procaine hydrochloride because phenothiazines may potentiate the toxicity of organophosphates and the activity of procaine hydrochloride.

(4) For use only by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

PART 135c—NEW ANIMAL DRUGS IN ORAL DOSAGE FORMS

3. Part 135c is amended by adding the following new section:

§ 135c.66 Piperacetazine tablets.

(a) *Specifications.* Each tablet contains 1 milligram of piperacetazine.

(b) *Sponsor.* See code No. 066 in § 135.501(c) of this chapter.

(c) *Conditions of use.* (1) It is used in dogs and cats as a tranquilizer, sedative, and antiemetic agent and for the symptomatic relief of pruritis.

(2) Method of administration:

(i) *Tranquilization.* It is administered initially at the recommended average dosage level of 0.5 milligrams per 10 pounds of body weight (1 tablet for every 20 pounds) repeated at 6- to 12-hour intervals for tranquilizing effect. Subsequent doses and the intervals between them may be adjusted as indicated.

(ii) *Sedation.* When sedation is desired, the drug is administered at a dosage level of 1 milligram (1 tablet) per 5 to 10 pounds of body weight. The tablets may be used as supportive therapy following use of the drug in injectable form.

(3) It is not to be used in conjunction with organophosphates and/or procaine hydrochloride, because phenothiazines may potentiate the toxicity of organophosphates and the activity of procaine hydrochloride.

(4) For use only by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

Effective date. This order shall be effective upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER (5-10-72).

(Sec. 512(i), 82 Stat. 347; 21 U.S.C. 360b(i))

Dated: May 1, 1972.

FRED J. KINGMA,
Acting Director, Bureau of Veterinary Medicine.

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PART 135c—NEW ANIMAL DRUGS IN ORAL DOSAGE FORMS

Sulfadimethoxine Oral Suspension

The Commissioner of Food and Drugs has evaluated a new animal drug application (37-700V) filed by Pitman-Moore, Inc., Washington Crossing, N.J. 08560, proposing the safe and effective use of sulfadimethoxine oral suspension for the treatment of cats and dogs. The manufacturer is an additional sponsor for a previously approved drug. The application is approved.

Therefore, pursuant to provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 512(i), 82 Stat. 347; 21 U.S.C. 360b(i)) and under authority delegated to the Commissioner (21 CFR 2.120), Part 135c is amended by revising § 135c.46(c) to read as follows:

§ 135c.46 Sulfadimethoxine oral suspension.

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(c) *Sponsor.* See code Nos. 020 and 066 in § 135.501(c) of this chapter.

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Effective date. This order shall be effective upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER (5–10–72).

(Sec. 512(i), 82 Stat. 347; 21 U.S.C. 360b(i))

Dated: May 1, 1972.

FRED J. KINGMA,
Acting Director,
Bureau of Veterinary Medicine.

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PART 149b—AMPICILLIN

Sterile Ampicillin Trihydrate for Suspension, Veterinary

Pursuant to provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 512(n), 82 Stat. 350–51; 21 U.S.C. 360b(n)) and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (21 CFR 2.120), Part 149b is amended to provide for a change in the lower limit of the specifications for loss on drying in the certification requirements for sterile ampicillin trihydrate for suspension, veterinary.

Part 149b is amended in § 149b.19 *Sterile ampicillin trihydrate for suspension, veterinary* by revising the sixth sentence of paragraph (a)(1) to read as follows: "Its loss on drying is not less than 11.4 percent and not more than 14.0 percent."

Data supplied by the manufacturer concerning the subject antibiotic have been evaluated. Since the conditions prerequisite to providing for this change have been complied with and since the matter is noncontroversial, notice and public procedure and delayed effective date are not prerequisites to this promulgation.

Effective date. This order shall be effective upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER (5–10–72).

(Sec. 512(n), 82 Stat. 350–51; 21 U.S.C. 360b(n))

Dated: May 1, 1972.

FRED J. KINGMA,
Acting Director,
Bureau of Veterinary Medicine.

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Title 39—POSTAL SERVICE

Chapter I—U.S. Postal Service

PART 261—PUBLIC INFORMATION ON POSTAL SERVICE AND RECORDS

Disclosure of Post Office Boxholder Information

Regulations codified under § 261.2 of Title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, are amended to specify the type of evidence that postmasters may consider in determining that a post office box is being used for the purpose of doing business with the public; and to provide that boxholder information may be furnished without charge, pending a study to determine whether time expended in searching records warrants charging a fee.

Accordingly, in § 261.2 *Availability of records,* amend paragraph (c)(8) to read as follows:

§ 261.2 Availability of records.

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(c) *Exemptions.* * * *

(8) Except as provided in this subparagraph, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of post office boxholders shall not be disclosed other than to a recognized law enforcement agency or in compliance with a subpoena or court order. Such information may be disclosed in the following manner with respect to any post office box being used for the purpose of doing or soliciting business with the public. When the business name, address, and telephone number are shown on the Application for Post Office Box, Form 1093, or evidence such as a circular is furnished by the inquirer demonstrating that the box is being used for the purpose of doing or soliciting business with the public, the postmaster may provide this information without charge. When a postmaster is unable to determine whether a business is involved he shall refer all disclosure requests to the Regional Counsel for decision.

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(39 U.S.C. 401, 410(c)(1))

LOUIS A. COX,
General Counsel.

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Title 47—TELECOMMUNICATION

Chapter I—Federal Communications Commission

[Docket No. 19476; FCC 72–390]

PART 64—MISCELLANEOUS RULES RELATING TO COMMON CARRIERS

Subpart H—Extension of Unsecured Credit for Interstate and Foreign Communication Services to Candidates for Federal Office

Report and order. In the matter of amendment of Part 64 of the rules to provide for regulations covering the extension of credit to candidates, or to other persons on behalf of candidates, for Federal office, Docket No. 19476.

1. In our March 15, 1972, notice of proposed rule making herein (37 F.R. 5965; Mar. 23, 1972), we invited comments on or before April 7, 1972, on proposed regulations to govern the extension by communication common carriers of unsecured credit to or on behalf of candidates for Federal office. Under section 401 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (Campaign Act)[1] we are obligated to promulgate such regulations by May 7, 1972.

2. In response to our notice timely comments were filed by the following:

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. (AT&T).
Continental Telephone Corp. (CTC).
Democratic National Committee (DNC).
GTE Telephone Operating Cos. (GTE—19 operating companies).
Senator Hugh Scott.
United Utilities, Inc. (UUI).
The Western Union Telegraph Co. (WU).
Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC).

3. We have given careful consideration to all of the comments that have been submitted to us and it is our conclusion that in the light of these comments, we should adopt the rules as proposed with the following described changes:

(a) In our proposed rule on definitions we made only a cross-reference to section 301 of the Campaign Act for definitions of "candidate," "election," "Federal office," and "person." In our final rules we are eliminating this cross-reference and setting forth the pertinent text of these definitions in our final rules (§ 64.803 (a), (b), (c), and (d)).

(b) Also, in our proposed definition of "unsecured credit" we did not make entirely clear how often the carrier is required to review, and, if necessary, to revise its estimate of future usage for purposes of determining the security that may be required from customers. In our final rules, we specify that such review shall be made on at least a monthly basis (§ 64.803(e)).

(c) In our proposed rule requiring discontinuance of service for nonpayment of bills, we specified that a carrier must give a customer a period of 30 days after a bill is rendered to pay the charges due and, if the bill is not paid within that 30-day period, th carrier must then give 10 days written notice to pay within that 10-day period or service will be cut off.

[1] "SEC. 401. The Civil Aeronautics Board, the Federal Communications Commission, and the Interstate Commerce Commission shall each promulgate, within 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, its own regulations with respect to the extension of credit, without security, by any person regulated by such Board or Commission to any candidate for Federal office (as such term is defined in section 301(c) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971), or to any person on behalf of such a candidate, for goods furnished or services rendered in connection with the campaign of such candidate for nomination for election or election, to such office."

In our final rules we are shortening these periods to 15 days and 7 days respectively (§ 64.804(d)).

(d) In our proposed rule requiring reports on extensions of unsecured credit we would have required quarterly reports after the first one on January 31, 1973. We are changing this to require reports semiannually instead of quarterly.[2]

4. The changes referred to above in subparagraphs a and b are clarifying in nature; the revision in d above will reduce the number of reports required from carriers; and the change referred to in c above is in response to the contentions of several parties objecting to the proposed rule which would require 40 days to run during which a candidate or person in his behalf could run up a sizeable unpaid account before service could be cut off. We believe that political candidates and persons in their behalf should be given a reasonable time within which to raise money and pay the communications bills before service is cut off. However, we agree that the 40-day period may be too long and our revision to 22 days is a fair compromise between our 40-day proposal and the contentions made herein that the carrier should be able to cut off service immediately upon nonpayment of a bill.

5. We decline to reflect in our final rules certain requests or proposals made herein by one or more parties and it may be useful to state our reasons as to the more significant of these. Requests are made that we adopt a single rule banning any and all unsecured credit to candidates or persons on their behalf. Although we believe that we could adopt such a rule under the general and specific rule making powers granted to us under the pertinent provision of the Communications Act, we are here concerned with implementing the intent of Congress under the Campaign Act. In respect to this particular statute Congress was urged to impose a flat ban on unsecured credit, but Congress refused to do so. The legislative history indicates that Congress was concerned that the affluent candidate not be favored unduly over the less affluent. In view of this legislative background, we do not believe that we should flatly forbid carriers from extending unsecured credit to candidates or persons in their behalf whenever, in the judgment of the carrier, such unsecured credit appears warranted. Moreover, if we were to go beyond the apparent intent of Congress and prohibit any and all unsecured credit to Federal candidates or persons in their behalf, we would be concerned that this would be unduly discriminatory against such candidates in favor of other users who can obtain service on credit unless we also imposed the same flat ban against credit for all customers. We are not prepared to take such action at this time and, accordingly, we reject this proposal (§ 64.804(b)).

6. Other contentions are made herein that our proposed rules would discriminate against the so-called "creditworthy" candidate by requiring equality of treatment among candidates for the same office; and that, accordingly, we should allow carriers to extend unsecured credit to any such candidate and to deny it to less credit-worthy candidates for the same office. We disagree. We do not believe that we should adopt rules that would permit carriers to give service to an affluent candidate, for example, without any security whatsoever and, at the same time, to impose security requirements on a less affluent rival particularly if the latter is unable to obtain service because of such security requirements. Further, history does not support this argument. We shall accordingly retain our proposed rule requiring equality of treatment (§ 64.804(a)).

7. Several parties have urged us to amend our proposed rules so that carriers need not bring actions at law to recover unpaid campaign political accounts where, in the carrier's judgment, the cost of litigation would exceed the amounts due. In view of the legislative purposes of the Campaign Act, we believe that the carriers should exhaust all lawful means to collect such unpaid balances irrespective of the amounts involved. Moreover, we believe that there would be too great a potential for the carriers to discriminate in favor of one candidate over another by making differing subjective judgments as to estimated costs of litigation. Accordingly, we are adopting our proposed rule in this respect without modification (§ 64.804(e)).

8. We have carefully considered all of the other rule proposals not discussed above that were submitted by the parties and conclude that these other proposals should not be adopted at this time. This conclusion is without prejudice to our reconsidering these and other possible revisions in our rules in the light of the experience which will be gained under the rules we are adopting. We intend to closely monitor the effect of our rules in the immediate future for this purpose. However, we are of the opinion that the rules that we are promulgating herein constitute an adequate and appropriate implementation of the objectives of section 401 of the Campaign Act and should be adopted.

9. Two carriers have requested that our final rules be made effective 30 days after adoption rather than immediately as was proposed in our notice. In view of the need for early application of these rules and the fact that the carriers have had actual notice of the substance of the proposed rules for more than 2 months, we see no justification in delaying the effective date of the rules for 30 days after publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER. However, we believe that there should be a short notice period after the final rules are published before they become effective. We shall therefore make the rules effective May 15, 1972.

10. In view of the foregoing: *It is ordered*, Effective May 15, 1972, That Part 64 of Chapter I of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended by adding a new Subpart H as set forth below under authority of sections 4(i), 201(b), 202(a), 203, 218, and 219 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 401 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

(Secs. 4, 201, 202, 203, 218, 219, 48 Stat. 1066, 1070, 1077, 47 U.S.C. 154, 201, 202, 203, 218, 219)

Adopted and released: May 5, 1972.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION,[3]
[SEAL] BEN F. WAPLE,
Secretary.

Part 64 of Chapter I of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended by adding a new Subpart H to read as follows:

Subpart H—Extension of Unsecured Credit for Interstate and Foreign Communications Services to Candidates for Federal Office

Sec.
64.801 Purpose.
64.802 Applicability.
64.803 Definitions.
64.804 Rules governing the extension of unsecured credit to candidates or persons on behalf of such candidates for Federal office for interstate and foreign common carrier communication services.

AUTHORITY: The provisions of this Subpart H issued under sections 4(i), 201(b), 202(a), 203, 218, and 219 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 401 of the Federal Campaign Act of 1971.

§ 64.801 Purpose.

Pursuant to section 401 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, Public Law 92–225, these rules prescribe the general terms and conditions for the extension of unsecured credit by a communication common carrier to a candidate or person on behalf of such candidate for Federal office.

§ 64.802 Applicability.

These rules shall apply to each communication common carrier subject to the whole or part of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

§ 64.803 Definitions.

For the purposes of this subpart:

(a) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for election, or election, to Federal office, whether or not such individual is elected, and an individual shall be deemed to seek nomination for election, or election, if he has (1) taken the action necessary under the law of a State to qualify himself for nomination for election, or election, to Federal office, or (2) received contributions or made expenditures, or has given his consent for any other person to receive contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bringing about his nomi-

[2] The Commission, on its own motion, is also relaxing the requirements so as to require reports only from a communication common carrier which had operating revenues in the preceding year in excess of $1 million.

[3] Commissioner Johnson not participating.

nation for election, or election, to such office.

(b) "Election" means (1) a general, special, primary, or runoff election, (2) a convention or caucus of a political party held to nominate a candidate, (3) a primary election held for the selection of delegates to a national nominating convention of a political party, and (4) a primary election held for the expression of a preference for the nomination of persons for election to the office of President.

(c) "Federal office" means the office of President or Vice President of the United States; or of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress of the United States.

(d) "Person" means an individual, partnership, committee, association, corporation, labor organization, and any other organization or group of persons.

(e) "Unsecured credit" means the furnishing of service without maintaining on a continuing basis advance payment, deposit, or other security, that is designed to assure payment of the estimated amount of service for each future 2 month period, with revised estimates to be made on at least a monthly basis.

§ 64.804 Rules governing the extension of unsecured credit to candidates or persons on behalf of such candidates for Federal office for interstate and foreign common carrier communication services.

(a) There is no obligation upon a carrier to extend unsecured credit for interstate and foreign communication services to a candidate or person on behalf of such candidate for Federal office. However, if the carrier chooses to extend such unsecured credit, it shall comply with the requirements set forth in paragraphs (b) through (g) of this section.

(b) If a carrier decides to extend unsecured credit to any candidate for Federal office or any person on behalf of such candidate, then unsecured credit shall be extended on substantially equal terms and conditions to all candidates and all persons on behalf of all candidates for the same office, with due regard for differences in the estimated quantity of service to be furnished each such candidate or person.

(c) Before extending unsecured credit, a carrier shall obtain a signed written application for service which shall identify the applicant and the candidate and state whether or not the candidate assumes responsibility for the charges, and which shall also expressly state as follows:

(1) that service is being requested by the applicant or applicants and that the person or persons making the application will be individually, jointly and severally liable for the payment of all charges; and

(2) that the applicant(s) understands that the carrier will (under the provisions of paragraph (d) of this section) discontinue service upon written notice if any amount due is not paid upon demand.

(d) If charges for services rendered are not paid to the carrier within 15 days from rendition of a bill therefor, the carrier shall forthwith at the end of the 15-day period serve written notice on the applicant of intent to discontinue service within 7 days of date of such notice for nonpayment and shall discontinue service at the end of the 7-day period unless all such sums due are paid in full within such 7-day period.

(e) Each carrier shall take appropriate action at law to collect any unpaid balance on an account for interstate and foreign communication services rendered to a candidate or person on behalf of such candidate prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations under section 415(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

(f) The records of each account, involving the extension by a carrier of unsecured credit to a candidate or person on behalf of such candidate for common carrier communications services shall be maintained by the carrier so as to show separately, for interstate and foreign communication services all charges, credits, adjustments, and security, if any, and balance receivable.

(g) On or before January 31 and July 31, 1973, and corresponding dates of each year thereafter, each carrier which had operating revenues in the preceding year in excess of $1 million shall file with the Commission a report by account of any amount due and unpaid, as of the end of the month prior to the reporting date, for interstate and foreign communication services rendered to a candidate or person on behalf of such candidate when such amount results from the extension of unsecured credit. Each report shall include the following information:

(1) Name of candidate.

(2) Name and address of person or persons applying for service.

(3) Balance due carrier.

(4) Reason for nonpayment.

(5) Payment arrangements, if any.

(6) Date service discontinued.

(7) Date, nature and status of any action taken at law in compliance with paragraph (e) of this section.

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Title 49—TRANSPORTATION

Chapter V—National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation

[Docket No. 2-10; Notice 3]

PART 571—FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS

Bus Window Retention and Release

The purpose of this amendment to Part 571, Subpart B of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, is to add a new motor vehicle safety standard that establishes minimum requirements for bus window retention and release to reduce the likelihood of passenger ejection in accidents and enhance passenger exit in emergencies.

A notice of proposed rule making on this subject was published on August 15, 1970 (35 F.R. 13025). The comments received in response to the notice have been considered in this issuance of a final rule.

For reasons of clarification, the requirements paragraph has been reorganized and the demonstration procedures paragraph has been replaced by a test conditions paragraph. Some of the specifications of the demonstration procedures paragraph are incorporated under the requirements paragraph, and the remainder are retained under the test conditions paragraph. With the exception of the changes discussed below, the reorganization does not affect the substance of the standard.

In altering the window retention requirements, the final rule lowers the force application limit, provides more precise glazing breakage and glazing yield limits, and exempts small windows. With respect to the emergency exit requirements, the standard permits devices other than push-out windows to be used for emergency exits, permits buses with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less to utilize devices other than emergency exits for emergency egress, and permits an alternate roof exit when the bus configuration precludes provision of a rear emergency exit. It also raises the force limits for release and extension of emergency exits, deletes the inertial load requirement for the release mechanism, and requires that emergency exit location markings be located within each occupant space adjacent to an exit.

A few changes have been made in the diagram accompanying the standard. Figure 1, "Adjacent Designated Seating Position, Occupant Spaces, and Push-Out Window Relationship," has been deleted from the final rule because the relationship is sufficiently described in the text of the standard. Accordingly, Figures 2 and 3 have been renumbered as Figures 1 and 2, respectively. A new Figure 3, indicating access regions for emergency exits which do not have adjacent seats, has been added. For reasons of clarification, Figures 2a and 2b and Figures 3a and 3b in the proposed rule have been placed beside each other to form Figures 1 and 2 respectively.

The torque in Figures 2a and 2b of the proposed rule has been transferred to the text and has been explained to indicate that the force used to obtain the torque shall not be more than 20 pounds. In addition, the clearance specifications in Figures 1 and 2 have been clarified in the text to require that the lower edge of the force envelope shall be located 5 inches above the seat, or 2 inches above the armrest, if any, whichever is higher. In several instances, minor changes have been made in the labeling without altering the substance of the diagrams.

A number of comments sought changes in the window retention requirements. Two comments requested an exemption for intra-city buses because the prob-

ability of rollover accidents would be minimal in slow-speed operation. Urban transit buses are subjected to risks of rollover accidents within the city when they travel at moderate to high speed on intra-urban expressways, and should therefore be covered by the standard. Accordingly, the request for this exemption is denied.

Several comments requested an exemption for small windows. Since there is little likelihood of passenger ejection or protrusion from window openings whose minimum surface dimension measured through the center of the area is less than 8 inches, an exemption for windows of this size has been granted.

Two comments asked that the 2,000-pound force application limit in the window retention requirement be lowered. The data indicates that a 1,200-pound limit would be more compatible with the glazing strength. Accordingly, the 2,000-pound force application limit has been lowered to 1,200 pounds.

Several manufacturers stated that they encountered difficulties in ascertaining when the proposed head form penetration limit of the window retention requirement had been reached. After observation of window retention testing, the NHTSA has concluded that the penetration limit as specified in the notice of proposed rulemaking is difficult to determine. For this reason the head form penetration limit has been rephrased in terms of the development of cracks in the glazing and the amount of depression of the glazing surface in relation to its original position.

A number of comments objected to the requirement that at least 75 percent of the glazing be retained in the window mounting during window retention testing. The NHTSA has determined that the intent of this requirement is already accomplished by the requirement that each window be retained during testing by its surrounding structure in a manner which would prevent passage of a 4-inch sphere, and the requirement is accordingly deleted from the final rule.

With respect to the emergency exit requirements, the standard permits devices other than push-out windows to be used for emergency exits. Upon review of the requirements, it has been determined that devices such as panels and doors which meet the emergency exit requirements would be as effective as push-out windows for emergency egress. Because the Administration has concluded that passenger egress is enhanced when several emergency exits are provided, the standard requires that in computing whether a bus meets the unobstructed openings area requirements, no emergency exit, regardless of its area, shall be credited with more than 536 square inches of the total area requirement.

A number of motor vehicle manufacturers sought exemption from the emergency exit requirements for smaller vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds or less GVWR, such as limousines and station wagons, which are designed to carry more than 10 persons and are therefore considered to be buses under NHTSA regulations (49 CFR 571.3). Such vehicles are usually provided with numerous doors and windows which provide sufficient unobstructed openings for emergency exit. Therefore the Administration has concluded that the configuration of these vehicles satisfies the intent of the standard with respect to provision of emergency exits, and they are exempted from the emergency exit openings requirements.

The emergency exit requirements have been changed to permit installation of an alternate roof exit when the bus configuration precludes provision of a rear exit, provided that the roof exit meets the release, extension, and identification requirements. The NHTSA has established this alternative in order to allow design flexibility while providing for emergency egress in rollover situations.

A number of comments expressed concern that the proposed maximum force level for release and extension of emergency exits in Figures 2 a and b and 3 a and b were too low to inhibit inadvertent operation by passengers and suggested that the required maximum force level be raised. After consideration of the goals of facilitating emergency egress and preserving the integrity of the passenger compartment under normal operation, it has been determined that the maximum force levels should be raised from 10 and 30 pounds to 20 and 60 pounds respectively.

One comment submitted the results of testing which indicated that the 30g inertial load requirement for the release mechanism was unnecessarily high. The testing also revealed that the engineering concepts upon which the inertial load requirement is based are not generally applied in the industry and that the requirement would be impracticable. Moreover, an increase in maximum force levels for emergency exit operation in the rule should improve latch integrity. For these reasons, the requirement has been deleted.

The standard requires emergency exit location markings to be placed in certain occupant spaces because of a possible contradiction under the proposed standard between the requirement that the identification markings be located within 6 inches of the point of operation and the requirement that the markings be visible to a seated occupant. The NHTSA has concluded that emergency egress could be hindered if the passenger has difficulty in finding the marking, and that location of the marking outside of an occupant space containing an adjacent seat, which would be permitted under the proposed standard, could create this problem. At the same time it is desirable for the identification and instructions to be located near the point of release. Therefore the final rule requires that when a release mechanism is not located within an occupant space containing an adjacent seat, a label indicating the location of the nearest release mechanism shall be placed within that occupant space.

The temperature condition has been reworded to make it clear, in light of the explanation of usage in § 571.4, that the vehicle must be capable of meeting the performance requirements at any temperature from 70° F. to 85° F.

Effective date: September 1, 1973. After evaluation of the comments and other information, it has been determined that the structural changes required by the standard will be such that many manufacturers will require an effective date of at least 15 months after issuance. It is therefore found, for good cause shown, that an effective date more than 1 year from the date of issuance is in the public interest.

In consideration of the above, Standard No. 217, Bus Window Retention and Release, is added as § 571.217 of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as set forth below.

This rule is issued under the authority of sections 103, 112, and 119 of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 1392, 1401, 1407, and the delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.51.

Issued on May 3, 1972.

DOUGLAS W. TOMS,
Administrator.

§ 571.217 Standard No. 217; bus window retention and release. (Effective Sept. 1, 1973)

S1. *Scope.* This standard establishes requirements for the retention of windows other than windshields in buses, and establishes operating forces, opening dimensions, and markings for push-out bus windows and other emergency exits.

S2. *Purpose.* The purpose of this standard is to minimize the likelihood of occupants being thrown from the bus and to provide a means of readily accessible emergency egress.

S3. *Application.* This standard applies to buses.

S4. *Definitions.* "Push-out window" means a vehicle window designed to open outward to provide for emergency egress.

"Adjacent seat" means a designated seating position located so that some portion of its occupant space is not more than 10 inches from an emergency exit, for a distance of at least 15 inches measured horizontally and parallel to the exit.

"Occupant space" means the space directly above the seat and footwell, bounded vertically by the ceiling and horizontally by the normally positioned seat back and the nearest obstruction of occupant motion in the direction the seat faces.

S5. *Requirements.*

S5.1 *Window retention.* Except as provided in S5.1.2, each piece of window glazing and each surrounding window frame when tested in accordance with the procedure in S5.1.1 under the conditions of S6.1 through S6.3, shall be retained by its surrounding structure in a manner that prevents the formation of any opening large enough to admit the passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere under a force, including the weight of the sphere, of 5 pounds until any one of the following events occurs:

(a) A force of 1,200 pounds is reached.

(b) At least 80 percent of the glazing thickness has developed cracks running from the load contact region to the periphery at two or more points.

(c) The inner surface of the glazing has moved, relative to the window frame, a distance equal to one-half of the square

root of the minimum surface dimension of the entire sheet of window glazing, measured at the center of force application along a line perpendicular to the undisturbed inner surface.

S5.1.1 An increasing force shall be applied to the window glazing through the head form specified in Figure 4, outward and perpendicular to the undisturbed inside surface at the center of the area of each sheet of window glazing, with a head form travel of 2 inches per minute.

S5.1.2 The requirements of this standard do not apply to a window whose minimum surface dimension measured through the center of its area is less than 8 inches.

S5.2 *Provision of emergency exits.* Buses other than schoolbuses shall provide unobstructed openings for emergency exit which collectively amount, in total square inches, to at least 67 times the number of designated seating positions on the bus. At least 40 percent of the total required area of unobstructed openings, computed in the above manner, shall be provided on each side of a bus. However, in determining the total unobstructed openings provided by a bus, no emergency exit, regardless of its area, shall be credited with more than 536 square inches of the total area requirement.

S5.2.1 *Buses with GVWR of more than 10,000 pounds.* Buses with a GVWR of more than 10,000 pounds shall meet the unobstructed openings requirement by providing side exits and at least one rear exit that conform to S5.3 through S5.5. When the bus configuration precludes installation of an accessible rear exit, a roof exit, that meets the requirements of S5.3 through S5.5 when the bus is overturned on either side with the occupant standing facing the exit, shall be provided in the rear half of the bus.

S5.2.2 *Buses with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less.* Buses with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less may meet the unobstructed openings requirement by providing

(a) Devices that meet the requirements of S5.3 through S5.5 without using remote controls or central power systems;

(b) Windows that can be opened manually to a position that provides an opening large enough to admit unobstructed passage, keeping a major axis horizontal at all time, of an ellipsoid generated by rotating about its minor axis an ellipse having a major axis of 20 inches and a minor axis of 13 inches; or

(c) Doors.

S5.2.3 *Schoolbuses.* The emergency exit requirements do not apply to schoolbuses, but if a schoolbus contains any push-out windows or other emergency exits, these exits shall conform to S5.3 through S5.5.

S5.3 *Emergency exit release.*

S5.3.1 Each push-out window or other emergency exit shall have a release mechanism or mechanisms located within the regions specified in Figure 1, Figure 2, or Figure 3. The lower edge of the region in Figure 1, and Region B in Figure 2, shall be located 5 inches above the adjacent seat, and 2 inches above the armrest, whichever is higher.

S5.3.2 When tested under the conditions of S6, both before and after the window retention test required by S5.1, each emergency exit shall allow manual release of the exit by a single occupant using force applications each of which conforms, at the option of the manufacturer, either to (a) or (b). The release mechanism or mechanisms shall require for release one or two force applications, at least one of which differs by 90° to 180° from the direction of the initial push-out motion of the emergency exit (outward and perpendicular to the exit surface).

(a) Low-force application.

(1) *Location.* As shown in Figure 1 or Figure 3.

(2) *Type of motion.* Rotary or straight.

(3) *Magnitude.* Not more than 20 pounds. In addition, if a rotary device is used, the necessary torque shall not be more than 20 inch-pounds.

(b) High force application.

(1) *Location.* As shown in Figure 2 or Figure 3.

(2) *Type of motion.* Straight, perpendicular to the undisturbed exit surface.

(3) *Magnitude.* Not more than 60 pounds.

S5.4 *Emergency exit extension.* Each push-out window or other emergency exit shall, after the release mechanism has been operated, under the conditions of S6, before and after the window retention test required by S5.1, using the reach distances and corresponding force levels specified in S5.3.2 be manually extendable by a single occupant to a position that provides an opening large enough to admit unobstructed passage, keeping a major axis horizontal at all times, of an ellipsoid generated by rotating about its minor axis an ellipse having a major axis of 20 inches and a minor axis of 13 inches.

S5.5 *Emergency exit identification.*

S5.5.1 Each push-out window or other emergency exit shall have the designation "Emergency Exit," followed by concise operating instructions, located within 6 inches of the release mechanism. When a release mechanism is not located within an occupant space of an adjacent seat, a label meeting the requirements of S5.5.2 that indicates the location of the nearest release mechanism shall be placed within that occupant space.

EXAMPLE: "EMERGENCY EXIT INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED NEXT TO SEAT AHEAD"

S5.5.2 Except as provided in S5.5.2.1, each marking shall be legible, when the only source of light is the normal nighttime illumination of the bus interior, to occupants having corrected visual acuity of 20/40 (Snellen ratio) seated in the adjacent seat, seated in the seat directly adjoining the adjacent seat, and standing in the aisle location that is closest to that adjacent seat. The marking shall be legible from each of these locations when the other two corresponding locations are occupied.

S5.5.2.1 If the exit has no adjacent seat, the marking must meet the legibility requirements of S5.5.2 for occupants standing in the aisle location nearest to the emergency exit, except for a roof exit, which must meet the legibility requirements for occupants positioned with their backs against the floor opposite the roof exit.

S6. *Test conditions.*

S6.1 The vehicle is on a flat, horizontal surface.

S6.2 The inside of the vehicle and the outside environment are kept at any temperature from 70° to 85° Fahrenheit for 4 hours immediately preceding the tests, and during the tests.

S6.3 For the window retention test, windows are installed, closed, and latched (where latches are provided) in the condition intended for normal bus operation.

S6.4 For the emergency exit release and extension tests, windows are installed as in S6.3, seats, armrests, and interior objects near the windows are installed as for normal use, and seats are in the upright position.

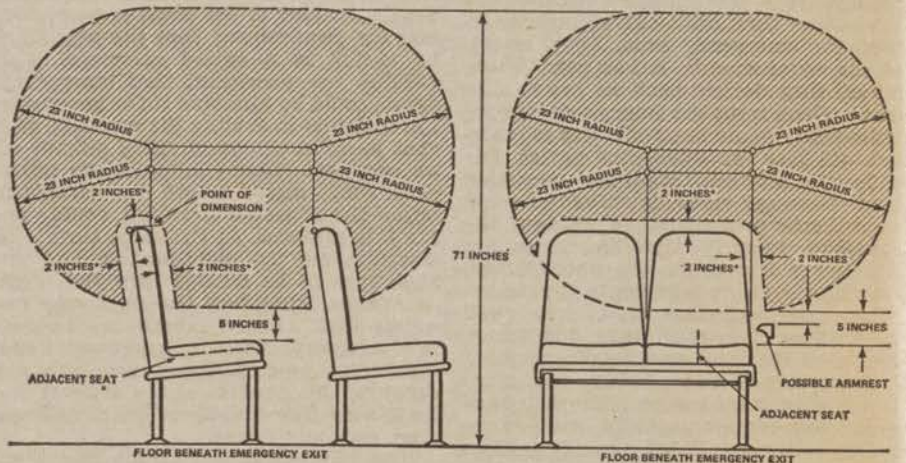

FIGURE 1 LOW-FORCE ACCESS REGION FOR EMERGENCY EXITS HAVING ADJACENT SEATS

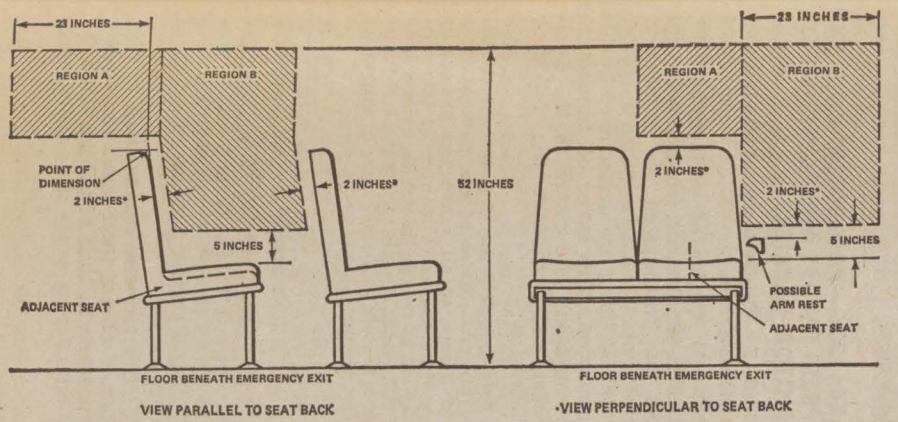

FIGURE 2 HIGH-FORCE ACCESS REGIONS FOR EMERGENCY EXITS HAVING ADJACENT SEATS

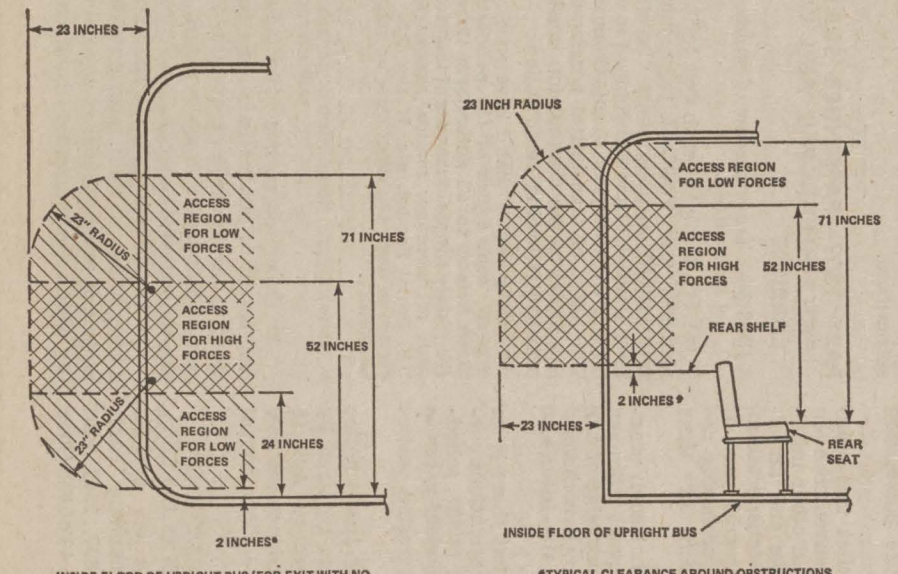

FIGURE 3 LOW AND HIGH-FORCE ACCESS REGIONS FOR EMERGENCY EXITS WITHOUT ADJACENT SEATS

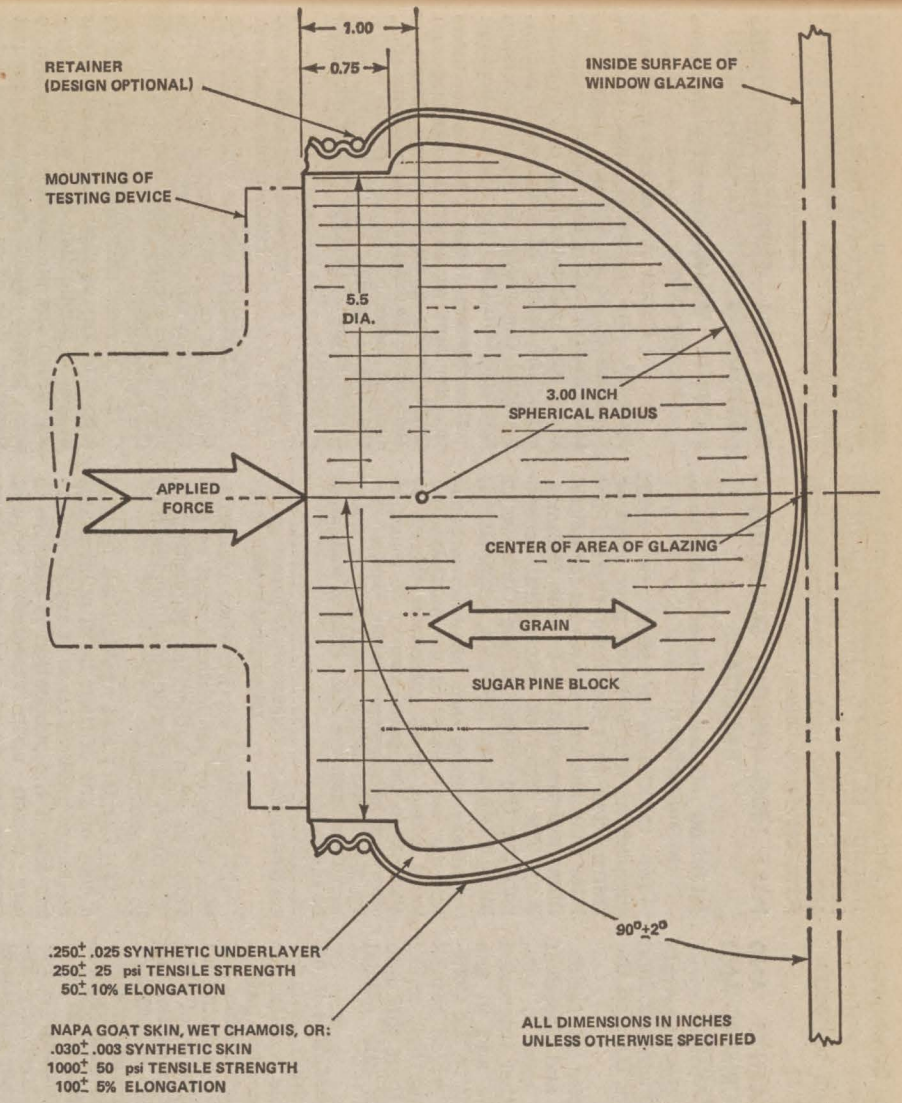

FIGURE 4 HEAD FORM

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Chapter X—Interstate Commerce Commission

SUBCHAPTER D—TARIFFS AND SCHEDULES

[Docket No. 35613]

TRANSMISSION OF TARIFFS AND SCHEDULES TO SUBSCRIBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

Order. At a session of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Division 2, held at its office in Washington, D.C., on the 1st day of May 1972.

It appearing, that copies of tariffs, schedules, supplements, and looseleaf pages generally are not sent to subscribers thereto and to other interested parties at the same time and in the same manner as those sent to the Commission for official filing, which results in said subscribers receiving their copies later, often much later, than the date the Commission receives the official copies;

It further appearing, that this is an unreasonable practice which has resulted in an insurmountable problem for subscribers and other interested parties nationwide inasmuch as distribution, not timely made, results in a very substantial proportion, if not the majority, of subscribers and other interested parties being denied reasonable notice or sufficient time to allow a thorough review thereof, and, if desired, to protest and request suspension and/or investigation in time to meet the established deadline for receipt of such petitions. In many instances, subscribers and other interested parties do not receive their copy of the publication until after the publication has become effective;

It further appearing, that this practice has resulted in inconvenience on the part of subscribers and other interested parties in knowledge and anticipation of rate changes on transportation, where rates form an integral part of pricing, marketing, and purchasing decisions made by shippers or their customers;

It further appearing, that such practices can effectively prevent shippers from obtaining actual knowledge of the correct rate, although they are charged with such knowledge by the Interstate Commerce Act;

It further appearing, that there is an urgent need to establish regulations covering the transmission of tariffs, schedules, supplements, and looseleaf pages to subscribers and other interested parties thereof;

And it further appearing, that a notice of proposed rulemaking as required by the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) is unnecessary since the new regulations represent a procedural reform.

And good cause appearing therefor:

It is ordered, That each of the Commission's tariff circulars be, and is hereby amended, by amending Parts 1300, 1303, 1304, 1306, 1307, 1308, and 1309 of Chapter X of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations and establishing therein §§ 1300.30, 1303.36, 1304.42, 1306.17, 1307.14, 1307.48, 1308.12, 1308.109, and 1309.5 each in the manner and form set forth below:

PART 1300—FREIGHT SCHEDULES—RAILROADS

§ 1300.30 Transmission of publications to subscribers.

(a) (1) Copies of each new tariff, supplement, and looseleaf page must be transmitted to subscribers thereto not later than the time the copies for official filing are transmitted to this Commission. The letter of transmittal accompanying the copies to the Commission must contain the following certification:

I hereby certify that I have on or before this day sent copies of the publication(s) listed hereon to all subscribers thereto by (here state the exact manner of transmission, such as messenger service, express service, U.S. Postal Service, etc. If the U.S. Postal Service is used, the exact class of mail must be shown).

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(Date) (Signature of person transmitting publication(s))

(2) Expedited service when transmitting copies of publications must be provided to any subscriber requesting it. The cost of this service may be passed on to the subscriber.

(3) Carriers and agents shall furnish a copy of any of their tariff publications at time of publication or at any time during which the publication is effective to any person upon reasonable request therefor, free or at a reasonable price, not to be greater than that charged subscribers.

PART 1303—PASSENGER SERVICE SCHEDULES—RAIL AND WATER CARRIERS

§ 1303.36 Transmission of publications to subscribers.

(a) (1) Copies of each new tariff, supplement, and looseleaf page must be transmitted to subscribers thereto not later than the time the copies for official filing are transmitted to this Commission. The letter of transmittal accompanying the copies to the Commission must contain the following certification:

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(Date) (Signature of person transmitting publication(s))

(2) Expedited service when transmitting copies of publications must be provided to any subscriber requesting it. The cost of this service may be passed on to the subscriber.

(3) Carriers and agents shall furnish a copy of any of their tariff publications at time of publication or at any time during which the publication is effective to any person upon reasonable request therefor, free or at a reasonable price, not to be greater than that charged subscribers.

PART 1304—EXPRESS COMPANIES SCHEDULES AND CLASSIFICATION

§ 1304.42 Transmission of publications to subscribers.

(a) (1) Copies of each new tariff, supplement, and looseleaf page must be transmitted to subscribers thereto not later than the time the copies for official filing are transmitted to this Commission. The letter of transmittal accompanying the copies to the Commission must contain the following certification:

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(Date) (Signature of person transmitting publication(s))

(2) Expedited service when transmitting copies of publications must be provided to any subscriber requesting it. The cost of this service may be passed on to the subscriber.

(3) Carriers and agents shall furnish a copy of any of their tariff publications at time of publication or at any time during which the publication is effective to any person upon reasonable request therefor, free or at a reasonable price, not to be greater than that charged subscribers.

PART 1306—PASSENGER AND EXPRESS TARIFFS AND SCHEDULES OF MOTOR CARRIERS

§ 1306.17 Transmission of publications to subscribers.

(a) (1) Copies of each new tariff, schedule, supplement, and looseleaf page must be transmitted to subscribers thereto not later than the time the copies for official filing are transmitted to this Commission. The letter of transmittal accompanying the copies to the Commission must contain the following certification:

I hereby certify that I have on or before this day sent copies of the publication(s) listed hereon to all subscribers thereto by (here state the exact manner of transmission, such as messenger service, express service, U.S. Postal Service, etc. If the U.S. Postal Service is used, the exact class of mail must also be shown).

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(Date) (Signature of person transmitting publication(s))

(2) Expedited service when transmitting copies of publications must be provided to any subscriber requesting it. The cost of this service may be passed on to the subscriber.

(3) Carriers and agents shall furnish a copy of any of their tariff or schedule publications at time of publication or at any time during which the publication is

effective to any person upon reasonable request therefor, free or at a reasonable price, not to be greater than that charged subscribers.

PART 1307—FREIGHT TARIFFS, SCHEDULES, AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF MOTOR CARRIERS

§ 1307.14 Transmission of publications to subscribers.

(a) (1) Copies of each new schedule, supplement, and looseleaf page must be transmitted to subscribers thereto not later than the time the copies for official filing are transmitted to this Commission. The letter of transmittal accompanying the copies to the Commission must contain the following certification:

I hereby certify that I have on or before this day sent copies of the publication(s) listed hereon to all subscribers thereto by (here state the exact manner of transmission, such as messenger service, express service, U.S. Postal Service, etc. If the U.S. Postal Service is used, the exact class of mail must also be shown).

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(Date) (Signature of person transmitting publication(s))

(2) Expedited service when transmitting copies of publications must be provided to any subscriber requesting it. The cost of this service may be passed on to the subscriber.

(3) Carriers and agents shall furnish a copy of any of their schedule publications at time of publication or at any time during which the publication is effective to any person upon reasonable request therefor, free or at a reasonable price, not to be greater than that charged subscribers.

§ 1307.48 Transmission of publications to subscribers.

(a) (1) Copies of each new tariff, supplement, and looseleaf page must be transmitted to subscribers thereto not later than the time the copies for official filing are transmitted to this Commission. The letter of transmittal accompanying the copies to the Commission must contain the following certification:

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(Date) (Signature of person transmitting publication(s))

(2) Expedited service when transmitting copies of publications must be provided to any subscriber requesting it. The cost of this service may be passed on to the subscriber.

(3) Carriers and agents shall furnish a copy of any of their tariff publications at time of publication or at any time during which the publication is effective to any person upon reasonable request therefor, free or at a reasonable price, not to be greater than that charged subscribers.

PART 1308—FREIGHT TARIFFS AND SCHEDULES OF WATER CARRIERS

§ 1308.12 Transmission of publications to subscribers.

(a) (1) Copies of each new tariff, supplement, and looseleaf page must be transmitted to subscribers thereto not later than the time the copies for official filing are transmitted to this Commission. The letter of transmittal accompanying the copies to the Commission must contain the following certification:

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(Date) (Signature of person transmitting publication(s))

(2) Expedited service when transmitting copies of publications must be provided to any subscriber requesting it. The cost of this service may be passed on to the subscriber.

(3) Carriers and agents shall furnish a copy of any of their tariff publications at time of publication or at any time during which the publication is effective to any person upon reasonable request therefor, free or at a reasonable price, not to be greater than that charged subscribers.

§ 1308.109 Transmission of publications to subscribers.

(a) (1) Copies of each new schedule, supplement, and looseleaf page must be transmitted to subscribers thereto not later than the time the copies for official filing are transmitted to this Commission. The letter of transmittal accompanying the copies to the Commission must contain the following certification:

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(Date) (Signature of person transmitting publication(s))

(2) Expedited service when transmitting copies of publications must be provided to any subscriber requesting it. The cost of this service may be passed on to the subscriber.

(3) Carriers and agents shall furnish a copy of any of their schedule publications at time of publication or at any time during which the publication is effective to any person upon reasonable request therefor, free or at a reasonable price, not to be greater than that charged subscribers.

PART 1309—TARIFFS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS

§ 1309.5 Transmission of publications to subscribers.

(a) (1) Copies of each new tariff, supplement, and looseleaf page must be transmitted to subscribers thereto not later than the time the copies for official filing are transmitted to this Commission. The letter of transmittal accompanying the copies to the Commission must contain the following certification:

I hereby certify that I have on or before this day sent copies of the publication(s) listed hereon to all subscribers thereto by (here state the exact manner of transmission, such as messenger service, express service, U.S. Postal Service, etc. If the U.S. Postal Service is used, the exact class of mail must be shown).

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(Date) (Signature of person transmitting publication(s))

(2) Expedited service when transmitting copies of publications must be provided to any subscriber requesting it. The cost of this service may be passed on to the subscriber.

(3) Carriers and agents shall furnish a copy of any of their tariff publications at time of publication or at any time during which the publication is effective to any person upon reasonable request therefor, free or at a reasonable price, not to be greater than that charged subscribers.

It is further ordered, That this order shall become effective on June 21, 1972.

And it is further ordered, That a copy of this order be posted in the Office of the Secretary, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C., for public inspection and that another copy be delivered to the Director, Office of the Federal Register, for publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER as notice to all interested persons.

By the Commission, Division 2.

[SEAL] ROBERT L. OSWALD, *Secretary.*

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Title 50—WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Chapter II—National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce

SUBCHAPTER E—NORTHWEST ATLANTIC COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

PART 240—GROUNDFISH FISHERIES

Yellowtail Flounder Quotas

Notice is hereby given pursuant to § 240.6(b)(3), Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, increasing and redistributing the quarterly quota of yellowtail flounder for Subarea 5, east and west of 69° longitude, to reflect the present catch situation and to more realistically meet the needs of industry.

Accordingly, the tables in § 240.6(b) are revised as follows:

§ 240.6 Catch limits.

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(b) * * *

(1) * * *

Quarter	Catch quota
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Apr. 1–June 30	1,500 metric tons.
July 1–Sept. 30	2,600 metric tons.
Oct. 1–Dec. 31	2,300 metric tons.

(2) * * *

Quarter	Catch quota
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Apr. 1–June 30	4,650 metric tons.
July 1–Sept. 30	5,750 metric tons.
Oct. 1–Dec. 31	3,500 metric tons.

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Issued at Washington, D.C., and dated May 8, 1972.

PHILIP M. ROEDEL,
Director, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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SUBCHAPTER F—AID TO FISHERIES

PART 250—FISHERIES LOAN FUND PROCEDURES

Change of Interest Rate

MAY 3, 1972.

Public Law 89-85 amended section 4 of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 by providing that any fishery loan shall "Bear an interest rate of not less than (a) a rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, taking into consideration the average market yield on outstanding Treasury obligations of comparable maturity, plus (b) such additional charge, if any, toward covering other costs of the program as the Secretary may determine to be consistent with its purpose." The trend of the average market yield of such outstanding obligations has been downward since 1970, with the interest rate applicable to fisheries loans for the month of April 1972 determined in accordance with the above-quoted provision of law to be 5⅞ percent. In order for the interest rate charged on fisheries loans to be consistent with the purpose of Public Law 89-85 it is determined that the interest rate to be charged on fisheries loans be reduced from 8 percent to 6½ percent and that § 250.10 of Part 250 is revised to read as follows:

§ 250.10 Interest.

The rate of interest on all loans which may be granted is fixed at 6½ percent per annum.

Effective date. This revision shall be effective as of its date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER (5-10-72).

Dated: May 5, 1972.

By order of the Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

ROBERT M. WHITE,
Administrator.

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Proposed Rule Making

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of Assistant Secretary for Housing Production and Mortgage Credit—Federal Housing Commissioner [Federal Housing Administration]

[24 CFR Part 235]

[Docket No. R–72–178]

MORTGAGE INSURANCE AND ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FOR HOME OWNERSHIP AND PROJECT REHABILITATION

Eligibility Requirements for Homes for Lower Income Families

Correction

In F.R. Doc. 72–5513 appearing at page 7166 of the issue of Tuesday, April 11, 1972, the word "mortgage" in the fourth line of § 235.20(a)(2) should read "mortgagor".

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[7 CFR Part 915]

AVOCADOS GROWN IN FLORIDA

Proposed Limitation of Handling

Notice is hereby given that the Department is giving consideration to proposals, as hereinafter set forth, which would limit the handling of avocados grown in Florida by amending the container requirements of § 915.305 *Avocado Order 5* (36 F.R. 22668), and the pack requirements of § 915.306 *Avocado Regulation 6* (36 F.R. 22668). The proposals were recommended by the Avocado Administrative Committee, established pursuant to the amended marketing agreement and Order No. 915, as amended (7 CFR Part 915; 36 F.R. 14126), regulating the handling of avocados grown in south Florida. This program is effective under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674).

The proposals reflect the committee's current appraisal of present and prospective marketing conditions for avocados. Shipments of avocados are expected to begin on or about June 12, 1972. The committee has considered and recommended the amendment of the container and pack requirements and the quality and maturity requirements, so as to provide for separate regulations for avocados handled within the production area to permit fully mature and lower quality fruit to be handled to satisfy a local demand and thereby to maximize returns to growers pursuant to the declared policy of the act.

1. The provisions of paragraph (a)(1) preceding subdivision (i) thereof of § 915.305 (Avocado Order 5; 36 F.R. 22668) are amended to read as follows:

§ 915.305 Avocado Order 5.

(a) *Order.* (1) On and after June 12, 1972, no handler shall handle between the production area and any point outside thereof any variety of avocados in containers having a capacity of more than 4 pounds of avocados, unless such avocados are handled in containers meeting the following specifications and conform to all other applicable requirements of this section:

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2. The provisions of paragraph (a)(2) preceding subdivision (i) thereof of § 915.306 (Avocado Regulation 6; 36 F.R. 22668) are amended to read as follows:

§ 915.306 Avocado Regulation 6.

(a) *Order.* * * *

(2) On and after June 12, 1972, no handler shall handle any container of avocados between the production area and any point outside thereof, unless the avocados in such container meet the requirements of standard pack and one of the pack specifications established in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, and each container in each lot is marked or stamped to show the U.S. grade applicable to such lot: *Provided*, That in lieu of such marking requirement, any handler may affix to the container a label, brand or trademark, registered with the Avocado Administrative Committee in accordance with the following, which appropriately identifies the grade of such avocados:

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All persons who desire to submit written data, views, or arguments in connection with the proposals should file the same with the Hearing Clerk, Room 112A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, not later than the 20th day after the publication of this notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER. All written submissions made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection at the office of the Hearing Clerk during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

Dated: May 4, 1972.

PAUL A. NICHOLSON,
Deputy Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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AVOCADOS GROWN IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Proposed Limitation of Handling

Consideration is being given to the following proposal, as hereinafter set forth, which would limit the handling of avocados grown in Florida by establishing size, quality, and maturity requirements, pursuant to § 915.51 *Issuance of regulations*, which was recommended by the Avocado Administrative Committee, established pursuant to the marketing agreement, as amended, and Order No. 915, as amended (7 CFR Part 915; 36 F.R. 14126), regulating the handling of avocados grown in south Florida. This program is effective under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674).

All persons who desire to submit written data, views, or arguments in connection with the proposal should file the same in quadruplicate with the Hearing Clerk, Room 112A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, not later than the 20th day after the publication of this notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER. All written submissions made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection at the office of the Hearing Clerk during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

The recommendation of the Avocado Administrative Committee reflects its appraisal of the avocado crop and current and prospective market conditions. Shipments of avocados are expected to begin on or about June 12, 1972. The committee has considered and recommended the quality and maturity requirements, including shipping periods, for the various varieties of avocados, to prevent the handling of immature and other undesirable fruit. Such recommendation is designed to recognize the differences in the consumer demand within and outside the production area and maximize returns to growers pursuant to the declared policy of the act.

Such proposal reads as follows:

§ 915.314 Avocado Regulation 14.

(a) Order:

(1) During the period June 12, 1972, through April 30, 1973, no handler shall handle any avocados unless such avocados grade at least U.S. No. 3 grade: *Provided*, That beginning June 12, 1972, avocados which fail to meet the requirements of such grade may be handled within the production area, if such avocados meet all other applicable requirements of this section and are handled in containers other than the containers prescribed in § 915.305 for the handling of avocados on and after June 12, 1972, between the production area and any point outside thereof;

(2) On and after the effective time of this regulation, except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (9) and (10) of this paragraph, no avocados of the varieties listed in Column 1 of the following Table I shall be handled prior to the date listed for the respective variety in Column 2 of such table, and thereafter each such variety shall be handled only in conformance with subparagraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6) of this paragraph.

TABLE I

Variety (1)	Date (2)	Minimum weight or diameter (3)	Date (4)	Minimum weight or diameter (5)	Date (6)	Minimum weight or diameter (7)	Date (8)
Arue			6-12-72	14 oz. 3 5/16 in.	7-17-72		
Fuchs	6-19-72	14. oz. 3 3/16 in.	7- 3-72	12 oz. 3 9/16 in.	7-17-72	10 oz. 2 11/16 in.	7-31-72
K-5	6-26-72	16 oz. 3 5/16 in.	7-10-72	14 oz. 3 3/16 in.	7-24-72		
Dr. DuPuis No. 2	6-19-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	7- 3-72	14 oz. 3 7/16 in.	7-17-72		
Hardee	7- 3-72	14 oz. 3 3/16 in.	7-10-72	12 oz. 2 15/16 in.	7-31-72		
Pollock	7- 3-72	18 oz. 3 11/16 in.	7-10-72	16 oz. 3 7/16 in.	7-24-72		
Simmonds	7- 3-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	7-10-72	14 oz. 3 7/16 in.	7-24-72		
Nadir	7- 3-72	14 oz. 3 3/16 in.	7-10-72	12 oz. 3 1/16 in.	7-17-72	10 oz. 2 11/16 in.	7-31-72
Katherine	7- 3-72	16 oz.	7-17-72	14 oz.	7-31-72		
Dawn	7-17-72	12 oz. 3 1/16 in.	7-31-72	10 oz. 3 9/16 in.	8-14-72		
Peterson	7-24-72	14 oz. 3 5/16 in.	8- 7-72	10 oz. 3 7/16 in.	8-21-72	8 oz. 2 11/16 in.	9- 4-72
Trapp	8- 7-72	14 oz. 3 9/16 in.	8-21-72	12 oz. 3 7/16 in.	9- 4-72		
Waldin	8-14-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	8-28-72	14 oz. 3 7/16 in.	9-11-72	12 oz. 3 5/16 in.	9-25-72
Ruehle	7-17-72	18 oz. 3 11/16 in.	7-31-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	8-14-72	14 oz. 3 7/16 in.	8-28-72
Pinelli	7-31-72	18 oz. 3 13/16 in.	8-14-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	8-28-72		
Webb 2	7-17-72	18 oz.	7-31-72	16 oz.	8-14-72		
Nesbitt	8-14-72	18 oz.	8-21-72	16 oz.	9-11-72		
Tonnage	8-28-72	14 oz. 3 5/16 in.	9- 4-72	12 oz. 3 9/16 in.	9-11-72	10 oz. 2 13/16 in.	9-18-72
Booth 8	9-11-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	9-25-72	15 oz. 3 7/16 in.	10- 9-72	13 oz. 3 5/16 in.	10-23-72
Fairchild	8-28-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	9-11-72	14 oz. 3 7/16 in.	9-25-72	12 oz. 3 1/16 in.	10- 2-72
Nirody	8-28-72	18 oz. 3 15/16 in.	9-11-72	16 oz. 3 13/16 in.	9-25-72		
Black Prince	9-11-72	23 oz.	9-25-72	16 oz.	10-16-72		
Catalina	9-11-72	24 oz.	9-18-72	22 oz.	10- 2-72		
Blair	9-25-72	14 oz. 3 9/16 in.	10-16-72				
Collinson	9-25-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	10-23-72				
Chica	9-25-72	12 oz. 3 7/16 in.	10- 9-72	10 oz. 3 5/16 in.	10-23-72		
Rue	9-25-72	30 oz. 4 3/16 in.	10- 2-72	24 oz. 3 15/16 in.	10-16-72	18 oz. 3 9/16 in.	10-30-72
Booth 5	10- 2-72	16 oz. 3 11/16 in.	10-23-72				
Hickson	10- 2-72	15 oz. 3 5/16 in.	10-16-72	12 oz. 3 1/16 in.	10-23-72		
Simpson	10- 2-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	10-23-72				
Vaca	10- 2-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	10-23-72				
Sherman	10- 2-72	16 oz.	10-16-72	14 oz.	10-30-72	10 oz.	11-20-72
Marcus	10- 2-72	32 oz.	11-13-72				
Booth 10	10- 9-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	11- 6-72				
Booth 7	10- 9-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	10-23-72	14 oz. 3 5/16 in.	11- 6-72		
Avon	10- 9-72	15 oz. 3 11/16 in.	10-30-72				
Booth 11	10- 9-72	16 oz. 3 13/16 in.	10-30-72				
Leona	10- 9-72	14 oz. 3 9/16 in.	10-23-72				
Winslowson	10- 9-72	18 oz. 3 15/16 in.	10-30-72				
Nelson	10- 9-72	14 oz. 3 5/16 in.	10-23-72	12 oz. 3 5/16 in.	11- 6-72	10 oz. 3 1/16 in.	11-27-72
Hall	10- 9-72	26 oz. 3 15/16 in.	10-23-72	20 oz. 3 9/16 in.	11- 6-72		
Lula	10-16-72	18 oz. 3 11/16 in.	10-30-72	14 oz. 3 5/16 in.	11-13-72		
Choquette	10-16-72	24 oz. 4 1/16 in.	10-30-72	20 oz. 3 15/16 in.	11-20-72		
Monroe	10-16-72	24 oz. 4 1/16 in.	10-30-72	20 oz. 3 15/16 in.	11-20-72		
Herman	10-16-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	10-30-72	14 oz. 3 5/16 in.	11-13-72		
Murphy	10-16-72	16 oz.	10-30-72	14 oz.	11-13-72	11 oz.	12- 4-72
Ajax(B7-B)	10-23-72	18 oz. 3 11/16 in.	11-13-72				
Booth 1	10-23-72	16 oz. 3 13/16 in.	11-13-72				
Booth 3	10-23-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	11-13-72				
Taylor	10-23-72	14 oz. 3 5/16 in.	11- 6-72	12 oz. 3 3/16 in.	11-20-72		
Dunedin	11- 6-72	16 oz. 3 9/16 in.	11-20-72	14 oz. 3 5/16 in.	12- 4-72	10 oz. 3 1/16 in.	12-25-72
Byars	11-13-72	16 oz. 3 11/16 in.	12- 4-72				
Linda	11-13-72	18 oz. 3 13/16 in.	12- 4-72				
Nabal	11-13-72	14 oz. 3 9/16 in.	12- 4-72				
Wagner	12- 4-72	12 oz. 3 5/16 in.	12-18-72	10 oz. 3 1/16 in.	1- 1-73		
Schmidt	1-15-73						
Itsamna	2-12-73						

(3) From the date listed for the respective variety in column 2 of Table I to the date listed for the respective variety in column 4 of such table, no handler shall handle any avocados of such variety unless the individual fruit weighs at least the ounces specified for the respective variety in column 3 of such table or is of at least the diameter specified for such variety in said column 3;

(4) From the date listed for the respective variety in column 4 of Table I to the date listed for the respective variety in column 6 of such table, no handler shall handle any avocados of such variety unless the individual fruit weighs at least the ounces specified for the respective variety in column 5 of such table or is of at least the diameter specified for such variety in said column 5;

(5) From the date listed for the respective variety in column 6 of Table I to the date listed for the respective variety in column 8 of such table, no handler shall handle any avocados of such variety unless the individual fruit weighs at least the ounces specified for the respective variety in column 7 of such table or is of at least the diameter specified for such variety in said column 7;

(6) From October 23, 1972, through November 5, 1972, no handler shall handle any avocados of the Booth 8 variety unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 10 ounces or is at least 3 1/16 inches in diameter, and from November 6, 1972, through November 12, 1972, no handler shall handle any avocados of the Booth 8 variety unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 8 ounces or is at least 2 13/16 inches in diameter;

(7) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (9) and (10) of this paragraph, varieties of the West Indian type of avocados not listed in Table I shall not be handled except in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(i) Such avocados shall not be handled prior to July 3, 1972.

(ii) From July 3, 1972, through July 9, 1972, the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados shall weigh at least 18 ounces.

(iii) From July 10, 1972, through July 30, 1972, the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados shall weigh at least 16 ounces.

(iv) From July 31, 1972 through August 27, 1972, the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados shall weight at least 14 ounces.

(v) From August 29, 1972, through September 17, 1972, the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados shall weigh at least 12 ounces.

(8) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (9) and (10) of this paragraph, varieties of avocados not covered by subparagraphs (2) through (7) of this paragraph shall not be handled except in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(i) Such avocados shall not be handled prior to September 18, 1972.

(ii) From September 18, 1972, through October 15, 1972, the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados shall weigh at least 15 ounces.

(iii) From October 16, 1972, through December 17, 1972, the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados shall weigh at least 13 ounces.

(9) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (2) through (8) of this paragraph regarding the minimum weight or diameter for individual fruit, up to 10 percent, by count, of the individual fruit contained in each lot may weigh less than the minimum specified weight and be less than the minimum specified diameter: *Provided,* That such avocados weigh not more than 2 ounces less than the applicable specified weight for the particular variety as prescribed in columns 3, 5, or 7 of Table I or in subparagraphs (6), (7), and (8) of this paragraph. Such tolerances shall be on a lot basis, but not to exceed double such tolerances shall be permitted for an individual container in a lot.

(10) The provisions of subparagraph (2) through (9) of this paragraph shall not apply to any variety, except the Linda variety, of avocados which, when mature, normally change color to any shade of red or purple and any portion of the skin of the individual fruit has changed to the color for that fruit when mature.

(b) Terms used in the amended marketing agreement and order, when used herein, have the same meaning as is given to the respective term in said marketing agreement and order; the term "diameter" shall mean the greatest dimension measured at right angles to a line from the stem to the blossom end of the fruit; and the term "U.S. No. 3" shall have the same meaning as set forth in the U.S. Standards for Florida Avocados (§§ 1.3050–51.3069 of this title).

(c) The provisions of this regulation shall become effective June 12, 1972.

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AVOCADOS

Proposed Import Limitations

Consideration is being given to the proposal hereinafter set forth which would limit the importation of avocados into the United States pursuant to Part 944—Fruits; Import Regulations (7 CFR Part 944). The proposed import regulation is designed to prescribe, with respect to quality, the same grade requirement for imported avocados as is being made applicable, pursuant to Order No. 915 (7 CFR Part 915), to avocados grown in south Florida. With respect to size and maturity restrictions for imported avocados, the same size and maturity restrictions being imposed upon avocados of the Pollock, Catalina and Trapp varieties are being made applicable to imported avocados of the same varieties. With respect to all other imported avocados, comparable size and maturity restrictions are being proposed due to variations in characteristics between domestic avocados and those to be imported. The size, quality, and maturity requirements for domestic avocados pursuant to Order No. 915 are those that are proposed to become effective June 12, 1972. This import regulation would be effective pursuant to section 8e of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674).

All persons who desire to submit written data, views, or arguments in connection with the proposal should file the same in quadruplicate with the Hearing Clerk, Room 112A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, not later than the 20th day after publication of this notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER. All written submissions made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection at the office of the Hearing Clerk during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

Such proposal reads as follows:

§ 944.12 Avocado Regulation 20.

(a) On and after the effective time of this section, the importation into the United States of any avocados is prohibited unless such avocados are inspected and meet the following requirements:

(1) All avocados imported during the period June 12, 1972, through April 30, 1973, shall grade not less than U.S. No. 3.

(2) Avocados of the Pollock variety shall not be imported (i) prior to July 3, 1972; (ii) from July 3, 1972, through July 9, 1972, unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 18 ounces or measures at least 3 11/16 inches in diameter; and (iii) from July 10, 1972, through July 23, 1972, unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 16 ounces or measures at least 3 7/16 inches in diameter.

(3) Avocados of the Catalina variety shall not be imported (i) prior to September 11, 1972; (ii) from September 11, 1972, through September 17, 1972, unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 24 ounces; and (iii) from September 18, 1972, through October 1, 1972, unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 22 ounces.

(4) Avocados of the Trapp variety shall not be imported (i) prior to August 7, 1972; (ii) from August 7, 1972, through August 20, 1972, unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 14 ounces or measures at at least 3 10/16 inches in diameter; and (iii) from August 21, 1972, through September 3, 1972, unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 12 ounces or measures at least 3 7/16 inches in diameter.

(5) Avocados of any variety other than Pollock, Catalina, and Trapp varieties, of the West Indian type including unidentified West Indian varieties, and West Indian varieties not listed elsewhere in this regulation, shall not be imported (i) prior to July 3, 1972; (ii) from July 3, 1972, through July 9, 1972, unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 18 ounces; (iii) from July 10, 1972, through July 30, 1972, unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 16 ounces; (iv) from July 31, 1972, through August 27, 1972, unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 14 ounces; and (v) from August 28, 1972, through September 17, 1972, unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 12 ounces: *Provided,* That any lot of such avocados may be imported without regard to the date or minimum weight requirements of this paragraph if such avocados, when mature, normally change color to any shade of red or purple and any portion of the skin of the individual fruit has changed to the color normal for that fruit when mature.

(6) Avocados of any variety of the Guatemalan type, including hybrid type seedlings, unidentified Guatemalan and hybrid varieties, and Guatemalan and hybrid varieties not listed elsewhere in the regulation shall not be imported (i) prior to September 18, 1972; (ii) from September 18, 1972, through October 15, 1972, unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 15 ounces; and (iii) from October 16, 1972, through December 17, 1972, unless the individual fruit in each lot of such avocados weighs at least 13 ounces.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (2) through (6) of this paragraph regarding the minimum weight or diameter for individual fruit, not to exceed 10 percent, by count, of the individual fruit, contained in each lot may weigh less than the minimum specified and be less than the minimum specified diameter: *Provided,* That such avocados weigh not over 2 ounces less than the applicable specified weight for the particular variety specified in such subparagraphs. Such tolerances shall be on a lot basis, but not to exceed double such tolerances shall be permitted for an individual container in a lot.

(b) The Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is hereby designated as the governmental inspection service for the purpose of certifying the grade, size, quality, and maturity of avocados that are imported into the United States. Inspection by the Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service with appropriate evidence thereof in the form of an official inspection certificate, issued by the respective service, applicable to the particular shipment of avocados, is required on all imports of avocados. Such inspection and certification services will be available upon application in accordance with the rules and regulations governing inspection and certification of fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products (Part 51 of this title) but, since inspectors are not located in the immediate vicinity of some of the small ports of entry, such as those in southern California, importers of avocados should make arrangements for inspection, through the applicable one of the fol-