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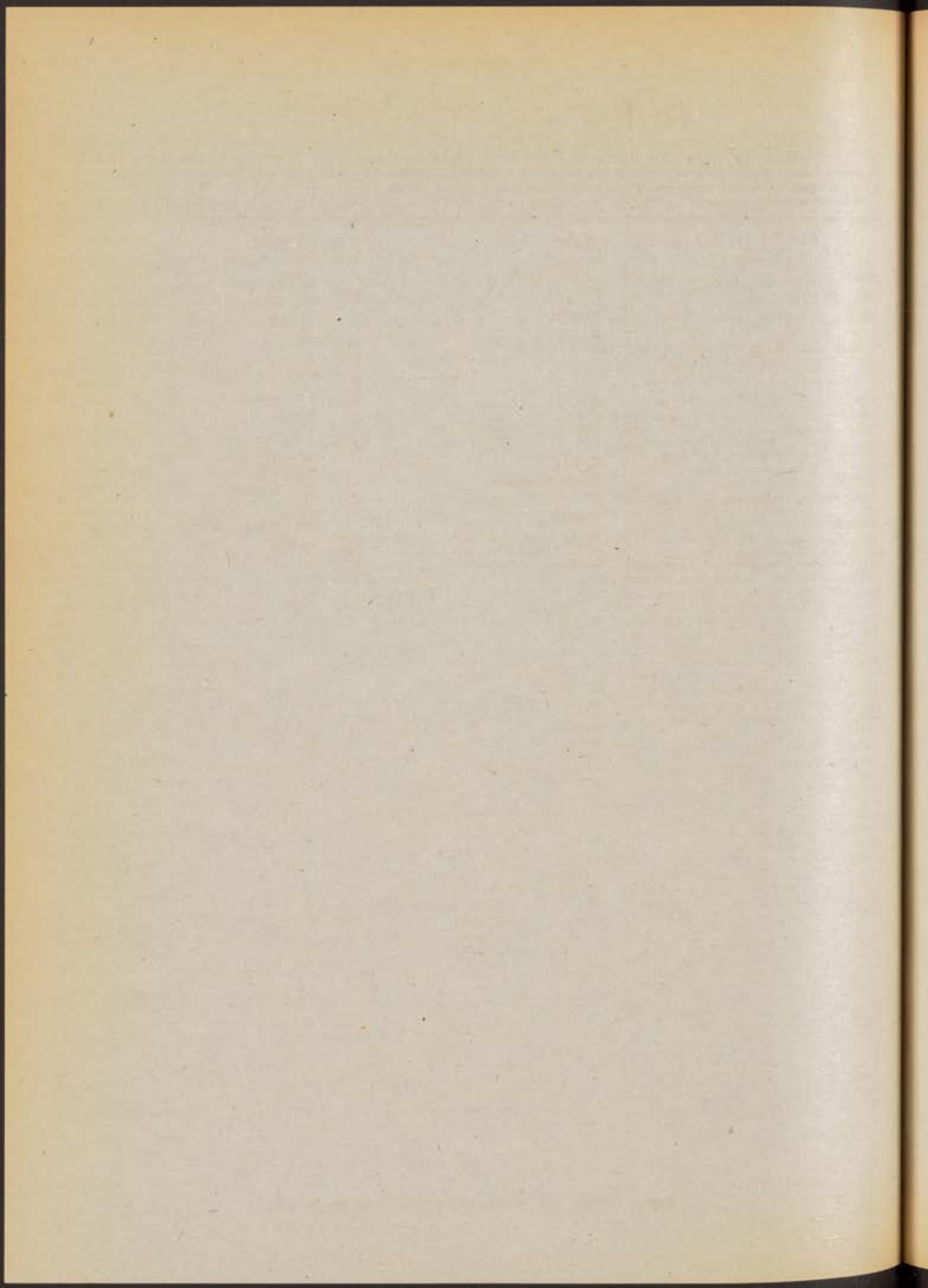
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CHAPTER IX—AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE (MARKETING AGREEMENTS AND ORDERS; FRUITS, VEGETABLES, NUTS), DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PART 982—FILBERTS GROWN IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON

Late Payment and Interest Charges

On January 22, 1973, a notice of proposed rule making was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (38 FR 2178), regarding a proposal to amend the administrative rules and regulations (Subpart—Administrative Rules and Regulations; 7 CFR 982.432-982.471) by the addition of a new § 982.461 establishing late payment and interest charges for any handler failing to pay his assessments within the time prescribed by the Filbert Control Board. The subpart is operative pursuant to the marketing agreement, as amended, and Order No. 982, as amended (7 CFR Part 982; 37 FR 588), regulating the handling of filberts grown in Oregon and Washington, and is effective under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674). The proposal was unanimously recommended by the Filbert Control Board.

Interested persons were given until January 31, 1973, to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to the proposal. None were received.

Section 982.61 of the order was amended (37 FR 588; January 14, 1972) to authorize the Board to impose a late payment charge on any handler who fails to pay his assessment within the time prescribed by the Board. If the handler thereafter fails to pay the amount outstanding, including the late payment charge, within the prescribed time, the Board shall impose an additional charge in the form of interest on the outstanding amount. Section 982.61 also provides for the rate of such charges to be prescribed by the Board, with the approval of the Secretary. The purpose of establishing a late payment and interest charge is to encourage handlers to pay their assessments promptly, thereby eliminating Board costs and avoiding inequities with respect to handlers who pay their assessments promptly.

Pursuant to § 982.461, the Board will impose a late payment charge of 5 percent of the unpaid balance on any handler failing to pay his assessment within 30 days after the billing date. The billing date will be shown on the handler's as-

essment statement which he receives from the Board. This charge is the same as that used in the industry for similar late payments. If the handler fails to pay the delinquent amount, including the late payment charge, within 60 days following the billing date, an additional 1 percent interest charge shall be applied monthly thereafter to the unpaid balance, including any accumulated interest. The monthly interest rate of 1 percent is the same as that generally used commercially in computing charges on delinquent accounts.

After consideration of all relevant matter presented, including that in the notice, the recommendation of the Filbert Control Board, and other available information, it is found and determined that the charges hereinafter set forth are necessary to effectuate other provisions of the order.

It is therefore ordered, That Subpart—Administrative Rules and Regulations (7 CFR 982.432-982.471) be amended by adding a new § 982.461 reading as follows:

§ 982.461 Late payment and interest charges.

The Board shall impose a late payment charge on any handler failing to pay his assessment within 30 days of the billing date shown on the handler's assessment statement received from the Board. Such amount shall be shown on the statement as the "Assessment Due". The late payment charge shall be 5 percent of the unpaid balance of that amount. In the event the handler fails to pay the delinquent amount, including the late payment charge, within 60 days following the billing date, an additional 1 percent interest charge shall be applied monthly thereafter to the unpaid balance, including any accumulated interest. Any amount paid by a handler as assessments, including any charges imposed pursuant to this paragraph, shall be credited when the payment is received in the Board's office.

(Secs. 1-19, 48 Stat. 31, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 601-674)

Dated February 20, 1973, to become effective March 31, 1973.

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

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CHAPTER XVIII—FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL REGULATIONS

[FHA Instruction 236.1]

PART 1800—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Subpart A—Organization and General Functions of the Farmers Home Administration

COUNTY OFFICES

Section 1800.4, Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (31 FR 14109; November 4, 1966), is amended to clarify the composition and functions of county or area committees to agree with existing Farmers Home Administration policies and procedures. As amended, the last sentence of this section is revised to read as follows:

§ 1800.4 County offices.

*** County or area committees, composed of three individuals residing in the county or area, two of whom at the time of appointment shall be farmers deriving the principal part of their income from farming, review applications for certain Farmers Home Administration assistance and make certifications and recommendations with respect to certain loans, grants, debt settlement, and release from personal liability.

(Sec. 339, 75 Stat. 318, 7 U.S.C. 1989; Orders of Acting Secretary of Agriculture, 36 FR 21529; 37 FR 22008)

Effective date. This revision shall become effective on February 26, 1973.

Dated: February 16, 1973.

J. R. HANSON,
Acting Administrator,
Farmers Home Administration.

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Title 9—Animals and Animal Products

CHAPTER III—ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION), DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SUBCHAPTER A—MANDATORY MEAT INSPECTION

PART 318—ENTRY INTO OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS; REINSPECTION AND PREPARATION OF PRODUCTS

Storage in and Distribution From Federally Inspected Establishments of State Inspected Meat Products

Statement of considerations. On March 2, 1972, there was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (37 FR 4356) in accordance