

## THE PRESIDENT

The Trade Act of 1974 requires that the President consider the effect of increased import restraints on the international economic interests of the United States. Since the tariff on iron blue pigments is bound in a trade agreement, the United States would face claims from the European Economic Community and Japan for duty reductions on other products of equal trade value. If agreement were not reached on such compensatory reductions, retaliatory duty increases could be levied against U.S. exports.

This determination is to be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

*Gerald R. Ford*

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# rules and regulations

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## Title 7—Agriculture

### PART 1—ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

#### Adoption of Privacy Act Regulation

On April 1, 1976, a document was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (41 FR 13938) proposing to amend 7 CFR 1.123 by adding another system of records to those exempted from certain sections of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k). Interested parties were given the opportunity to submit, not later than May 3, 1976, written comments on these proposed regulations.

No comments have been received, and the proposed amendment is hereby adopted as set forth below.

Effective date: June 3, 1976.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 28th day of May, 1976.

JOHN A. KNEBEL,  
Acting Secretary.

#### § 1.123 Specific exemptions.

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

FOREST SERVICE

LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION RECORDS,  
USDA/FS-33

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#### SUBTITLE A—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

### PART 2—DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

#### Foreign Buyer Inquiries

Responsibility for handling foreign buyer inquiries regarding quality or weight discrepancies in export shipments of U.S. agricultural commodities.

Part 2, Subtitle A, Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, is amended to delegate responsibility within the Department of Agriculture for handling foreign buyer inquiries regarding quality or weight discrepancies in export shipments of U.S. agricultural commodities, as follows:

1. Section 2.21 is amended by adding a new paragraph (d)(27) to read as follows:

#### § 2.21 Delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs.

(d) Related to foreign agriculture.

(27) Serve as a focal point for handling quality or weight discrepancy inquiries from foreign buyers of U.S. agricultural commodities to insure that they are investigated and receive a timely response and that reports thereof are made to appropriate parties and government officials in order that corrective action may be taken.

2. Section 2.68 is amended by adding a new paragraph (a)(15) to read as follows:

#### § 2.68 Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

(a) Delegations.

(15) Serve as a focal point for handling quality or weight discrepancy inquiries from foreign buyers of U.S. agricultural commodities to insure that they are investigated and receive a timely response and that reports thereof are made to appropriate parties and government officials in order that corrective action may be taken.

These amendments shall become effective June 3, 1976.

Date: May 26, 1976.

For Subpart C:

EARL L. BUTZ,  
Secretary of Agriculture.

For Subpart H:

RICHARD E. BELL,  
Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs.

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[Amdt. 29]

### PART 5—DETERMINATION OF PARITY PRICES

#### Revising Indices of Prices Paid by Farmers Including the Parity Index

The regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to the determination of parity prices (21 F.R. 761, as amended) are further amended to provide for the use of a revised parity index (index of prices paid by farmers, including interest, taxes, and farm wage rates) as the official index for the computation of parity prices beginning May 1976. The revised index and related indices will use updated weights based on the period 1971-73 and will include other modifications made in recognition of the changing economic structure of agriculture.

Since the change in the regulations involved only the use of updated weights and other modifications designed to

achieve an improved result and proposed restructuring was circulated to data users and some modifications were adopted in recognition of their comments, it is hereby found that public participation requirements with respect to this amendment are impracticable and unnecessary.

1. Section 5.1(a) is amended to read as follows:

#### § 5.1 [Amended]

(a) The parity index and related indices for the purpose of calculating parity prices after May 1, 1976, according to the formula contained in section 301(a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 1954, and 1956 (hereinafter referred to as section 301(a)) shall be the index of prices paid by farmers, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates, as revised May 1976 and published in the May 28, 1976, and subsequent issues of the monthly report, "Agricultural Prices." The publication of these indices by the Statistical Reporting Service in the monthly report, "Agricultural Prices", shall be continued.

2. Parity prices and indices heretofore published for periods prior to May 1, 1976, shall not be revised.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 28th day of May 1976.

JOHN A. KNEBEL,  
Acting Secretary.

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

[Navel Orange Regulation 383]

#### PART 907—NAVEL ORANGES GROWN IN ARIZONA AND DESIGNATED PART OF CALIFORNIA

##### Limitation of Handling

##### PREAMBLE

This regulation fixes the quantity of California-Arizona Navel oranges that may be shipped to fresh market during the weekly regulation period June 4-10, 1976. It is issued pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended, and Marketing Order No. 907. The quantity of Navel oranges so fixed was arrived at after consideration of the total available supply of Navel oranges, the quantity currently available for market, the fresh market demand for Navel oranges, Navel orange prices,



and the relationship of season average returns to the parity price for Navel oranges.

### § 907.683 Navel Orange Regulation 383.

(a) *Findings.* (1) Pursuant to the marketing agreement, as amended, and Order No. 907, as amended (7 CFR Part 907), regulating the handling of Navel oranges grown in Arizona and designated part of California, effective under the applicable provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), and upon the basis of the recommendations and information submitted by the Navel Orange Administrative Committee, established under the said amended marketing agreement and order, and upon other available information, it is hereby found that the limitation of handling of such Navel oranges, as hereinafter provided, will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act.

(2) The need for this regulation to limit the respective quantities of Navel oranges that may be marketed from District 1, District 2, and District 3 during the ensuing week stems from the production and marketing situation confronting the Navel orange industry.

(i) The committee has submitted its recommendation with respect to the quantities of Navel oranges that should be marketed during the next succeeding week. Such recommendation, designed to provide equity of marketing opportunity to handlers in all districts, resulted from consideration of the factors enumerated in the order. The committee further reports that the fresh market demand for Navel oranges is still reasonably strong for first grade fruit, while other grades are showing weakness. Prices f.o.b. averaged \$3.20 a carton on a reported sales volume of 991 cartons last week, compared with an average f.o.b. price of \$2.96 per carton and sales of 1,186 cartons a week earlier. Track and rolling supplies at 403 cars were up 33 cars from last week.

(ii) Having considered the recommendation and information submitted by the committee, and other available information, the Secretary finds that the respective quantities of Navel oranges which may be handled should be fixed as hereinafter set forth.

(3) It is hereby further found that it is impracticable and contrary to the public interest to give preliminary notice, engage in public rule-making procedure, and postpone the effective date of this regulation until 30 days after publication hereof in the FEDERAL REGISTER (5 U.S.C. 553) because the time intervening between the date when information upon which this regulation is based became available and the time this regulation must become effective in order to effectuate the declared policy of the act is insufficient, and a reasonable time is permitted, under the circumstances, for preparation for such effective time; and good cause exists for making the provisions hereof effective as hereinafter set forth. The committee held an open meet-

ing during the current week, after giving due notice thereof, to consider supply and market conditions for Navel oranges and the need for regulation; interested persons were afforded an opportunity to submit information and views at this meeting; the recommendation and supporting information for regulation, including its effective time, are identical with the aforesaid recommendation of the committee, and information concerning such provisions and effective time has been disseminated among handlers of such Navel oranges; it is necessary, in order to effectuate the declared policy of the act, to make this regulation effective during the period herein specified; and compliance with this regulation will not require any special preparation on the part of persons subject hereto which cannot be completed on or before the effective date hereof. Such committee meeting was held on June 1, 1976.

(b) *Order.* (i) The respective quantities of Navel oranges grown in Arizona and designated part of California which may be handled during the period June 4, 1976, through June 10, 1976, are hereby fixed as follows:

- (i) District 1: 850,000 cartons;
- (ii) District 2: Unlimited movement;
- (iii) District 3: Unlimited movement.

(2) As used in this section, "handled," "District 1," "District 2," "District 3," and "carton" have the same meaning as when used in said amended marketing agreement and order.

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

Dated: June 2, 1976.

CHARLES R. BRADER,  
Director, Fruit and Vegetable  
Division, Agricultural Market-  
ing Service.

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## CHAPTER XIV—COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### SUBCHAPTER B—LOANS, PURCHASES, AND OTHER OPERATIONS

#### PART 1421—GRAINS AND SIMILARLY HANDLED COMMODITIES

##### Subpart—General Regulations Governing Price Support for the 1976 and Subsequent Crops

###### REVISION

The regulations issued by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) published in 35 FR 7363 and 7781, as amended, and containing the General Regulations Governing Price Support for the 1970 and Subsequent Crops of grains and similarly handled commodities are hereby revised as follows. The material previously appearing in these regulations remains in full force and effect as to the crops to which it was applicable.

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1421.28	ASCS Commodity Office and Data Systems Field Office.

AUTHORITY: Secs. 4 and 5, 62 Stat. 1070, as amended (15 U.S.C. 714 b and c); secs. 101, 105, 107, 301, 401, 405, 63 Stat. 1051, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1441, 1441 note, 1445a, 1447, 1421, 1425).

##### Subpart—General Regulations Governing Price Support for the 1976 and Subsequent Crops

###### § 1421.1 General statement.

This subpart contains the regulations which set forth the general requirements with respect to price support for the 1976 crop and each subsequent crop of barley, corn, oats, rice, rye, sorghums, soybeans, farm-stored peanuts, tung oil, farm-stored flue-cured tobacco, and wheat. Price support shall be made available for a particular crop of any such commodity only if an annual commodity supplement applicable to the crop is issued authorizing a price support program. The regulations in this subpart shall also apply to other commodities to the extent specified in the regulations applicable to such commodities. Farm-storage loans will be evidenced by notes and secured by security agreements and in certain cases, chattel mortgages or financing statements. Warehouse storage loans will be evidenced by notes and security agreements and secured by the pledge of warehouse receipts representing an eligible commodity stored in approved warehouse storage. A producer may sell to CCC any or all of his eligible commodity which is not security for a price support loan by delivering the commodity to CCC or by delivering warehouse receipts representing the commodity in approved warehouse storage. As used in the regulations in this subpart, "CCC" means the Commodity Credit Corporation, and "ASCS" means the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

###### § 1421.2 Administration.

(a) *Responsibility.* The Grains, Oilseeds, and Cotton Division, ASCS, will