

Intergovernmental Review

This program/activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under number 10.422 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, 48 FR 29112, June 24, 1983).

Discussion of Proposed Rule

Under existing B&I program regulations, FmHA may not guarantee loans for agricultural production activities. Such activities are assisted through other programs of FmHA (Farmer Programs) which utilize human and other resources especially suited for assistance to the agricultural production sector. There are several exceptions to the exclusion of agricultural production from B&I assistance. One of these exceptions is for commercial custom feedlots.

Commercial custom feedlot activities are clearly a part of agricultural production. There is no legislative authority supporting the exception permitting B&I assistance.

Additionally, FmHA experience with loans in this area has not been satisfactory. Since 1976, there have been 19 feedlot loan applications or preapplications submitted. Of the 19, 13 were either withdrawn or rejected, often after considerable expenditure of scarce FmHA resources. Six loans have been guaranteed since 1976. Of those, only one remains active. All five others have been closed out, one having failed.

For these reasons, FmHA proposes to delete the exception for commercial custom feedlots, 7 CFR 1980.411(a)(9), and make necessary technical and conforming amendments to subpart E of Part 1980.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1980

Loan programs—business and industry, Rural development assistance, Rural areas.

Therefore, Title 7, Chapter XVIII of the Code of Federal Regulations is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 1980—GENERAL

1. The authority citation for Part 1980 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1989; 7 CFR 2.23; 7 CFR 2.70.

Subpart E—Business and Industrial Loan Program**§ 1980.411 [Amended]**

2. Section 1980.411 is amended by removing paragraph (a)(9) and

re-designating paragraph (a)(10) through (a)(16) as (a)(9) through (a)(5).

3. Section 1980.412 is amended by removing paragraph (e)(15) and redesignating paragraph (e)(6) as (e)(5) and by revising the introductory text of paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 1980.412 Ineligible loan purposes.

(e) For agricultural production which means the cultivation, production (growing), and harvesting, either directly or through integrated operations, of agricultural products (crops, animals, birds, and marine life, either for fiber or food for human consumption), and disposal or marketing thereof, the raising, housing, feeding (including commercial, custom feedlots), breeding, hatching, control, and/or management of farm and domestic animals. Exceptions to this definition are:

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§ 1980.414 [Amended]

4. Section 1980.414(b) is amended by changing the reference "§ 1980.411(a)(13) and (14)" to read "§ 1980.411(a)(12) and (13)."

§ 1980.451 [Amended]

5. Section 1980.451(i)(19) is amended by changing the reference "§ 1980.411(a)(12)" to read "§ 1980.411(a)(11)."

§ 1980.452 [Amended]

6. Section 1980.452, Administrative, paragraph C is amended by changing the reference "§ 1980.411(a)(12)" to read "§ 1980.411(a)(11)".

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Vance L. Clark,
Administrator, Farmers Home Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Food and Drug Administration****21 CFR Part 352**

[Docket No. 76N-0038]

Appropriate Testing Procedures for Over-the-Counter Sunscreen Drug Products; Reopening of Administrative Record; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration.

ACTION: Reopening of the administrative record; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is extending to May 26, 1988, the period for submission

of comments on the testing procedures for determination of the sun protection factor (SPF) value and related claims of over-the-counter (OTC) sunscreen drug products. This action responds to a request to extend the comment period.

DATE: Comments by May 26, 1988.

ADDRESS: Written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, Rm. 4-62, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William E. Gilbertson, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-210), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-295-8000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of September 4, 1987 (52 FR 33598), FDA issued a notice of a public meeting and reopening of the administrative record to discuss final product testing of sunscreen drug products. This notice of a public meeting and reopening of the administrative record is part of the ongoing review of OTC drug products conducted by the agency. The public meeting was held on January 26, 1988, and interested persons were given until April 26, 1988, to submit comments in response to the meeting.

Because of the complexity of the various issues, especially questions relating to statistical analysis, and the need to reconcile the views of a number of interested parties, a manufacturers' association informed the agency that it would not be able to adequately respond before the comment period closes on April 26, 1988. The association, therefore, requested a 30-day extension of the comment period until May 26, 1988, to allow adequate time to assemble the necessary data and other information and to prepare comments in response to the public meeting.

FDA has carefully considered the request and believes an extension of the time period to allow full opportunity for informed comments on the testing procedures is in the public interest. Accordingly, the period for submission of comments is extended to May 26, 1988. Comments may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch (address above) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: April 27, 1988.

John M. Taylor,
Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs.

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