

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

5 CFR Parts 2600, 2636, 2637, and 2638

RINS 3209-AA13, 3209-AA14

Corrections and Updating to Certain Regulations of the Office of Government Ethics

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

ACTION: Final rule; technical amendments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Government Ethics is correcting and updating some of its regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 30, 1993.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is amending certain of its regulations, codified at 5 CFR parts 2600, 2636, 2637, and 2638, to correct a few minor typographical errors and update two authority citations.

Administrative Procedure Act

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 (b) and (d), as Director of the Office of Government Ethics, I find good cause exists for waiving the general notice of proposed rulemaking and 30-day delay in effectiveness as to these minor revisions. The notice and delayed effective date are being waived because these regulations concern matters of agency organization, practice and procedure and because it is in the public interest that correct and up-to-date information be contained in OGE's regulations in time for inclusion in the 1994 edition of title 5 of the CFR, if possible.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

As Director of the Office of Government Ethics, I certify under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) that this rulemaking will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) does not apply because this rulemaking does not contain information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Parts 2600, 2636, 2637, and 2638

Administrative practice and procedure, Conflict of interests,

Government employees, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Approved: December 23, 1993.

Stephen D. Potts,

Director, Office of Government Ethics.

Accordingly, the Office of Government Ethics pursuant to its authority under title IV of the Ethics in Government Act is amending and correcting 5 CFR parts 2600, 2636, 2637, and 2638 as follows:

PART 2600—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 2600 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. (Ethics in Government Act of 1978); E.O. 12674, 54 FR 15159, 3 CFR, 1989 Comp., p. 215, as modified by E.O. 12731, 55 FR 42547, 3 CFR, 1990 Comp., p. 306.

PART 2636—[CORRECTED]

2. The authority citation for part 2636 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. (Ethics in Government Act of 1978); E.O. 12674, 54 FR 15159, 3 CFR, 1989 Comp., p. 215, as modified by E.O. 12731, 55 FR 42547, 3 CFR, 1990 Comp., p. 306.

§ 2636.305 [Corrected]

3. In § 2636.305, the heading of paragraph (b) "Definitions" is revised to read "Definitions".

PART 2637—[AMENDED]

4. The authority citation for part 2637 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. (Ethics in Government Act of 1978); 18 U.S.C. 207 (1988).

PART 2638—[CORRECTED]

5. The authority citation for part 2638 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. (Ethics in Government Act of 1978); E.O. 12674, 54 FR 15159, 3 CFR, 1989 Comp., p. 215, as modified by E.O. 12731, 55 FR 42547, 3 CFR, 1990 Comp., p. 306.

§ 2638.203 [Corrected]

6. In § 2638.203, the cross-reference in paragraph (b)(3) "\$ 2634.604(c)" is revised to read "\$ 2634.605(c)" and the word "effectively" in paragraph (b)(4) is revised to read "effectively".

§ 2638.204 [Amended]

7. In § 2638.204, the respective second cross-references in both paragraphs (a) and (b) "\$ 2634.604(c)(2)" are revised to read "\$ 2634.605(c)(2)".

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 319

[Docket No. 92-177-2]

Importation of Fruits and Vegetables

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are allowing a number of previously prohibited fruits and vegetables to be imported into the United States from certain parts of the world. All of the fruits and vegetables, as a condition of entry, will be subject to inspection, disinfection, or both, at the port of first arrival as may be required by a U.S. Department of Agriculture inspector. In addition, some of the fruits and vegetables will be required to undergo prescribed treatments for fruit flies or other injurious insects as a condition of entry, or to meet other special conditions. This action will provide the United States with additional kinds and sources of fruits and vegetables while continuing to provide protection against the introduction and dissemination of injurious plant pests by imported fruits and vegetables.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 30, 1993.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Frank E. Cooper, Senior Operations Officer, Port Operations, Plant Protection and Quarantine, APHIS, USDA, room 635, Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782, (301) 436-8295.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The regulations in 7 CFR 319.56 through 319.56-8 (referred to below as the regulations) prohibit or restrict the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent the introduction and dissemination of injurious insects that are new to or not widely distributed within and throughout the United States.

On August 10, 1993, we published a document in the *Federal Register* (58 FR 42504-42513, Docket No. 92-177-1) in which we proposed to amend the regulations to allow additional fruits and vegetables to be imported into the United States from certain parts of the world under specified conditions. The importation of those fruits and vegetables had been prohibited because of the risk that the fruits and vegetables