

\$.0706 per kilogram less than the previous value.

An example of the complete assessment formula and how the various figures are obtained is as follows:

One bale is equal to 500 pounds.

One kilogram equals 2.2046 pounds.

One pound equals 0.453597 kilograms.

*One Dollar Per Bale Assessment
Converted to Kilograms*

A 500 pound bale equals 226.8 kg. (500 x .453597).

\$1 per bale assessment equals \$0.002000 per pound (1/500) or \$0.004409 per kg. (1/226.8).

*Supplemental Assessment of 5/10 of
One Percent of the Value of the Cotton
Converted to Kilograms.*

The 2002 calendar year weighted average price received by producers for Upland cotton is \$0.35 per pound or \$0.7716 per kg. (0.35 x 2.2046).

Five tenths of one percent of the average price in kg. equals \$0.003858 per kg. (0.7716 x .005).

Total Assessment

The total assessment per kilogram of raw cotton is obtained by adding the \$1 per bale equivalent assessment of \$0.004409 per kg. and the supplemental assessment \$0.003858 per kg. which equals \$0.008267 per kg.

The current assessment on imported cotton is \$0.008620 per kilogram of imported cotton. The proposed assessment is \$0.008267, a decrease of \$0.000353 per kilogram. This decrease reflects the decrease in the Average Weighted Price of Upland Cotton received by U.S. Farmers during the period January through December 2002.

Since the value of cotton is the basis of the supplemental assessment calculation and the figures shown in the right hand column of the Import Assessment Table 1205.510(b)(3) are a result of such a calculation, the figures in this table have been revised. These figures indicate the total assessment per kilogram due for each Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) number subject to assessment.

A thirty day comment period is provided to comment on the changes to the Cotton Board Rules and Regulations proposed herein. This period is deemed appropriate because this proposal would lower the assessments paid by importers under the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. Accordingly, the change proposed in this rule, if adopted, should be implemented as soon as possible.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1205

Advertising, Agricultural research, Cotton, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble 7 CFR part 1205 is proposed to be amended as follows:

**PART 1205—COTTON RESEARCH
AND PROMOTION**

1. The authority citation for part 1205 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2101–2118.

2. In § 1205.510, paragraph (b)(2) and the table in paragraph (b)(3)(ii) are revised to read as follows:

§ 1205.510 Levy of assessments.

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(b) * * *

(2) The 12-month average of monthly weighted average prices received by U.S. farmers will be calculated annually. Such weighted average will be used as the value of imported cotton for the purpose of levying the supplemental assessment on imported cotton and will be expressed in kilograms. The value of imported cotton for the purpose of levying this supplemental assessment is \$0.8267 per kilogram.

(3) * * *

(ii) * * *

IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE

[Raw Cotton Fiber]

| HTS No. | Conv. fact. | Cents/kg. |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 5201000500 .. | 0 | 0.8267 |
| 5201001200 .. | 0 | 0.8267 |
| 5201001400 .. | 0 | 0.8267 |
| 5201001800 .. | 0 | 0.8267 |
| 5201002200 .. | 0 | 0.8267 |
| 5201002400 .. | 0 | 0.8267 |
| 5201002800 .. | 0 | 0.8267 |
| 5201003400 .. | 0 | 0.8267 |
| 5201003800 .. | 0 | 0.8267 |
| 5204110000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5204200000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205111000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205112000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205121000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205122000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205131000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205132000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205141000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205210020 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205210090 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205220020 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205220090 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205230020 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205230090 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205240020 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205240090 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205310000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205320000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205330000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205340000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |

**IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE—
Continued**
[Raw Cotton Fiber]

| HTS No. | Conv. fact. | Cents/kg. |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 5205410020 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205410090 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205420020 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205420090 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205440020 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5205440090 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5206120000 .. | 0.5556 | 0.4593 |
| 5206130000 .. | 0.5556 | 0.4593 |
| 5206140000 .. | 0.5556 | 0.4593 |
| 5206220000 .. | 0.5556 | 0.4593 |
| 5206230000 .. | 0.5556 | 0.4593 |
| 5206240000 .. | 0.5556 | 0.4593 |
| 5206310000 .. | 0.5556 | 0.4593 |
| 5207100000 .. | 1.1111 | 0.9185 |
| 5207900000 .. | 0.5556 | 0.4593 |
| 5208112020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208112040 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208112090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208114020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208114060 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208114090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208118090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208124020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208124040 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208124090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208126020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208126040 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208126060 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208126090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208128020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208128090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208130000 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208192020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208192090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208194020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208194090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208196020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208196090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208224040 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208224090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208226020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208226060 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208228020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208230000 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208292020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208292090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208294090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208296090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208298020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208312000 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208321000 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208323020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208323040 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208323090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208324020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208324040 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208325020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208330000 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208392020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208392090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208394090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208396090 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208398020 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208412000 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208416000 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208418000 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208421000 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208423000 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |
| 5208424000 .. | 1.1455 | 0.9470 |