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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

5 CFR Part 2641

RIN 3209-AA14

Post-Employment Conflict of Interest Restrictions; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

ACTION: Proposed rule; correction.

SUMMARY: In this document, OGE is correcting a few minor errors in certain sections of the proposed post-employment conflict of interest regulation, which was published by OGE in the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, February 18, 2003.

DATES: Comments on these corrections are invited and must be received on or before May 19, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard M. Thomas, Associate General Counsel, Office of Government Ethics, Suite 500, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3917; Telephone: 202-208-8000; TDD: 202-208-8025; FAX: 202-208-8037.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In this document, OGE is correcting three minor errors in the proposed rule document, which OGE published on February 18, 2003 at 68 FR 7843-7892 (as separate part II), concerning the post-Government employment conflict of interest restrictions of 18 U.S.C. 207 applicable to former executive branch employees. The errors being corrected are as follows: a fifth example following paragraph (g) of proposed § 2641.204 was inadvertently omitted; a note following paragraph (g) of proposed § 2641.205 was mistakenly incorporated into the text of that section as proposed; and some unintended text was included in paragraph (e)(5)(iii)(E) of proposed § 2641.301.

Approved: March 24, 2003.

Amy L. Comstock,

Director, Office of Government Ethics.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Office of Government

Ethics, is correcting the February 18, 2003 publication of the proposed rule on Post-Employment Conflict of Interest Restrictions, which was the subject of FR Doc. 03-3043, as follows:

PART 2641—POST-EMPLOYMENT CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESTRICTIONS

§ 2641.204 [Corrected]

1. On page 7882, in the third column, the examples following paragraph (g) of § 2641.204 are corrected by adding an Example 5 to read as follows:

Example 5 to paragraph (g): A chemist serves in a senior employee position in the Agency for Clean Rivers. Subsequent to his termination from the position, the mission of the Agency for Clean Rivers is expanded and it is renamed the Agency for Clean Water. A number of employees from the Agency for Marine Life are transferred to the reorganized agency. If it is determined that the Agency for Clean Water is substantially the same entity from which the chemist terminated, the section 207(c) bar will apply with respect to the chemist's contacts with all of the employees of the Agency for Clean Water, including those employees who recently transferred from the Agency for Marine Life. He would not be barred from contacting an employee serving in one of the positions that had been transferred from the Agency for Clean Rivers to the Agency for Clean Land.

§ 2641.205 [Corrected]

2. On page 7883, in the second column, the text of paragraph (g) of § 2641.205 is corrected by removing the last sentence and by adding a note following paragraph (g) to read as follows:

Note to paragraph (g): A communication made to an official described in 5 U.S.C. 5312-5316 can include a communication to a subordinate of such official with the intent that the information be conveyed directly to the official and attributed to the former very senior employee.

§ 2641.301 [Corrected]

3. On page 7887, in the first column, the text of paragraph (e)(5)(iii)(E) of § 2641.301 is corrected by removing the parentheses and words "(or deputy or acting head)".

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 28

RIN 0581-AC17

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User Fees for 2003 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is proposing to maintain user fees for cotton producers for 2003 crop cotton classification services under the Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act at the same level as in 2002. This is in accordance with the formula provided in the Uniform Cotton Classing Fees Act of 1987. The 2002 user fee for this classification service was \$1.45 per bale. This proposal would maintain the fee for the 2003 crop at \$1.45 per bale. The proposed fee and the existing reserve are sufficient to cover the costs of providing classification services, including costs for administration and supervision.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this proposed rule to Norma McDill, Deputy Administrator, Cotton Program, AMS, USDA, STOP 0224, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0224. Comments should be submitted in triplicate. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: cottoncomments@usda.gov. All comments should reference the docket number and the date and the page of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the above office in Rm. 2641-South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. A copy of this notice may be found at: www.ams.usda.gov/cotton/rulemaking.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Norma McDill, Deputy Administrator, Cotton Program, AMS, USDA, Room 2641-S, STOP 0224, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-