

Program Agreement. Cooperating Sponsors must submit reports on Form CCC-621 and submit the first report by May 16 for agreements signed during the period, October 1 through March 31, or by November 16 for agreements signed during the period, April 1 through September 30. The first report must cover the time period from the date of signing and subsequent reports must be provided at six months intervals covering the period from the due date of the last report until all funds generated from commodity sales have been distributed and such distribution reported to FAS. The report must contain the following information and include both local currency amounts and U.S. dollar equivalents:

- (i) Quantity and type of commodities sold;
- (ii) Proceeds generated from the sale;
- (iii) Proceeds deposited to the special account including the date of deposit;
- (iv) Interest earned on the special account;
- (v) Disbursements from the special account, including date, amount and purpose of the disbursement; and
- (vi) Any balance carried forward in the special account from the previous reporting period.

(4) The Cooperating Sponsor shall furnish FAS such additional information and reports relating to this agreement as FAS may reasonably request.

**§ 1599.16 What are the Cooperating Sponsor's audit requirements?**

Non-governmental Cooperating Sponsors are subject to the audit requirements of OMB Circular A-133 as implemented in USDA by 7 CFR part 3052, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations." The Cooperating Sponsor is also responsible for auditing the activities of recipient agencies that receive more than \$25,000 of provided commodities or sale proceeds. This responsibility may be satisfied by relying upon independent audits of the recipient agency or upon a review conducted by the Cooperating Sponsor.

**§ 1599.17 When may FAS suspend a program?**

All or any part of the assistance provided under a Program Agreement, including commodities in transit, may be suspended by FAS if:

- (a) The Cooperating Sponsor fails to comply with the provisions of the Program Agreement or this part;
- (b) FAS determines that the continuation of such assistance is no longer necessary or desirable; or
- (c) FAS determines that storage facilities are inadequate to prevent

spoilage or waste, or that distribution of commodities will result in substantial disincentive to, or interference with, domestic production or marketing in the recipient country.

**§ 1599.18 Are there sample documents and guidelines available for developing proposals and reports?**

FAS has developed guidelines to assist the Cooperating Sponsors with effective reporting on program logistics and commodity sales. Cooperating Sponsors may obtain these guidelines from the Director, PPDED.

**§ 1599.19 Has the Office of Management and Budget reviewed the paperwork and record keeping requirements contained in this part?**

The paperwork and record keeping requirements imposed by this part have been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et. seq.*). OMB has assigned control number 0051-0039 for this information collection.

Signed June 16, 2003, in Washington, DC.  
**A. Ellen Terpstra,**

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 9 CFR Parts 71, 82, and 94

[Docket No. 00-107-2]

RIN 0579-AB31

#### **Salmonella Enteritidis Phage-Type 4; Remove Import Restrictions and Salmonella Enteritidis Serotype Enteritidis; Remove Regulations**

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are amending the regulations to remove import restrictions on eggs (other than hatching eggs) of poultry, game birds, and other birds from regions where *Salmonella Enteritidis* phage-type 4 exists. Previously, *Salmonella Enteritidis* phage-type 4 had not been isolated in the United States; therefore, those import restrictions were necessary to help prevent *Salmonella Enteritidis* phage-type 4 from being introduced into this country. However, *Salmonella Enteritidis* phage-type 4 is now known to be present in the United States. This action eliminates restrictions on the

importation of eggs from regions where *Salmonella Enteritidis* phage-type 4 exists. We are also removing our regulations regarding poultry disease caused by *Salmonella Enteritidis* serotype *enteritidis*. These regulations are no longer enforced, and it is necessary to remove them to make our regulations consistent with our enforcement.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 20, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael David, Director, Sanitary International Standards Team, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-3577.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The regulations in 9 CFR part 94 (referred to below as the regulations) govern the importation of specified animals and animal products into the United States in order to prevent the introduction of various animal diseases including *Salmonella Enteritidis* phage-type 4. *S. enteritidis* phage-type 4 is one of several kinds of *Salmonella* bacteria, and it has been isolated and identified as the cause of numerous outbreaks of salmonellosis in poultry in many parts of the world. Additionally, it has become one of the most prevalent serotypes causing salmonellosis in humans. The regulations in subpart C of 9 CFR part 82 contain, in part, restrictions on trade on the interstate movement of eggs from flocks affected with *S. enteritidis* serotype *enteritidis*. *S. enteritidis* phage-type 4 is one of several strains of *S. enteritidis* serotype *enteritidis*.

On December 16, 2002, we published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 77004-77007, Docket No. 00-107-1) a proposal to amend the regulations to remove import restrictions on eggs (other than hatching eggs) of poultry, game birds, and other birds from regions where *S. enteritidis* phage-type 4 exists. We also proposed to remove our regulations regarding poultry disease caused by *S. enteritidis* serotype *enteritidis*.

We solicited comments concerning our proposal for 60 days ending February 14, 2003. We did not receive any comments. Therefore, for the reasons given in the proposed rule, we are adopting the proposed rule as a final rule without change.

##### **Effective Date**

This is a substantive rule that relieves restriction and, pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 533, may be made