

production representing a significantly important segment of the Area No. 2 potato crop, the Committee also believes that the addition of a certified seed producer position will add a fresh perspective to its membership and will provide better representation for the San Luis Valley potato industry. Authority for this action is provided in § 948.53 of the order.

This rule will cause a small increase in the Committee's cost of administering the order. For example, overall costs associated with Committee members' travel to attend meetings will increase due to the additional members requiring compensation. The increased cost, however, should be offset by the non-economic benefits derived by providing a greater number of producers the chance to participate as members of the Committee, as well as the service the increased Committee expertise and diversity will provide to the San Luis Valley potato industry. Regardless, the costs associated with this rule are not expected to be disproportionately greater or less for small producers and handlers than for larger entities.

The Committee discussed alternatives to this change. In considering its goals of providing additional representation in response to the greater production in Saguache County and the significant certified seed potato production throughout the San Luis Valley, the Committee looked at various alternatives to the current method of representation. For example, the Committee considered combining the counties in Area No. 2 into fewer subdivisions, or districts, in order to keep the Committee the same size while providing for greater representation to certain districts. After considerable discussion, however, the Committee determined that the only equitable method of handling the representation problem was to add additional members and leave the current subdivisions unchanged.

This final rule increases the number of member and alternate member positions on the Committee. Since the two-year Committee terms are arranged so that approximately one-half terminate each year, this action will increase by four the number of background statements requiring completion in a two-year period. It is estimated that the time needed to complete the forms by producers who are nominated to serve in the two additional member and two additional alternate member positions will be less than two minutes per response, or a total of 8 minutes, which will not substantially impact the total burden hours. In accordance with the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), these additional information collection requirements have been previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control No. 0581-0178.

As noted in the initial regulatory flexibility analysis, USDA has not identified any relevant Federal rules that duplicate, overlap or conflict with this final rule.

The Committee's meeting was widely publicized throughout the San Luis Valley and all interested persons were invited to attend the meeting and participate in Committee deliberations on all issues. Like all Committee meetings, the March 20, 2003, meeting was a public meeting and all entities, both large and small, were able to express views on this issue.

A proposed rule concerning this action was published in the **Federal Register** on May 30, 2003 (68 FR 32432). Copies of the rule were mailed or sent via facsimile to all Committee members. Finally, the rule was made available through the Internet by the Office of the Federal Register and USDA. A 15-day comment period ending June 16, 2003, was provided to allow interested persons to respond to the proposal. No comments were received.

A small business guide on complying with fruit, vegetable, and specialty crop marketing agreements and orders may be viewed at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/moab.html>. Any questions about the compliance guide should be sent to Jay Guerber at the previously mentioned address in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

After consideration of all relevant matter presented, including information and recommendation submitted by the Committee and other available information, it is hereby found that this rule, as hereinafter set forth, will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

It is further found that good cause exists for not postponing the effective date of this rule until 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** (5 U.S.C. 553) because this rule should be in place promptly so that the Committee can nominate members and alternate members for the two new producer positions as soon as possible. Further, handlers and producers are aware of this rule, which was recommended at a public meeting. Also, a 15-day comment period was provided for in the proposed rule and no comments were received.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 948

Marketing agreements, Potatoes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR Part 948 is amended as follows:

PART 948—IRISH POTATOES GROWN IN COLORADO

■ 1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 948 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

■ 2. In § 948.150, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 948.150 Reestablishment of committee membership.

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(a) Area No. 2 (San Luis Valley): Nine producers and five handlers selected as follows:

- (1) Two (2) producers from Rio Grande County;
- (2) Two (2) producers from either Saguache County or Chaffee County;
- (3) One (1) producer from Conejos County;
- (4) Two (2) producers from Alamosa County;
- (5) One (1) producer from all other counties in Area No. 2;
- (6) One (1) producer representing certified seed producers in Area No. 2;
- (7) Two (2) handlers representing bulk handlers in Area No. 2;
- (8) Three (3) handlers representing handlers in Area No. 2 other than bulk handlers.

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20 CFR Parts 404 and 416

[Regulations Nos. 4 and 16]

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Elimination of Sanctions for Refusal of Vocational Rehabilitation Services Without Good Cause

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are amending our regulations to remove provisions