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■ 3. Section 800.135 (b) is revised to read as follows:

§ 800.135 Who may request appeal inspection services.

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(b) *Kind and scope of request.* An appeal inspection service is limited to the kind and scope of the original or reinspection service; or, in the case of a Board Appeal inspection service, the kind and scope of the appeal inspection service. If the request specifies a different kind or scope, the request shall be dismissed but may be resubmitted as a request for original services: Provided, however, that an applicant for service may request an appeal or Board Appeal inspection of a specific factor(s), official grade and factors, or official criteria. In addition, appeal and Board Appeal inspections for grade may include a review of any pertinent factor(s), as deemed necessary by official personnel. Official criteria are considered separately from official grade or official factors when determining kind and scope. When requested, an appeal inspection for grade, or official factors, and official criteria may be handled separately even though both results are reported on the same certificate. Moreover, an appeal inspection may be requested on the inspection results when both inspection and Class X weighing results are reported on a combination inspection and Class X weight certificate.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Farm Service Agency

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Loan Payments and Collections

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service, and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Agencies are revising their internal loan payment and collections regulations to replace the current regulations. This action is necessary since existing regulations are obsolete and do not accurately reflect the current payment and collections methodologies employed by the Agencies. The intended effect is to simplify and update the regulations; update internal control procedures for safeguarding collections; remove references to the Concentration Banking System (CBS) procedures which were eliminated in November 1997; and to add procedures for new electronic payment methods that are currently in use by the Agencies (Preauthorized Debits, FedWire, Customer Initiated Payments, etc.). These amended regulations are to ensure the Agencies' field offices have current guidance on the payment and collection methods available and how to use them.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 28, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Classification

This action is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12866 since it involves only internal Agency management. This action is not

published for prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act since it involves only internal Agency management and publication for comment is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest.

Programs Affected

The catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance programs impacted by this action are as follows:

- 10.404—Emergency Loans
- 10.405—Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants
- 10.406—Farm Operating Loans
- 10.407—Farm Ownership Loans
- 10.410—Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans
- 10.411—Rural Housing Site Loans and Self-Help Housing Land Development Loans
- 10.415—Rural Rental Housing Loans
- 10.417—Very Low-Income Housing Repair Loans and Grants
- 10.420—Rural Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance
- 10.421—Indian Tribes and Tribal Corporation Loans
- 10.427—Rural Rental Assistance Payments
- 10.760—Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities
- 10.766—Community Facilities Loans and Grants
- 10.767—Intermediary Relending Program
- 10.768—Business and Industry Loans
- 10.770—Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants (Section 306C)
- 10.854—Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants

Intergovernmental Consultation

Programs with Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance numbers 10.405, 10.407, 10.411, 10.415, 10.420, 10.421, 10.427, 10.760, 10.766, 10.767, 10.768, 10.770, and 10.854 are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.

Programs with Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance numbers 10.404, 10.406, 10.410, and 10.417 are excluded from the scope of Executive Order 12372.

Civil Justice Reform

This final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. In accordance with this rule: (1) Unless otherwise specifically provided, all State and local laws and regulations that are in conflict with this rule will be preempted; (2) no retroactive effect will be given to this rule except as specifically prescribed in the rule; and (3) administrative