

§ 1106.7 [Suspended in part]

3. In § 1106.7(b)(1), beginning with the words "of February through August" and continuing until the end of the paragraph are suspended.

§ 1106.13 [Suspended in part]

4. In § 1106.13, paragraph (d)(1) in its entirety is suspended.

Dated: June 28, 1996.

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7 CFR Part 1230

[Docket No. LS-96-001]

Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order—Increase in Importer Assessments

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule; Correction.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service is correcting a final rule published on June 4, 1996, 61 FR 29002 concerning the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order (Order).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 5, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph L. Tapp, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, 202/720-1115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act (Act) of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 4801-4819) and the Order (7 CFR Part 1230) issued thereunder, the final rule increased the amount of the assessment per pound due on imported pork and pork products to reflect an increase in the 1995 five-market average price for domestic barrows and gilts. This action brought the equivalent market value of the live animals from which such imported pork and pork products were derived in line with the market values of domestic porcine animals. These changes will facilitate the continued collection of assessments on imported porcine animals, pork, and pork products.

Need for Correction

The final rule as published contains an error in the chart listing the cents per kilogram assessments for each of the 33 HTS numbers in the table listing assessments for imported pork and pork products. The proposed rule published

in the March 22, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 11777) listed the cents per kilogram assessments correctly.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, in FR Doc 96-13833, published June 4, 1996, on page 28003, in the second column, in § 1230.110, paragraph (b) is corrected to read as follows:

§ 1230.110 [Corrected]

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(b) The following HTS categories of imported pork and pork products are subject to assessment at the rates specified.

Pork and pork products	Assessment	
	Cents/lb.	Cents/kg.
0203.11.0000 ....	.27	.595242
0203.12.1010 ....	.27	.595242
0203.12.1020 ....	.27	.595242
0203.12.9010 ....	.27	.595242
0203.12.9020 ....	.27	.595242
0203.19.2010 ....	.31	.683426
0203.19.2090 ....	.31	.683426
0203.19.4010 ....	.27	.595242
0203.19.4090 ....	.27	.595242
0203.21.0000 ....	.27	.595242
0203.22.1000 ....	.27	.595242
0203.22.9000 ....	.27	.595242
0203.29.2000 ....	.31	.683426
0203.29.4000 ....	.27	.595242
0206.30.0000 ....	.27	.595242
0206.41.0000 ....	.27	.595242
0206.49.0000 ....	.27	.595242
0210.11.0010 ....	.27	.595242
0210.11.0020 ....	.27	.595242
0210.12.0020 ....	.27	.595242
0210.12.0040 ....	.27	.595242
0210.19.0010 ....	.31	.683426
0210.19.0090 ....	.31	.683426
1601.00.2010 ....	.37	.815702
1601.00.2090 ....	.37	.815702
1602.41.2020 ....	.41	.903886
1602.41.2040 ....	.41	.903886
1602.41.9000 ....	.27	.595242
1602.42.2020 ....	.41	.903886
1602.42.2040 ....	.41	.903886
1602.42.4000 ....	.27	.595242
1602.49.200037	.815702
1602.49.400031	.683426

Dated: June 28, 1996.

Lon Hatamiya,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Immigration and Naturalization Service****8 CFR Part 103**

[INS No. 1692-95]

RIN 1115-AD92

Fees Assessed for Defaulted Payments

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) regulations to increase the fee imposed from \$5.00 to \$30.00 when a check submitted to the Service in payment of a fee is not honored by the bank upon which it is drawn. The purpose of this change is to enable the Service to recoup the administrative costs incurred in processing all returned checks and other defaulted payments. This action will result in the Service no longer losing money as a result of bad check activity.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 7, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Allen H. Sinsheimer, Systems Accountant, Debt Collection and Cash Management Branch, Office of Financial Management, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW., Room 6034, Washington, DC 20536, telephone (202) 616-7715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

Changes in the current regulation are needed to make the bad check charge consistent with the actual costs incurred by the Service in processing returned checks and other defaulted payments. The current bad check charge is \$5.00.

The Service has studied the costs incurred by several Administrative Centers attributable to the return of a bad check from a financial institution. The Administrative Center, Dallas and the Administrative Center, Twin Cities were asked to identify each action that must be undertaken and quantify the time and costs involved in processing a bad check. Meaningful and reliable accumulations of the time and expense involved in the average costs of processing each bad check have been gathered by these centers since they process a substantial number of financial transactions each year. For example, three employees at the Administrative Center, Dallas each spend 38 hours each month processing bad checks. Over 900 bad checks are processed each year at the Administrative Center, Dallas. Data from

the processing of over 1,800 bad checks were provided by the Administrative Centers.

As a result of our study, we have determined that the average cost to the Service to process each bad check received is \$30.11. We have rounded off the cost to \$30.00.

The Service notes that the United States Customs Service has recently completed a review of the costs incurred in processing bad checks and has also concluded that a \$30.00 fee for bad checks is appropriate compensation for the costs it incurs in processing bad checks.

On September 28, 1995, at 60 FR 50145, the Immigration and Naturalization Service published a proposed rule with request for comments in the Federal Register, to allow the Service to recoup the administrative costs incurred in processing all returned checks and other defaulted payments. Written comments were requested by November 27, 1995. The Service did not receive any comments to the proposed rule and is amending Section 103.7(a) to make the bad check charge consistent with the actual costs incurred by the Service in processing returned checks and other defaulted payments. Accordingly, the bad check charge is being increased from "\$5.00" to "\$30.00."

Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866

Pursuant to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601, et seq.), and for the reasons stated in the preamble, it is certified that the rule would not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, this rule is not subject to the regulatory analysis or other requirements of 5 U.S.C. 603 and 604. This rule will not result in a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 12612

The regulations adopted herein will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implication to warrant the preparation of a Federal Assessment.

List of Subjects in 8 CFR Part 103

Administrative practice and procedure, Authority delegations (Government agencies), Freedom of information, Privacy, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surety bonds.

Accordingly, part 103 of chapter I of title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 103—POWERS AND DUTIES OF SERVICE OFFICERS; AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE RECORDS

1. The authority citation for part 103 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552, 552(a); 8 U.S.C. 1101, 1103, 1201, 1252 note, 1252(b), 1304, 1356; 31 U.S.C. 9701; E.O. 12356, 47 FR 14874, 15557; 3 CFR, 1982 Comp., p. 166; 8 CFR part 2.

2. Section 103.7 is amended by:

a. Redesignating the text of paragraph (a) following the heading as paragraph (a)(1);

b. Removing in the sixth sentence of newly designated paragraph (a)(1) the term "\$5" and adding in its place the term "\$30.00"; and

c. Removing the seventh sentence of newly designated paragraph (a)(1); and

d. Adding a new paragraph (a)(2), to read as follows:

§ 103.7 Fees.

(a) * * * (1) * * *

(2) A charge of \$30.00 will be imposed if a check in payment of a fee, fine, penalty, and/or any other matter is not honored by the bank or financial institution on which it is drawn. A receipt issued by a Service officer for any such remittance shall not be binding upon the Service if the remittance is found uncollectible. Furthermore, credit for meeting legal and statutory deadlines will not be deemed to have been met if payment is not made within 10 business days after notification by the Service of the dishonored check.

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Dated: April 30, 1996.

Doris Meissner,

Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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8 CFR Part 217

[INS No. 1777-96]

RIN 1115-AB93

Adding Argentina to the List of Countries Authorized to Participate in the Visa Waiver Pilot Program

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: This rule amends the Immigration and Naturalization Service ("Service") regulations by adding Argentina to the list of countries designated to participate in the Visa Waiver Pilot Program (VWPP), thereby permitting nationals of Argentina to apply for admission to the United States for ninety (90) days or less as nonimmigrant visitors for business or pleasure without first obtaining a nonimmigrant visa. This action will facilitate travel to the United States and benefit United States businesses.

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 8, 1996. Written comments must be submitted on or before September 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments, in triplicate, to the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW., Room 5307, Washington, DC 20536.

To ensure proper handling please reference INS number 1777-96 on your correspondence. Comments are available for public inspection at the above address by calling (202) 514-3048 to arrange for an appointment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Graber, Assistant Chief Inspector, Inspections Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street NW., Room 7228, Washington, DC 20536, Telephone number: (202) 616-7496.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 313 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), Public Law 99-603, added section 217 to the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), 8 U.S.C. 1187, which established the VWPP. The VWPP waives the nonimmigrant visa requirement for the admission of certain aliens to the United States for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days. That original provision authorized the participation of eight countries in the Pilot Program. Accordingly, the Service designated by regulations published in the Federal Register, the following eight (8) countries to participate in the VWPP: