

The following findings are hereby made with respect to the Upper Midwest order:

(a) *Findings upon the basis of the hearing record.* Pursuant to the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674), and the applicable rules of practice and procedure governing the formulation of marketing agreements and marketing orders (7 CFR part 900), a public hearing was held upon certain proposed amendments to the tentative marketing agreement and to the order regulating the handling of milk in the Upper Midwest marketing area.

Upon the basis of the evidence introduced at such hearing and the record thereof it is found that:

(1) The Upper Midwest order, as hereby amended, and all of the terms and conditions thereof, will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act;

(2) The parity prices of milk, as determined pursuant to section 2 of the Act, are not reasonable in view of the price of feeds, available supplies of feeds, and other economic conditions which affect market supply and demand for milk in the marketing area, and the minimum prices specified in the order, as hereby amended, are such prices as will reflect the aforesaid factors, insure a sufficient quantity of pure and wholesome milk, and be in the public interest; and

(3) The Upper Midwest order, as hereby amended, regulates the handling of milk in the same manner as, and is applicable only to persons in the respective classes of industrial and commercial activity specified in, a marketing agreement upon which a hearing has been held.

The amendments to these orders are known to handlers. A final partial decision containing the proposed amendments to these orders was issued on September 29, 2005.

The changes that result from these amendments will not require extensive preparation or substantial alteration in the method of operation for handlers. In view of the foregoing, it is hereby found and determined that good cause exists for making these order amendments effective February 1, 2006. It would be contrary to the public interest to delay the effective date of these amendments for 30 days after their publication in the **Federal Register**. (Sec. 553(d), Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 551–559.)

(b) *Determinations.* It is hereby determined that:

(1) The refusal or failure of handlers (excluding cooperative associations specified in Sec. 8c(9) of the Act) of

more than 50 percent of the milk that is marketed within the specified marketing area to sign a proposed marketing agreement tends to prevent the effectuation of the declared policy of the Act;

(2) The issuance of this order amending the Upper Midwest order is the only practical means pursuant to the declared policy of the Act of advancing the interests of producers as defined in the order as hereby amended;

(3) The issuance of the order amending the Upper Midwest order is favored by at least two-thirds of the producers who were engaged in the production of milk for sale in the marketing area.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1030

Milk marketing orders.

#### Order Relative to Handling

■ *It is therefore ordered*, that on and after the effective date hereof, the handling of milk in the Upper Midwest marketing area shall be in conformity to and in compliance with the terms and conditions of the order, as amended, and as hereby further amended, as follows:

#### PART 1030—MILK IN THE UPPER MIDWEST MARKETING AREA

■ The interim final rule amending 7 CFR part 1030 which was published at 70 FR 31321 on June 1, 2005, is adopted as a final rule without change.

Dated: December 5, 2005.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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#### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

#### 12 CFR Part 229

[Regulation CC; Docket No. R–1242]

#### Availability of Funds and Collection of Checks

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**ACTION:** Final rule; technical amendment.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Governors is amending appendix A of Regulation CC to delete the reference to the head office of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and reassign the Federal Reserve routing symbols currently listed under that office to the Windsor Locks office of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. These amendments will ensure that the

information in appendix A accurately describes the actual structure of check processing operations within the Federal Reserve System.

**DATES:** The final rule will become effective on February 25, 2006.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Regulation CC establishes the maximum period a depository bank may wait between receiving a deposit and making the deposited funds available for withdrawal.<sup>1</sup> A depository bank generally must provide faster availability for funds deposited by a local check than by a nonlocal check. A check drawn on a bank is considered local if it is payable by or at a bank located in the same Federal Reserve check processing region as the depository bank. A check drawn on a nonbank is considered local if it is payable through a bank located in the same Federal Reserve check processing region as the depository bank. Checks that do not meet the requirements for local checks are considered nonlocal.

Appendix A to Regulation CC contains a routing number guide that assists banks in identifying local and nonlocal banks and thereby determining the maximum permissible hold periods for most deposited checks. The appendix includes a list of each Federal Reserve check processing office and the first four digits of the routing number, known as the Federal Reserve routing symbol, of each bank that is served by that office for check processing purposes. Banks whose Federal Reserve routing symbols are grouped under the same office are in the same check processing region and thus are local to one another.

As explained in detail in the Board's final rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2004, the Federal Reserve Banks have decided to restructure their check processing services by reducing further the number of locations at which they process checks.<sup>2</sup> The Board issues separate final rules amending appendix A for each phase of the restructuring, and the

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of Regulation CC, the term “bank” refers to any depository institution, including commercial banks, savings institutions, and credit unions.

<sup>2</sup> See 69 FR 57837, September 28, 2004.

amendments set forth in this notice are such final rules.<sup>3</sup>

As part of the restructuring process, the head office of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston will cease processing checks on February 25, 2006. As of that date, banks with routing symbols currently assigned to the Boston head office for check processing purposes will be reassigned to the Boston Reserve Bank's Windsor Locks office. As a result of this change, some checks that are drawn on and deposited at banks located in the affected check processing regions and that currently are nonlocal checks will become local checks subject to faster availability schedules.

To assist banks in identifying local and nonlocal banks, the Board accordingly is amending the lists of routing symbols assigned to First District check processing offices to conform to the transfer of operations from the Boston head office to the Windsor Locks office. To coincide with the effective date of the underlying check processing changes, the amendments are effective February 25, 2006. The Board is providing advance notice of these amendments to give affected banks ample time to make any needed processing changes. The advance notice also will enable affected banks to amend their availability schedules and related disclosures, if necessary, and provide their customers with notice of these changes.<sup>4</sup> The Federal Reserve routing symbols assigned to all other Federal Reserve branches and offices will remain the same at this time. The Board of Governors, however, intends to issue similar notices at least sixty days prior to the elimination of check operations at some other Reserve Bank offices, as described in the September 2004 *Federal Register* document.

#### Administrative Procedure Act

The Board has not followed the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(b) relating to notice and public participation in connection with the adoption of this final rule. The revisions to the appendix are technical in nature, and the routing symbol revisions are required by the statutory and regulatory definitions of

<sup>3</sup> In addition to the general advance notice of future amendments provided by the Board, and the Board's notices of final amendments, the Reserve Banks are striving to inform affected depository institutions of the exact date of each office transition at least 120 days in advance. The Reserve Banks' communications to affected depository institutions are available at <http://www.fbsservices.org>.

<sup>4</sup> Section 229.18(e) of Regulation CC requires that banks notify account holders who are consumers within 30 days after implementing a change that improves the availability of funds.

"check-processing region." Because there is no substantive change on which to seek public input, the Board has determined that the section 553(b) notice and comment procedures are unnecessary.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506; 5 CFR 1320 Appendix A.1), the Board has reviewed the final rule under authority delegated to the Board by the Office of Management and Budget. This technical amendment to appendix A of Regulation CC will delete the reference to the head office of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and reassign the routing symbols listed under that office to the Windsor Locks office of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. The depository institutions that are located in the affected check processing regions and that include the routing numbers in their disclosure statements would be required to notify customers of the resulting change in availability under § 229.18(e). However, because all paperwork collection procedures associated with Regulation CC already are in place, the Board anticipates that no additional burden will be imposed as a result of this rulemaking.

#### List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 229

Banks, Banking, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

#### Authority and Issuance

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Board is amending 12 CFR part 229 to read as follows:

#### PART 229—AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND COLLECTION OF CHECKS (REGULATION CC)

- 1. The authority citation for part 229 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 12 U.S.C. 4001–4010, 12 U.S.C. 5001–5018.

- 2. The First Federal Reserve District routing symbol list in appendix A is revised to read as follows:

#### Appendix A To Part 229—Routing Number Guide to Next-Day Availability Checks and Local Checks

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#### FIRST FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT [Federal Reserve Bank of Boston]

##### Windsor Locks Office:

0110 <sup>1</sup>	2110 <sup>2</sup>
0111	2111
0112	2112
0113	2113

#### FIRST FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT—Continued [Federal Reserve Bank of Boston]

0114	2114
0115	2115
0116	2116
0117	2117
0118	2118
0119	2119
0211 <sup>3</sup>	2211 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The first two digits identify the Federal Reserve District. For example, 01 identifies the First Federal Reserve District (Boston), and 12 identifies the Twelfth District (San Francisco).

<sup>2</sup> Adding 2 to the first digit denotes a thrift institution. For example, 21 identifies a thrift in the First District, and 32 denotes a thrift in the Twelfth District.

<sup>3</sup> Banks in Fairfield County, Connecticut, are members of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and therefore have Second District routing numbers. Their checks, however, are processed by the Windsor Locks office. Thus, checks drawn on banks with 0211 or 2211 routing numbers would not be local checks for Second District depository banks.

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By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting through the Secretary of the Board under delegated authority, December 5, 2005.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2004-19599; Airspace Docket No. 2004-ASW-12]

#### Establishment of Class D Airspace, Modification to Class E; Rogers, AR

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This action establishes the Class D and modifies the Class E airspace area at Rogers Municipal/Carter Field, Rogers, AR (ROG). Establishing an Airport Traffic Control Tower at Rogers Municipal/Carter Field, Rogers, AR, has made this rule necessary. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for aircraft operating in the vicinity of Rogers Municipal/Carter Field, Rogers, AR.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, February 16, 2006.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before January 16, 2006.