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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. APHIS-2007-0157]

#### Karnal Bunt; Removal of Regulated Areas in Texas

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

**ACTION:** Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the Karnal bunt regulations to remove certain areas or fields in Baylor, Knox, Throckmorton, and Young Counties, TX, from the list of regulated areas based on our determination that those fields or areas meet our criteria for release from regulation. The interim rule was necessary to relieve restrictions that are no longer necessary.

**DATES:** Effective on September 5, 2008, we are adopting as a final rule the interim rule published at 73 FR 18701-18703 on April 7, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Matthew H. Royer, Associate Director, Emergency and Domestic Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 26, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234; (301) 734-7819.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

In an interim rule<sup>1</sup> effective and published in the **Federal Register** on April 7, 2008 (73 FR 18701-18703, Docket No. APHIS-2007-0157), we amended the Karnal bunt regulations

contained in Subpart-Karnal Bunt (7 CFR 301.78 through 301.78-10) by removing certain areas or fields in Baylor, Knox, Throckmorton, and Young Counties, TX, from the list of regulated areas in § 301.89-3(g). That action was based on our determination that these fields or areas are eligible for release from regulations under the criteria in § 301.89-3(f). The interim rule relieved restrictions on fields within those areas that were no longer necessary.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before June 6, 2008. We received one comment by that date, from a State agricultural agency. The commenter supported the action taken in the interim rule. Therefore, for the reasons given in the interim rule, we are adopting the interim rule as a final rule without change.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 12372 and 12988, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived its review under Executive Order 12866.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 301

Agricultural commodities, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

#### PART 301—DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICES

■ Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 7 CFR Part 301 and that was published at 73 FR 18701-18703 on April 7, 2008.

Done in Washington, DC, this 29th day of August 2008.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

#### 7 CFR Part 3430

#### Competitive and Noncompetitive Non-formula Grant Programs—General Grant Administrative Provisions and Program-Specific Administrative Provisions for the Specialty Crop Research Initiative

**AGENCY:** Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Interim rule; correction and comment period extension.

**SUMMARY:** The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) published on August 1, 2008, an interim final rule concerning one set of administrative requirements that contain elements common to all of the competitive and noncompetitive non-formula grant programs the Agency administers. That document contained an invalid E-mail address for the submission of comments. This document adds a valid E-mail address and extends the comment period for 30 days.

**DATES:** The comment period for the interim rule published August 1, 2008 (73 FR 44897), effective August 1, 2008, is extended until October 30, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by RIN 0524-AA28, by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*E-mail:* [Policy@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:Policy@csrees.usda.gov). Include Regulatory Information Number (RIN) number 0524-AA28 in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* 202-401-7752.

*Mail:* Paper, disk or CD-ROM submissions should be submitted to Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 2299, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2299.

*Hand Delivery/Courier:* Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2258, Waterfront Centre, 800 9th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

<sup>1</sup> To view the interim rule and the comment we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2007-0157>.