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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

5 CFR Chapter VII

41 CFR Chapters 101, 102, and 105, and Subtitle F

48 CFR Chapters 5 and 61

[EO 013563-OGP-1; Docket 2011-0010; Sequence 1]

Reducing Regulatory Burden; Retrospective Review under E.O. 13563

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA) is requesting public input on how it can best implement the goals of Executive Order (EO) 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review." E.O. 13563 was signed by President Obama on January 18, 2011, calls for an improvement in the creation and review of regulations and the better opportunities for the public to be part of this process. GSA will solicit public input through April 15, 2011, via comments received on a blog located at <http://www.gsa.gov/improvingregulations>. Later this year, GSA expects to release its retrospective review plan.

DATES: Comments will be accepted through April 15, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Office of Travel, Transportation and Asset Management, at (202) 501-1777.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Executive Order 13563 directs each federal agency to consider "how best to promote retrospective analysis of rules that may be outmoded, ineffective, insufficient, or excessively

burdensome." The EO calls on every agency to develop "a preliminary plan, consistent with law and its resources and regulatory priorities, under which the agency will periodically review its existing significant regulations to determine whether such regulations should be modified, streamlined, expanded or repealed to make the agency's regulatory program more effective and or less burdensome in achieving its regulatory objectives."

B. Procedures

Comments on Executive Order 13563 can be posted on a blog located on the Internet at <http://www.gsa.gov/improvingregulations>. To view Executive Order 13563 got to <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> and enter "executive order 13563" in the search box.

Dated: March 17, 2011.

Janet Dobbs,

Director, Office of Travel, Transportation and Asset Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

7 CFR Part 1463

RIN 0560-A112

Tobacco Transition Payment Program; Cigar and Cigarette Per Unit Assessments

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is requesting comments about the calculation of assessments to fund the Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP). Currently the cigar portion of the assessment uses a per unit calculation that treats all cigars, large and small, the same. That policy is under review as the result of a court decision. This review could also affect cigarettes, which are subject to similar provisions.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by May 23, 2011.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comment, please specify RIN 0560-A112 and include the volume, date, and page

number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

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

- **Mail:** Jane Reed, Economic and Policy Analysis Staff, Farm Service Agency, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Mail Stop 0515, Washington, DC 20250-0514.

Comments may be inspected at the above address, in room 3722, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Reed; phone: (202) 720-6782. Persons with disabilities or who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background—TTPP Authority and Existing Regulations

TTPP was enacted in the Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 (FETRA) (7 U.S.C. 518-519a). FETRA was enacted as Title VI of Public Law 108-357. FETRA ended the former tobacco quota program and price supports, and created the 10-year (2005 through 2014) roughly \$10 billion total TTPP. TTPP provides transition payments to certain tobacco producers and farm owners. TTPP is funded by assessments on manufacturers and importers of tobacco products. TTPP is sometimes called the "tobacco buyout" program. It is run by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on behalf of CCC. TTPP regulations are in 7 CFR part 1463.

Scope of This Request for Comments

This notice involves the collection of TTPP assessments, which are authorized in section 625 of FETRA (see 7 U.S.C. 518d). This notice focuses on the "Step B" cigar assessment, explained in greater detail below and addressed in § 1463.7 of the regulations. More specifically, this notice focuses on how those assessments are calculated for cigars, given that cigars vary widely in size, weight, and value but are assessed using a method based on the number of cigars handled.