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products, and only where there is a firm contract for the sale of goods or services for the establishment or improvement of an agriculture-related facility. The contract may be contingent, however, on the issuance of a CCC facility payment guarantee.

(c) *Initial payment requirement.* The contract for sale of goods or services between the exporter and the importer shall oblige the importer to make an initial payment(s) to the exporter of at least 15 percent of the net contract value in §1493.260(b)(1). Such initial payment(s) shall be in U.S. dollars or instruments having a definite value in U.S. dollars, and shall be made prior to the export of the goods or services.

(d) *Required method of payment.* CCC will issue a facility payment guarantee only in connection with a sale in which payment will be made under either:

(1) An irrevocable foreign bank letter of credit specifically stating the deferred payment terms under which the foreign bank is obligated to make payments in U.S. dollars as payments become due; or

(2) An irrevocable foreign bank letter of credit supported by a related obligation specifically stating the deferred payment terms under which the foreign bank is obligated to make payment in U.S. dollars as such payments become due.

(e) *Form of letter of credit.* The foreign bank letter of credit referred to in paragraph (d) of this section shall be an irrevocable commercial letter of credit, subject to the revision of the International Chamber of Commerce Uniform Customs and Practices for Documentary Credits© in effect when the letter of credit is issued, providing for payment in U.S. dollars against stipulated documents and issued in favor of the exporter by a CCC-approved foreign banking institution.

(f) *Form of related obligation.* The related obligation referred to in paragraph (d) of this section shall be in one of the following forms:

(1) A letter of credit including a specific promise to pay on deferred payment terms as a special instruction from the issuing bank directly to the U.S. financial institution to refinance the amounts paid by the U.S. financial institution for obligations financed ac-

ording to the tenor of the letter of credit;

(2) A separate document specifically identified and referred to in the letter of credit as the agreement under which the foreign bank is obligated to repay the U.S. financial institution on deferred payment terms;

(3) A separate document setting forth the related obligation, or in a duly executed amendment thereto, as having been financed by a U.S. financial institution pursuant to, and subject to, repayment in accordance with the terms of such related obligation; or

(4) A promissory note executed by a foreign bank issuing the letter of credit in favor of the financial institution.

**§ 1493.240 Initial application and letter of preliminary commitment.**

(a) *Initial application.* An exporter may apply for a facility payment guarantee by submitting the following information:

(1) A cover sheet with the title: “Application for a Facility Payment Guarantee—Preliminary Commitment”;

(2) The program announcement number;

(3) The emerging market;

(4) The name, contact person, address, and telephone number and, if applicable, facsimile number and E-mail address of:

(i) The exporter;

(ii) The exporter’s registered agent for service of process in the United States;

(iii) The exporter’s assignee, if applicable;

(iv) The importer;

(v) The end-user of the goods or services if other than the importer;

(vi) The foreign bank expected to issue the letter of credit or related obligation; and

(vii) The financial institution in the United States expected to provide financing;

(5) A statement on letterhead from a:

(i) Foreign bank indicating an interest in guaranteeing payment, in U.S. dollars, for goods or services to be exported under the facility payment guarantee at least equal to the net contract value listed in paragraph (a)(14) of this section, less the initial payment

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requirement listed in paragraph (a)(15) of this section; and

(ii) Financial institution in the U.S. indicating an interest in financing the export sales of goods or services under the facility payment guarantee for an amount at least equal to the net contract value listed in paragraph (a)(14) of this section less the initial payment requirement listed in paragraph (a)(15) of this section. The financial institution must state that such financing would not otherwise be available without an FGP payment guarantee;

(6) The period for which credit is being extended to finance the sale of goods or services covered by the facility payment guarantee;

(7) The exporter's sales number pertinent to this application and a description of the status of the intended sale;

(8) A description (e.g., a process flow diagram) of the agriculture-related facility that will use the goods or services to be covered by the facility payment guarantee and an explanation of how these goods and services will be used to improve handling, marketing, processing, storage, or distribution of agricultural commodities or products;

(9) A brief description of each good or service to be covered by the facility payment guarantee including, where applicable, brand name, model number, Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) or the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code, and contract specifications;

(10) The final date for export of goods or services. If applicable, include construction start date, milestones (e.g., installation), and contractual deadline for completion of project;

(11) The contract value for the sale of goods or services and the basis of sale for goods to be exported (e.g., FOB, CFR, CIF);

(12) The description and value of the goods or cost of services listed in paragraph (a)(11) of this section that are not U.S. goods or services;

(13) Identification and cost of, and justification for, those services listed in paragraph (a)(12) of this section for which the exporter requests CCC to provide coverage;

(14) The net contract value in §1493.260(b)(1) obtained by subtracting paragraph (a)(12) of this section from

paragraph (a)(11) of this section, and adding paragraph (a)(13) of this section;

(15) The amount to be paid in accordance with the initial payment requirement (§1493.230(c));

(16) The description and dollar amount of discounts and allowances provided in connection with the sale of goods or services covered by the facility payment guarantee;

(17) The facility base value in §1493.260(b)(2) obtained by subtracting paragraphs (a)(15) and (a)(16) of this section from paragraph (a)(14) of this section;

(18) The maximum guaranteed value under the facility payment guarantee determined by multiplying the facility base value listed in paragraph (a)(17) of this section by the guarantee rate of coverage announced by CCC in §1493.260(b)(3);

(19) A map or other description of the facility's location and distance from major population centers of neighboring countries;

(20) For all principal agricultural commodities or products (inputs) to be handled, marketed, processed, stored, or distributed, by the proposed project after completion, provide:

(i) A list or table identifying such principal inputs;

(ii) The likely countries of origin for each input;

(iii) Estimated annual quantities, in metric tons, of each input listed in paragraph (a)(20)(i) of this section to be used by the project for five years from the final date of export or until the expiration of the facility payment guarantee, whichever comes first; and

(iv) An analysis, including price, cost, and other assumptions (the reasons why U.S. agricultural commodities or products will be more competitive inputs than commodities or products from other sources, and whether the projected use of U.S. agricultural commodities or products depends on the availability of U.S. export bonus or credit guarantee programs), of which inputs listed in paragraph (a)(20)(i) of this section will represent increased imports of U.S. agricultural commodities or products;

(A) To a greater degree than imports of agricultural commodities or products from other countries;

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(B) To or at levels significantly above those expected in the absence of the project; and

(C) For a period of five years from the final date of export or until expiration of the facility payment guarantee, whichever comes first.

(21) If applicable, a list of agricultural outputs or final products of the proposed project and:

(i) Projected annual quantities (for five years or until the expiration of the facility payment guarantee, whichever comes first), in metric tons, of each output to be marketed;

(A) Within the emerging market; and

(B) In any other country;

(ii) Quantities, by country of origin, of products imported into the emerging market during the past year which would compete with such outputs; and

(iii) An analysis of whether products of the project will significantly displace U.S. exports of similar agricultural commodities or products in any market;

(22) If applicable, a description of any arrangements or understandings with other U.S. or foreign government agencies, or with financial institutions or entities, private or public, providing financing to the exporter in connection with this export sale, and copies of any documents relating to such arrangements;

(23) A description of the exporter's experience selling goods or providing services similar to those for which the exporter seeks to obtain facility payment guarantee coverage;

(24) A statement of how this project may encourage privatization of the agricultural sector, or benefit private farms or cooperatives, in the emerging market. Include in the statement the share of private sector ownership of the project;

(25) The exporter's signature.

(b) *Application fee.* The exporter shall pay the application fee specified in the program announcement at the time the application is submitted. An application will not be considered without payment of the specified fee. The application fee is nonrefundable.

(c) *Letter of preliminary commitment.* CCC will determine whether, in its judgment, the project in connection with which the exporter seeks a facil-

ity payment guarantee is likely to increase exports of U.S. agricultural commodities or products to an emerging market; and whether the project is likely to benefit primarily U.S. agricultural commodities or products as opposed to commodities or products originating in other countries. If necessary, CCC may seek additional information from an applicant prior to making its determination. If CCC determines that an application meets these standards and appears to represent, in CCC's judgment, the best use of available resources, CCC will respond to the applicant with a letter of preliminary commitment indicating CCC's interest in issuing a facility payment guarantee conditioned on its approval of the exporter's final application.

**§ 1493.250 Final application and issuance of a facility payment guarantee.**

(a) *Final application.* An exporter who has received a letter of preliminary commitment may, within six months of the date of such letter, submit a final application to CCC for a facility payment guarantee which shall include the following information:

(1) A cover sheet with the title: "Application for a Facility Payment Guarantee—Final Commitment."

(2) A letterhead statement from the importer's bank or other documentation confirming the importer has the financial ability to comply with the initial payment requirement in §1493.230(c);

(3) Written evidence of a firm sale signed by the exporter and the importer, specifying at minimum, the following information: Goods or services to be exported, quantities of such items, delivery terms (e.g., FOB, CFR, CIF), delivery period(s), contract value, payment terms, and date of sale. A sales contract may be contingent upon obtaining a facility payment guarantee;

(4) A description of any changes in the information submitted in the preliminary application; and

(5) The exporter's signature;

(b) *Additional information.* CCC shall have the right to request the exporter to furnish any other information and