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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 27

[Doc. No. AMS-CN-22-0061]

Redefining Bona Fide Cotton Spot Markets

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Technical amendment.

SUMMARY: On August 1, 2023, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) published a rule amending the regulation that redefines two of the seven designated spot markets and changing the names of the affected markets. The amendatory language in this rule did not provide instructions necessary to effectuate the changes in the Code of Federal Regulations. This action corrects the names and definitions of the two affected cotton spot markets.

DATES: Effective October 6, 2023.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A final rule published in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2023 (88 FR 49993) revised the regulations concerning bona fide spot market definitions, redefining which counties and states compose each of these spot markets. Specifically, the rule removed the terms “East Texas and Oklahoma” and “West Texas”, and added the terms “East Texas and South Texas” and “West Texas, Kansas, and Oklahoma.” Furthermore, the rule removed the definitions of “East Texas and Oklahoma” and “West Texas” and added the definitions of “East Texas and South Texas” and “West Texas, Kansas, and Oklahoma” in their place. This

action corrects the names and definitions of the two spot markets.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 27

Commodity futures, Cotton.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Agricultural Marketing Service amends 7 CFR part 27 with the following technical amendment:

PART 27—[Amended]

■ 1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 27 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 15b, 7 U.S.C. 473b, 7 U.S.C. 1622(g).

■ 2. Amend § 27.93:

■ a. Revising the introductory paragraph of the extract;

■ b. By removing the definitions of “East Texas and Oklahoma” and “West Texas” and;

■ c. By adding the definitions of “East Texas and South Texas” and “West Texas, Kansas, and Oklahoma” in their place.

The additions and revision read as follows:

§ 27.93 Bona fide spot markets.

The following markets have been determined, after investigation, and are hereby designated to be bona fide spot markets within the meaning of the act:

Southeastern; North Delta; South Delta; East Texas and South Texas; West Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma; Desert Southwest; and San Joaquin Valley. Such markets will comprise the following areas:

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East Texas and South Texas

Texas counties east of and including Montague, Wise, Parker, Erath, Comanche, Mills, San Saba, Mason, Sutton, Edwards, Kinney, Maverick, Webb, Zapata, Star, and Hidalgo counties.

West Texas, Kansas, and Oklahoma

All counties in Kansas and Oklahoma, all Texas counties not included in the East Texas, South Texas, and Desert Southwest Markets, and the New

Mexico counties of Union, Quay, Curry, Roosevelt, and Lea.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SBA-2023-0012]

13 CFR Part 120

ALP Express Pilot Program

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Notification of ALP Express Pilot Program.

SUMMARY: SBA is introducing a new pilot loan program (ALP Express Pilot) to provide to Certified Development Companies (CDCs) participating in the Accredited Lenders Program (ALP) increased delegated authority for 504 loans of \$500,000 or less. These increased delegated authorities (ALP Express authority) were previously authorized under the Economic Aid to Hard-hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (Economic Aid Act), but they expire on September 30, 2023. SBA will evaluate the use of the ALP Express Pilot and will make a recommendation to Congress as to whether these increased authorities should become permanent. SBA will limit the number of ALP Express Pilot loans to not more than fifteen percent (15%) of the total dollar amount of 504 loans made in any fiscal year.

DATES:

Availability date: The ALP Express Pilot is available on October 1, 2023, and will remain in effect for up to two years, but not to extend beyond September 30, 2025.

Comment date: Send comments by December 5, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by SBA docket number SBA-2023-0012, by any of the following methods:

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

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