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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

7 CFR Part 1530

Sugar Re-Export Program, the Sugar-Containing Products Re-Export Program, and the Polyhydric Alcohol Program

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) is withdrawing the proposed rule published at 70 FR 3150 on January 21, 2005, to implement Chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), Additional U.S. Note 6, which authorizes entry of raw cane sugar under subheading 1701.11.20 of the HTS for the production of polyhydric alcohols, except polyhydric alcohols for use as a substitute for sugar in human food consumption, or to be refined and re-exported in refined form or in sugar-containing products, or to be substituted for domestically produced raw cane sugar that has been or will be exported. The proposed rule would have revised the current regulation at 7 CFR part 1530.

DATES: Effective date: May 4, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald C. Lord, Chief, Sugar and Dairy Branch, Import Programs and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture or by phone (202) 720-2916; or by fax (202) 720-0876; or by e-mail: Ronald.Lord@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The U.S. and Mexican sugar markets have become increasingly integrated since duty-free, quota-free trade in sugar was fully implemented on January 1, 2008 under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). FAS is withdrawing this proposed rule because

market conditions have changed. FAS intends to publish an advance notice of proposed rulemaking concerning trade under the Sugar Re-Export Program with Mexico, requesting comments on revisions to the regulation, in particular with respect to issues not fully addressed in previous comments on the proposed rule that is being withdrawn by this action.

Signed at Washington, DC on the 26th of April, 2010.

John D. Brewer,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

12 CFR Part 956

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

12 CFR Part 1267

RIN 2590-AA32

Federal Home Loan Bank Investments

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Agency, Federal Housing Finance Board.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) is proposing to re-organize and re-adopt existing investment regulations that apply to the Federal Home Loan Banks (Banks) and that were previously adopted by the Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) as new part 1267 of the FHFA's regulations. FHFA is also proposing to incorporate into the new part 1267 limits on the Banks' investment in mortgage-backed securities (MBS) and certain asset-backed securities (ABS) that are now set forth in the Financial Management Policy (FMP) that had been issued by the Finance Board. If the proposed rule is adopted in its current form, FHFA expects to terminate the FMP as of the effective date of the new rule.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before July 6, 2010. For additional information, see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments on the proposed rule,

identified by regulatory information number (RIN) 2590-AA32 by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Comments to Alfred M. Pollard, General Counsel, may be sent by e-mail to RegComments@FHFA.gov. Please include "RIN 2590-AA32" in the subject line of the message.
- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. If you submit your comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal, please also send it by e-mail to FHFA at RegComments@FHFA.gov to ensure timely receipt by the agency. Please include "RIN 2590-AA32" in the subject line of the message.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* The hand delivery address is: Alfred M. Pollard, General Counsel, Attention: Comments/RIN 2590-AA32, Federal Housing Finance Agency, Fourth Floor, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552. The package should be logged at the Guard Desk, First Floor, on business days between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- *U.S. Mail, United Parcel Service, Federal Express, or Other Mail Service:* The mailing address for comments is: Alfred M. Pollard, General Counsel, Attention: Comments/RIN 2590-AA32, Federal Housing Finance Agency, Fourth Floor, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis Scalza, Associate Director, 202-408-2953, Division of Federal Home Loan Bank Regulation, Federal Housing Finance Agency, 1625 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006; or Thomas E. Joseph, Senior Attorney-Advisor, 202-414-3095, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, Fourth Floor, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552. The telephone number for the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf is (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Comments

FHFA invites comments on all aspects of the proposed rule, and will adopt a final regulation with appropriate changes after taking all comments into consideration. Copies of all comments will be posted on the Internet Web site at <https://www.fhfa.gov>. In addition, copies of all comments received will be available for examination by the public on business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Federal