

handling of almonds grown in California shall be in conformity to, and in compliance with, the terms and conditions of the said Order as hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

The provisions of the proposed marketing order amending the Order contained in the proposed rule issued by the Administrator and published in the **Federal Register** (88 FR 25559) on April 27, 2023, will be and are the terms and provisions of this order amending the Order and are set forth in full herein.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 981

Marketing agreements, Nuts, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Agricultural Marketing Service proposes to amend 7 CFR part 981 as follows:

PART 981—ALMONDS GROWN IN CALIFORNIA

■ 1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 981 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

■ 2. Revise § 981.4 to read as follows:

§ 981.4 Almonds.

Almonds means (unless otherwise specified) all varieties of almonds (except bitter almonds), either shelled or unshelled, grown in the State of California, and, for the purposes of research includes almond biomass.

■ 3. Add § 981.4a to read as follows:

§ 981.4a Almond Biomass.

Almond Biomass means the hulls, shells, and skins of harvested almonds and woody biomass derived from almond trees (e.g. tree limbs, bark, prunings).

■ 4. Revise the first sentence of § 981.6 to read as follows:

§ 981.6 Shelled almonds.

Shelled almonds mean almonds after the shells are removed and includes any form those almonds might take. * * *

■ 5. Revise § 981.32(b)(2) to read as follows:

§ 981.32 Nominations.

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(b) * * *

(2) Each handler may vote for a nominee for each position representing the group to which the handler belongs. Each handler vote shall be weighted by the quantity of almonds (kernel weight basis computed to the nearest whole ton) handled for the handler's own account through March 31 of the crop year in which nominations are made.

The nominee for each position shall be the person receiving the highest weighted vote for the position.

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§ 981.41 [Amended]

■ 6. Amend § 981.41(b) by removing the word “Control”.

§ 981.42 [Amended]

■ 7. Amend the second sentence of § 981.42(a) by removing the words “accepted crushers, feed manufacturers, or feeders” and adding, in their place, “approved accepted users.”

§ 981.49 [Amended]

■ 8. Amend § 981.49 by replacing the word “August” with “September”.

■ 9. Amend § 981.59 (a) by removing the word “Control”.

■ 10. Amend § 981.81 by:

■ a. Revising the third and fourth sentences in paragraph (b);

■ b. Revising the first sentence in paragraph (c); and

■ c. Adding paragraph (f).

The revisions and addition read as follows:

§ 981.81 Assessment.

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(b) * * * Any amounts not credited pursuant to § 981.41 for a crop year may be used by the Board for its marketing promotion expenses of the succeeding crop year, and any unexpended portion of those amounts at the end of that crop year shall be retained in the operating reserve fund. Any funds of the operating reserve fund in excess of the level authorized pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section shall be refunded to handlers or used to reduce the assessment rate of the subsequent crop year, as the Board may determine.

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(c) *Reserves.* The Board may maintain an operating reserve fund which shall not exceed approximately six-months' expenses or such lower amount as the Board may establish with the approval of the Secretary: *Provided*, That this limitation shall not restrict the temporary retention of excess funds for the purpose of stabilizing or reducing the assessment rate of a crop year. * * *

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(f) *Advanced Assessments and Commercial Loans.* To provide funds for the administration of the programs during the part of a crop year when neither sufficient operating reserve funds nor sufficient revenue from assessment on the current season's receipts are available, the Board may accept payment of handler assessments in advance of the date when due or may

borrow funds from a commercial lending institution for such purposes.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Parts 20, 30, and 51

[NRC–2023–0071]

RIN 3150–AL00

Regulatory Framework for Fusion Systems

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Availability of preliminary proposed rule language; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering amending its byproduct material regulations to establish a regulatory framework for fusion systems. The NRC is making available preliminary proposed rule language for a limited-scope, technology-inclusive framework that will be added to NRC's regulations in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. The NRC plans to hold public meetings in October and November 2023, to promote understanding of the preliminary proposed rule and facilitate transparency in its public rulemaking process.

DATES: The NRC plans to hold a series of public meetings on October 11, 2023, November 1, 2023, and November 9, 2023. See Section II, “Preliminary Proposed Rule Language and Public Meetings,” of this document for more information on the meetings.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID Docket ID NRC–2023–0071 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2023–0071. Address questions about NRC Docket IDs to Dawn Forder; telephone: 301–415–3407; email: Dawn.Forder@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly

available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, at 301–415–4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

- **NRC’s PDR:** The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On January 14, 2019, the President signed into law the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA), Public Law 115–439, 132 Stat. 5565. Among other things, NEIMA directs the NRC to develop and establish, by December 31, 2027, a regulatory framework for fusion reactors.

In response to NEIMA and the continued development of fusion technologies, the Commission directed the NRC staff to proceed with a limited scope rulemaking in a staff requirements memorandum (SRM) dated April 13, 2023, SRM–SECY–23–0001 (ADAMS Accession No. ML23103A449), associated with SECY–23–0001, “Options for Licensing and Regulating Fusion Energy Systems,” dated January 3, 2023 (ADAMS Accession No. ML22273A163). The NRC is proposing to amend its regulations at part 30, “Rules of General Applicability to Domestic Licensing of Byproduct Material,” in title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) to implement a regulatory framework for fusion systems. The NRC also is

proposing similar changes to its regulations at 10 CFR part 20, “Standards for Protection Against Radiation,” and part 51, “Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions.”

II. Preliminary Proposed Rule Language and Public Meetings

The NRC is developing preliminary proposed rule language to provide for the licensing and oversight of the broad array of fusion systems currently under development. The proposed rule would amend 10 CFR parts 20, 30, and 51. The scope of this rulemaking is to augment NRC’s byproduct material framework to address licensing requirements for fusion systems that may be deployed in the near-term. The NRC will propose appropriate fusion-related definitions, requirements for the content of a licensing application, and other appropriate requirements.

The current preliminary proposed rule language is available on the Federal rulemaking website at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC–2023–0071. The ADAMS accession number for the current preliminary proposed rule text is ML23258A145. This preliminary proposed rule language is draft and may be incomplete in one or more respects; however, the NRC welcomes discussion with stakeholders at the public meetings to inform the NRC’s rulemaking activity. The NRC may release additional preliminary proposed rule language throughout the development of the proposed rule.

The NRC plans to hold public meetings on October 11, 2023, November 1, 2023, and November 9, 2023. The meetings are noticed in the NRC’s Public Meeting Notice System. The NRC is providing preliminary proposed rule language to increase transparency and to facilitate discussions with stakeholders on the regulatory framework for fusion systems. Please monitor the NRC’s Public Meeting Notice System website at <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg> as the NRC may post materials for the public meetings at any time before to the start of each public meeting.

The NRC will post materials related to this rulemaking on the Federal rulemaking website at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC–2023–0071. Please monitor the docket on <https://www.regulations.gov> and use the following information to sign up for docket alerts. The Federal rulemaking website allows you to receive alerts when changes or additions occur in a docket folder. To subscribe:

(1) navigate to the docket folder (NRC–2023–0071); (2) click the “Sign up for Email Alerts” link; and (3) enter your email address and select how frequently you would like to receive emails (daily, weekly, or monthly).

Dated: September 29, 2023.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 1, 21, 22, 36, 43, 45, 61, 65, 91, and 119

[Docket No.: FAA–2023–1377; Notice No. 23–10]

RIN 2120–AL50

Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This action extends the comment period for the NPRM titled “Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification,” that was published on July 24, 2023. In that document, the FAA proposed to amend rules for the manufacture, certification, operation, maintenance, and alteration of light-sport aircraft. The proposed amendments would enable enhancements in safety and performance and would increase privileges under a number of sport pilot and light-sport aircraft rules. These enhancements include increasing suitability for flight training, limited aerial work, and personal travel. This proposed rule would expand what aircraft sport pilots may operate. The NPRM also proposed to amend the special purpose operations for restricted category aircraft; amend the duration, eligible purposes, and operating limitations for experimental aircraft; and add operating limitations applicable to experimental aircraft engaged in space support vehicle flights to codify statutory language. The FAA is extending the comment period for this NPRM to allow commenters additional time to analyze the proposed rule and prepare a response.