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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 984

[Doc. No. AMS–SC–21–0077; SC21–984–4]

Walnuts Grown in California; Notification of Moratorium

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notification.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing a six-month moratorium on the enforcement of mandatory inspection requirements under the Federal marketing order for California walnuts.

DATES: This enforcement moratorium began September 1, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the marketing order may be obtained from the office 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 305, Portland, OR 97204; Telephone: (503) 326–2724; or the Office of the Docket Clerk, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; Telephone: (202) 720–2491; or on the internet <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joshua R. Wilde or Gary D. Olson, West Region Branch, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 305, Portland, OR 97204; Telephone: (503) 326–2724, or Email: Joshua.R.Wilde@usda.gov or GaryD.Olson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Marketing Agreement and Order No. 984, as amended (7 CFR part 984), hereinafter referred to as the “Order,” and applicable provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674), hereinafter referred to as the “Act,” it is hereby announced that a six-month moratorium on the enforcement of

mandatory inspection requirements under the Federal marketing order for California walnuts is effectuated beginning September 1, 2021. This moratorium also includes inspection requirements on walnuts imported into the United States under section 608e of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended.

The six-month moratorium will also affect the California Walnut Board’s (CWB) collection of assessments from domestic handlers under the marketing order. While the moratorium is in effect, the CWB will be unable to collect assessments to finance its operational activities. Instead, the CWB will be able to employ financial practices authorized by the marketing order, which may include utilizing borrowing authority, using its financial reserves, and accepting voluntary contributions.

The moratorium is based on discussions with industry about market disruptions associated with the COVID–19 pandemic, such as labor and transportation interruptions and ongoing tariff issues. The combination of these issues is adversely affecting market conditions across the California walnut industry.

Through this notification, USDA is informing stakeholders, including the Dried Fruit Association; the California Department of Food and Agriculture; U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and walnut producers, handlers, and importers that USDA is exercising its discretion to issue the six-month moratorium on the enforcement of mandatory inspection requirements.

The moratorium will remain in place for six months beginning September 1, 2021. If, during the moratorium, the CWB will submit a proposal for formal rulemaking to address inspection requirements in the marketing order. USDA may extend the moratorium until resolution of the rulemaking process.

USDA’s role of overseeing the CWB and the Order’s operations will continue uninterrupted during the moratorium.

Erin Morris,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Part 9

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Rulemaking and Guidance Procedures

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education.

ACTION: Final regulations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) rescinds the Department’s Rulemaking and Guidance Procedures interim final rule (IFR).

DATES: This rule is effective September 29, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: This regulatory action rescinds the Rulemaking and Guidance Procedures IFR and removes 34 CFR part 9.

The Department published the IFR on October 5, 2020 (85 FR 62597), to codify procedures relating to the issuance of rulemaking and guidance documents. The IFR followed Executive Order 13891, “Promoting the Rule of Law Through Improved Agency Guidance Documents,” issued on October 9, 2019. 84 FR 55235. That Executive Order called for Federal agencies, including the Department, to finalize or amend regulations to set forth processes and procedures for issuing guidance documents, consistent with the order. The IFR became effective on November 4, 2020. 85 FR 62597.

In the IFR, the Department established an internal process for the Department’s development of regulations, under which the Secretary establishes a Regulatory Reform Task Force (RRTF), designates the members of the RRTF, and identifies the Department’s Regulatory Reform Officer (RRO), in accordance with Executive Order 13777. 34 CFR 9.5. Section 9.7 of the IFR describes steps that the Department