Justification of Change Worksheet

Specified Commodities Imported into the United States

Exempt from Import Regulations

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Section 608e of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (7 U.S.C. §§ 601-674) requires that whenever USDA issues grade, size, quality, or maturity regulations under Federal marketing orders for domestic products, the same or comparable regulations must be used for imported commodities. Importers seeking exemption from inspection on imported commodities may file form SC-6. An accompanying form being modified is the SC-7, Civil Penalty Stipulation Agreement, that USDA completes in instances when it seeks to settle an importer’s non-compliance in exchange for the payment of a fine.

The current version of the SC-7 form indicates in Section II titled “Stipulation Offer (to be completed by AMS Official)” that the civil penalty for non-compliance is not more than $1,100 per violation, based on Title 7, U.S.C. §§ 601-674. Because the dollar amount recently changed, we request OMB’s permission to delete reference to the dollar amount to ensure the form remains current in the future. The burden related to the SC-7 form continues to be the time needed for the importer to write their signature.