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TITLE 5 - GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND EMPLOYEES

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**Sec. 553. Rule making**

(a) This section applies, according to the provisions thereof, except to the extent that there is involved –

- (1) a military or foreign affairs function of the United States; or
- (2) a matter relating to agency management or personnel or to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts.

(b) **General notice of proposed rule making shall be published in the Federal Register**, unless persons subject thereto are named and either personally served or otherwise have actual notice thereof in accordance with law. The notice shall include –

- (1) a statement of the time, place, and nature of public rule making proceedings;
- (2) reference to the legal authority under which the rule is proposed; and
- (3) either the terms or substance of the proposed rule or a description of the subjects and issues involved.

Except when notice or hearing is required by statute, this subsection does not apply -

(A) to interpretative rules, general statements of policy, or rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice; or

(B) when the agency for good cause finds (and incorporates the finding and a brief statement of reasons therefor in the rules issued) that notice and public procedure thereon are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.

(c) **After notice required by this section, the agency shall give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making** through submission of written data, views, or arguments with or without opportunity for oral presentation. After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the agency shall incorporate in the rules adopted a concise general statement of their basis and purpose. When rules are required by statute to be made on the record after opportunity for an agency hearing, sections 556 and 557 of this title apply instead of this subsection.

(d) The required publication or service of a substantive rule shall be made not less than 30 days before its effective date, except -

- (1) a substantive rule which grants or recognizes an exemption or relieves a restriction;
- (2) interpretative rules and statements of policy; or
- (3) as otherwise provided by the agency for good cause found and published with the rule.

(e) Each agency shall give an interested person the right to petition for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 383.)



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RegInfo.gov is a United States Government website produced by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the General Services Administration (GSA).

GSA's Regulatory Information Service Center (RISC) is responsible for gathering and publishing information on Federal regulations through the semiannual Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions and the annual Regulatory Plan, both required by Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review."

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act and Executive Order 12866, OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) reviews Federal regulations and information collections. OIRA also develops and oversees the implementation of government-wide policies on information technology, information quality, privacy, and statistics.

## Unified Agenda and Regulatory Plan

The Unified Agenda and Regulatory Plan provide uniform reporting of data on regulatory and deregulatory actions under development throughout the Federal Government, covering over 60 departments, agencies, and commissions.

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- [Current and Past Agendas and Plans and How to Use Them](#)

## EO 12866 Regulatory Review

Executive Order 12866 directs agencies to follow certain principles in rulemaking, such as consideration of alternatives and analysis of benefits and costs, and describes OIRA's role in the rulemaking process.

- [Current and Past Regulatory Reviews](#)
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## Information Collection Review

The Paperwork Reduction Act requires that agency information collections minimize duplication and burden on the public, have practical utility, and support the proper performance of the agency's mission.

- [Inventory of Approved Information Collections, Collections Under Review, Recently Approved/Expired](#)
- [Other OIRA Information About Paperwork Requirements](#)

## Public Comment on Federal Rulemaking

- [Regulations.gov](#) (Find, review, and submit comments on proposed regulations)

## E-Forms for Doing Business with the Government

- [Forms.gov](#) (Links to Federal agency forms)

OMB Recommendations for a New Executive Order on Regulatory Review (*Public comments on OMB Recommendations*)

### Related Resources

- [The Reg Map](#) (*an overview of the "informal rulemaking" process*)
- [Federal Register](#) (*The US Government's legal newspaper*)
- [Code of Federal Regulations](#) (*Codification of agencies' rules published in the Federal Register*)
- [Electronic Code of Federal Regulations \(e-CFR\)](#)
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- [EO 13045, Protection of Children From Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks](#)
- [EO 13132, Federalism](#)
- [EO 13175, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments](#)
- [EO 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use](#)
- [EO 13272, Proper Consideration of Small Entities in Agency Rulemaking](#)

## Congress and Federal Legislation

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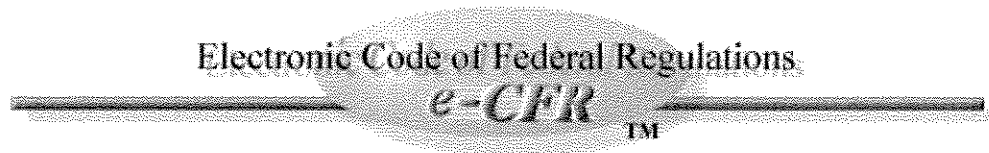
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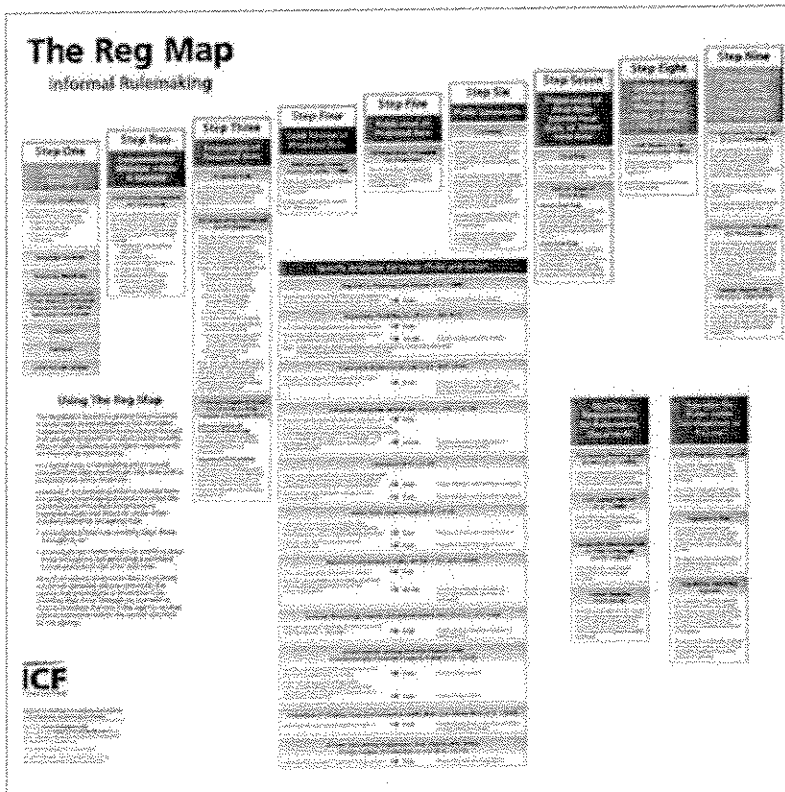
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The Reg Map is a chart that gives an overview of the "informal rulemaking" process. Paper copies are available at no cost from ICF Consulting. [Order a paper copy]

To read individual sections of the Reg Map, click on the headings shown below, or click on the individual sections of the Reg Map. To view an enlargement of the entire Map, click on a blank portion of the image.

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## Current Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions

The Regulatory Information Service Center (RISC) was created in June 1981. The Center undertakes projects that will facilitate development of and access to information about Federal regulatory and deregulatory activities. It accomplishes this by gathering and publishing information on Federal regulations and their effects on society. The Center provides this information to the President, Congress, agency officials, and the general public to help them better understand and manage the regulatory process. The Center's principal publication is the Unified Agenda, which is published in the spring and fall of each year. Since 1978, Federal agencies have been required by Executive orders to publish agendas of regulatory and deregulatory activities. The Regulatory Plan, which is published as part of the fall edition of the Agenda, identifies regulatory priorities and contains additional detail about the most important significant regulatory actions that agencies expect to take in the coming year.

Currently, RegInfo.gov maintains the spring and fall editions of the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions beginning with fall 1995. Later this year, all prior editions beginning with spring 1983 will be made available on this site.

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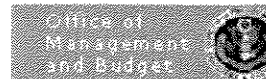
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**Unified Agenda and Regulatory Plan Search Criteria:** Publication ID=200904; Agency=Department of Agriculture;

### RIN

### Major

- Yes  No  Undetermined

### RFA Section 610 Review

- Section 610 Review
- Completion of a Section 610 Review
- Rulemaking Resulting From a Section 610 Review

### RIN Status

- First Time Published in The Unified Agenda
- Previously Published in The Unified Agenda

### Federalism Implications

- Yes  No  Undetermined

### Small Entities Affected

- Business
- Governmental Jurisdictions
- Organizations  No  Undetermined

### Priority

- Economically Significant
- Other Significant
- Substantive, Nonsignificant
- Routine and Frequent  Info./Admin./Other

**Agency Has Prepared or Plans to Prepare Statement of Energy Effects**  Yes  No  Undetermined

### International Impacts

- Yes  No  Not Collected

### Legal Deadline - Action

- NPRM  Final  Other

### Timetable - FR Citation

### Included in the Regulatory Plan

- Yes  No

### Government Levels Affected

- Federal  Local
- State  Tribal
- None  Undetermined

### Agenda Stage of Rulemaking

- Prerule Stage
- Proposed Rule Stage  Final Rule Stage
- Long-Term Actions  Completed Actions

### Agency reported Affected Sectors using NAICS codes

- Yes  No

### Unfunded Mandates

- State, Local, or Tribal Governments
- Private Sector
- No  Undetermined

### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required

- Business
- Governmental Jurisdictions
- Organizations
- No  Undetermined

### Agency has reported Compliance Cost Information

- Yes  No

### Legal Deadline - Source

- Statutory  Judicial

**Timetable - Action(s) \***



ANPRM  
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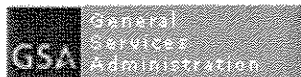
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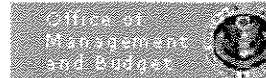
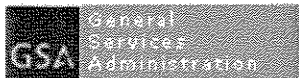
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Agency	Agenda Stage of Rulemaking	Title	Publication	RIN
USDA/AgSEC	Proposed Rule Stage	Voluntary Labeling Program for Designated Biobased Products	Spring 2009	0503-AA35
USDA/AgSEC	Proposed Rule Stage	Designation of Biobased Items for Federal Procurement, Round 7	Spring 2009	0503-AA36
USDA/FSA	Proposed Rule Stage	Farm Loan Programs Loan Making Activities	Spring 2009	0560-AI03
USDA/FSA	Proposed Rule Stage	Conservation Loan Guarantee Program	Spring 2009	0560-AI04
USDA/FSA	Proposed Rule Stage	Loan Servicing; Farm Loan Programs	Spring 2009	0560-AI05
USDA/FSA	Long-Term Actions	Emergency Forest Restoration Program	Spring 2009	0560-AH89
USDA/FSA	Long-Term Actions	Biomass Crop Assistance Program	Spring 2009	0560-AH92
USDA/RHS	Final Rule Stage	Guaranteed Single-Family Housing	Spring 2009	0575-AC18
USDA/APHIS	Proposed Rule Stage	Animal Welfare: Marine Mammals; Nonconsensus Language and Interactive Programs	Spring 2009	0579-AB24
USDA/APHIS	Proposed Rule Stage	Animal Welfare; Regulations and Standards for Birds	Spring 2009	0579-AC02
USDA/APHIS	Proposed Rule Stage	Importation of Plants for Planting; Establishing a New Category of Plants for Planting Not Authorized for Importation Pending Risk Assessment	Spring 2009	0579-AC03
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USDA/APHIS	Proposed Rule Stage	Tuberculosis in Cattle; Import Requirements for Roping Steers	Spring 2009	0579-AC50
USDA/APHIS	Proposed Rule Stage	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Importation of Bovines and Bovine Products	Spring 2009	0579-AC68
USDA/APHIS	Proposed Rule Stage	Scrapie in Sheep and Goats	Spring 2009	0579-AC92
USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Phytosanitary Certificates for Imported Fruits and Vegetables	Spring 2009	0579-AB18
USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Phytophthora Ramorum; Quarantine and Regulations	Spring 2009	0579-AB82
USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Boll Weevil; Quarantine and Regulations	Spring 2009	0579-AB91
USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Minimal-Risk Regions and Importation of Commodities; Unsealing of Means of Conveyance and Transloading of Products	Spring 2009	0579-AB97
USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Standards for Permanent, Privately Owned Horse Quarantine Facilities	Spring 2009	0579-AC00
USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Citrus Canker; Compensation for Certified Citrus Nursery Stock	Spring 2009	0579-AC05
USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Agricultural Inspection and AQI User Fees Along the U.S./Canada Border	Spring 2009	0579-AC06
USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Citrus Canker; Quarantine of the State of Florida	Spring 2009	0579-AC07
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**USDA/APHIS**

**RIN:** 0579-AB91

**Publication ID:** Spring 2009

**Title:** Boll Weevil; Quarantine and Regulations

**Abstract:** This action will establish domestic boll weevil regulations that will restrict the interstate movement of regulated articles within regulated areas and from regulated areas into or through nonregulated areas in commercial cotton producing States. The regulations will help prevent the artificial spread of boll weevil into noninfested areas of the United States and the reinfestation of areas from which the boll weevil has been eradicated.

**Agency:** Department of Agriculture(USDA)

**Priority:** Other Significant

**RIN Status:** Previously published in the Unified Agenda

**Agenda Stage of Rulemaking:** Final Rule Stage

**Major:** No

**Unfunded Mandates:** No

**CFR Citation:** 7 CFR 301 (To search for a specific CFR, visit the [Code of Federal Regulations](#).)

**Legal Authority:** [7 USC 7701 to 7772](#); [7 USC 7781 to 7786](#)

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/31/2006	71 FR 63707
NPRM Comment Period End	01/02/2007	
NPRM Comment Period Extended	12/20/2006	71 FR 76224
NPRM Comment Period End	02/01/2007	
Final Action	12/00/2009	

**Additional Information:** Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

**Federalism:** No

**Included in the Regulatory Plan:** No

**RIN Data Printed in the FR:** Yes

**Agency Contact:**

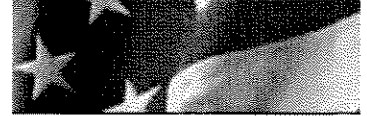
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#### Department of Agriculture

<b>AGENCY:</b> USDA-APHIS	<b>RIN:</b> 0579-AB99
<b>TITLE:</b> Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza; Voluntary Control Program and Payment of Indemnity	
<b>STAGE:</b> Final Rule	<b>ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT:</b> No
<b>RECEIVED DATE:</b> 09/14/2009	<b>LEGAL DEADLINE:</b> None
<b>AGENCY:</b> USDA-FSA	<b>RIN:</b> 0560-AH92
<b>TITLE:</b> Biomass Crop Assistance Program	
<b>STAGE:</b> Proposed Rule	<b>ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT:</b> Yes
<b>RECEIVED DATE:</b> 09/22/2009	<b>LEGAL DEADLINE:</b> None
<b>AGENCY:</b> USDA-FSIS	<b>RIN:</b> 0583-AC60
<b>TITLE:</b> Nutrition Labeling of Single-Ingredient Products and Ground or Chopped Meat and Poultry Products	
<b>STAGE:</b> Final Rule	<b>ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT:</b> Yes
<b>RECEIVED DATE:</b> 08/19/2009	<b>LEGAL DEADLINE:</b> None
<b>AGENCY:</b> USDA-FSIS	<b>RIN:</b> 0583-ZA01
<b>TITLE:</b> Salmonella Verification Sampling Program: Response to Comments on New Agency Policies and Clarification of Timeline for the Salmonella Initiative Program	
<b>STAGE:</b> Notice	<b>ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT:</b> No
<b>RECEIVED DATE:</b> 08/20/2009	<b>LEGAL DEADLINE:</b> None
<b>AGENCY:</b> USDA-FNS	<b>RIN:</b> 0584-AD65
<b>TITLE:</b> School Food Safety: Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point System	
<b>STAGE:</b> Final Rule	<b>ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT:</b> No
<b>RECEIVED DATE:</b> 08/21/2009	<b>LEGAL DEADLINE:</b> None
<b>AGENCY:</b> USDA-FNS	<b>RIN:</b> 0584-AD30
<b>TITLE:</b> SNAP: Eligibility and Certification Provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002	
<b>STAGE:</b> Final Rule	<b>ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT:</b> Yes
<b>RECEIVED DATE:</b> 09/17/2009	<b>LEGAL DEADLINE:</b> None
<b>AGENCY:</b> USDA-FNS	<b>RIN:</b> 0584-AD12
<b>TITLE:</b> Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: Resource Limits and Exclusions, Extended Certification Periods, and Transitional Benefits	
<b>STAGE:</b> Final Rule	<b>ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT:</b> No
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USDA/FSIS

RIN: 0583-AC60

Publication ID: Spring 2009

**Title:** Nutrition Labeling of Single-Ingredient Products and Ground or Chopped Meat and Poultry Products

**Abstract:** FSIS has proposed to amend the Federal meat and poultry products inspection regulations to require nutrition labeling for the major cuts of single-ingredient, raw meat and poultry products, either on their label or at their point-of-purchase, unless an exemption applies. FSIS also proposed to require nutrition information on the label of ground or chopped meat and poultry products, unless an exemption applies. The requirements for ground or chopped products will be consistent with those for multi-ingredient products. FSIS also proposed to amend the nutrition labeling regulations to provide that when a ground or chopped product does not meet the regulatory criteria to be labeled "low fat," a lean percentage claim may be included on the label or in labeling, as long as a statement of the fat percentage also is displayed on the label or in labeling.

**Agency:** Department of Agriculture(USDA)

**Priority:** Economically Significant

**RIN Status:** Previously published in the Unified Agenda

**Agenda Stage of Rulemaking:** Final Rule Stage

**Major:** Yes

**Unfunded Mandates:** No

**CFR Citation:** 9 CFR 317; 9 CFR 381 (To search for a specific CFR, visit the [Code of Federal Regulations](#).)

**Legal Authority:** [21 USC 601 et seq](#); [21 USC 451 et seq](#)

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/18/2001	66 FR 4970
NPRM Comment Period End	04/18/2001	
Extension of Comment Period	04/20/2001	66 FR 20213
NPRM Comment Period End	07/17/2001	
Final Action	09/00/2009	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

**Federalism:** No

**Included in the Regulatory Plan:** No

**RIN Data Printed in the FR:** No

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**EPA/AR**

**RIN:** 2060-AO79

**Publication ID:** Spring 2009

**Title:** Greenhouse Gas Mandatory Reporting Rule

**Abstract:** The FY2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, which was signed into law on December 26, 2007, authorized funding for EPA to "develop and publish a draft rule not later than 9 months after the date of enactment of this Act, and a final rule not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, to require mandatory reporting of greenhouse gas emissions above appropriate thresholds in all sectors of the economy of the United States." The accompanying joint explanatory statement directed EPA to "use its existing authority under the Clean Air Act" to develop a mandatory greenhouse gas reporting rule. The joint explanatory statement went on to say that "The Agency is further directed to include in its rule reporting of emissions resulting from upstream production and downstream sources, to the extent that the Administrator deems it appropriate." Accordingly this rulemaking would establish monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements on facilities that produce, import, or emit greenhouse gases above a specific threshold in order to provide comprehensive and accurate data to support a range of future climate policy options.

**Agency:** Environmental Protection Agency(EPA)

**Priority:** Economically Significant

**RIN Status:** Previously published in the Unified Agenda

**Agenda Stage of Rulemaking:** Proposed Rule Stage

**Major:** Yes

**Unfunded Mandates:** No

**CFR Citation:** 40 CFR 86, 87, 89, 90, 94, and 98 (To search for a specific CFR, visit the Code of Federal Regulations.)

**Legal Authority:** [42 USC 7401 et seq](#)

**Legal Deadline:**

Action	Source	Description	Date
Final	Statutory	FY08 Consolidated Appropriations directed EPA to publish final 18 mos after enactment	06/26/2009
NPRM	Statutory	FY08 Consolidated Appropriations directed EPA to publish a proposal 9 mos after enactment	09/26/2008

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/10/2009	<a href="#">74 FR 16447</a>
NPRM Comment Period End	06/09/2009	
Final Action	10/00/2009	

**Additional Information:** SAN No. 5242; EPA Docket information: EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0508

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** Local

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

**Federalism:** No

**Included in the Regulatory Plan:** Yes

**RIN Data Printed in the FR:** No

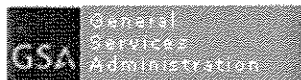
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Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2009-009, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Recovery Act)- Reporting Requirements	
Current Good Manufacturing Practice Requirements for Combination Products	Dec 22, 2009
School Improvement Grants-American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965	Sep 25, 2009
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request-Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters	Oct 21, 2009
Regulation of Tobacco Products; Extension of Comment Period	Dec 28, 2009
Proposed Rulemaking to Establish Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards	Nov 27, 2009
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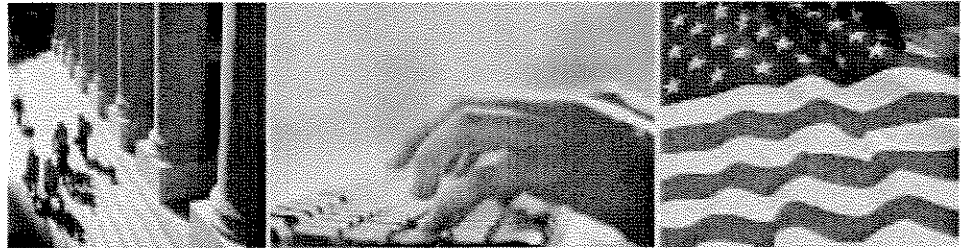
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**2008**

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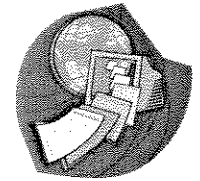
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### RISC

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