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## Export Food Aid Commodities Licensing Agreement

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Summary of Comments to FR Doc. 2011-5975 United States Warehouse Act

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The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is proposing a new licensing agreement under the United States Warehouse Act (USWA) for Export Food Aid Commodities (EFAC). The license would cover warehouses that handle EFAC as procured by the Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) for international food assistance programs. The products may include, but are not limited to, vegetable oil, corn soy blend, and pulses such as peas, beans and lentils, packaged for shipment to an overseas destination. The EFAC license is voluntary; however, FSA plans to modify its contracting process in the near future to require licensed storage and handling of EFAC in the distribution chain, including port sheds and transloading operations.

A Federal Register notice announcing this proposal was published on March 15, 2011. Three comments were received. One was a telephone comment, in which the responder asked for clarification of the scope of the proposed license. One comment was neutral, and the commenter forwarded the notice to their customers and interested parties. Another comment was more detailed and responded to each question posed in the notice. The commenter was familiar with the current port inspection process, and felt that the current process provides adequate oversight. The comment generally expressed concern about the additional cost and regulatory oversight posed by the USWA EFAC license.

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