consent upon the agreement of the candidate for Congress to insure compliance with the preceding sentence.

PART 602—[AMENDED]

Par. 6. The authority for part 602 continues to read as follows:


§ 602.101 [Amended]

Par. 7. Section 602.101(c) is amended by inserting in the appropriate places in the table “§ 1.527–9 . . . 1545–0129”.

Approved: June 17, 1985.

Roscoe L. Egger, Jr.,
Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Ronald A. Pearlman,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

27 CFR Part 9

[T.D. ATF–211; Notice No. 560]

North Yuba Viticultural Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Treasury.

ACTION: Treasury decision, final rule.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is establishing in Yuba County, California, an American viticultural area known by the appellation “North Yuba.” This final rule results from a petition filed by Karl Werner and James R. Bryant, officers of Renaissance Vineyard and Winery, Inc., located near Oregon House, California.

The establishment of this viticultural area and the use of the name as an appellation of origin in the labeling and advertising of wine allows the proprietor of a winery to designate the area as the locale in which grapes used in the production of a wine are grown and enables the consumer to identify and to differentiate between that wine and other wines offered at retail.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This final rule is effective August 30, 1985.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 23, 1978, ATF published Treasury Decision ATF–53 (43 FR 37672, 54624) revising regulations in Title 27, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 4. These regulations allow the establishment of definite American viticultural areas. The regulations also allow the name of an approved viticultural area to be used as an appellation of origin in the labeling and advertising of wine. On October 2, 1979, ATF published Treasury Decision ATF–60 (44 FR 56692) which added to Title 27 a new Part 9 providing for the listing of approved American viticultural areas.

Section 4.25a(e)(1) defines an American viticultural area as a delimited grape growing region distinguishable by geographical features. Section 4.25a(e)(2) outlines the procedure for proposing an American viticultural area. Any interested person may petition ATF to establish a grape-growing region as a viticultural area. The petition shall include:

(a) Evidence that the name of the proposed viticultural area is locally and/or nationally known as referring to the area specified in the petition;

(b) Historical or current evidence that the boundaries of the viticultural area are as specified in the petition;

(c) Evidence relating to the geographical features (climate, soil, elevation, physical features, etc.) which distinguish the viticultural features of the proposed area from surrounding areas;

(d) A description of the specific boundary of the proposed viticultural area, based on features which can be found on United States Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.) maps of the largest applicable scale; and,

(e) A copy (or copies) of the appropriate U.S.G.S. map(s) with the proposed boundary prominently marked.

Petition

On November 13, 1984, ATF received the petition for the establishment of the “North Yuba” viticultural area in the middle and upper foothills in north-central Yuba County, California. Upon completing a review of the data furnished with the petition, ATF consulted with the petitioner regarding expansion of the petitioned boundary to include areas of land of the same soil associations as are common to the area covered by the petition. ATF published the proposed boundary in Notice No. 560 (50 FR 12038) dated March 27, 1985.

Comments

ATF received one comment in response to the proposal to establish the “North Yuba” viticultural area. The commenter, the executive officer of the Board of Forestry for the State of California, favors the establishment of the viticultural area as proposed.

Name

The name “North Yuba” is well documented in the petition. Yuba County is named after the Yuba River which took its name from the Indian tribe which populated the area. “North Yuba” is the name locally used to designate the area. Included with the petition are letters from the county sheriff and the local chamber of commerce attesting to local usage of the name “North Yuba” to designate the area.

Historically, viticulture came to Yuba County in the 1850’s. Documents show the planting of wine grapes and the establishment of a winery in 1855. By 1880, Yuba County had five wineries and 800 acres were devoted to wine grape cultivation. By 1930, there were 1,000 acres devoted to wine grape cultivation. However, as a consequence of National Prohibition, the vineyards were replaced by orchards of peaches and prunes and the wineries closed.

Today, however, there are 390 acres of vineyards and one winery operating in the “North Yuba” viticultural area.

Geography

The North Yuba viticultural area consists of the middle and upper foothills in Yuba County, California, an American viticultural area known by the appellation “North Yuba.” This final rule results from a petition filed by Karl Werner and James R. Bryant, officers of Renaissance Vineyard and Winery, Inc., located near Oregon House, California.

The establishment of this viticultural area and the use of the name as an appellation of origin in the labeling and advertising of wine allows the proprietor of a winery to designate the area as the locale in which grapes used in the production of a wine are grown and enables the consumer to identify and to differentiate between that wine and other wines offered at retail.

The principal streams which drain the area are Dobbins Creek and the upper portions of Dry Creek. Both streams flow into the Yuba River. The land drained by these streams shares similar geological history, topographical features, soils, and climatic conditions. The portions of the area which are currently devoted to viticulture consist of foothill slopes between 1,000 and 2,000 feet above sea level.
Distinguishing Characteristics

The viticultural area is not only distinguished historically from surrounding areas but geographically by its topography, elevation, geology, soils, temperature, and rainfall.

Topography and Elevation

The topography of the viticultural area ranges from gently rolling hills to steeper slopes at the base of the Sierra Nevada and generally ranges in elevation from 1,000 feet to 2,000 feet above sea level. Lying between the high Sierras to the east and the lowlands of the Sacramento Valley to the west, the boundary of the viticultural area defines a region well suited for viticulture. The topography of the area ensures adequate ventilation for viticulture. The area escapes both the early frosts and snow of higher elevations in the Sierra Nevada and the heat, humidity and fog common to the lowlands in the Sacramento Valley.

Geology

The area is an example of a middle foothill to lower mountain landscape that has been formed during a long period of geologic time. The area is underlain by igneous rocks and granitic rocks that extend along the base of the Sierra Nevada. It is geologically well defined by the Sierra Nevada to the north and east, by greenstone rock to the west, and by the Yuba River canyon to the south.

Soil Characteristics

The three major physiographic units in Yuba County are the valley lands of the Sacramento Valley, the Sierra Nevada to the east of the valley, and the foothills region which lies between the valley and the mountains. There are nine soil associations common to the valley lands, three common to the foothills region, and six common to the mountainous terrain. Of the 18 soil associations found in Yuba County, basically three distinguish the soils of the viticultural area from the soils in surrounding areas of the county and the adjoining counties of Butte and Nevada in California.

The soils associations common to the proposed area are Sierra-Auberry, Englebright-Rescue, and Dobbins. These soils are typical of those developed from granitic and igneous rocks. The soils are shallow to very deep, rocky, cobbly and rocky, or noncobbly and rocky and are generally well drained.

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Soils of the Yuba County, California", a 1969 soil survey published jointly by the Department of Soils and Plant Nutrition of the University of California at Davis and by the County of Yuba, California, contains a color coded general soil map which clearly shows a pattern of these three soil associations in the middle and upper foothills region of Yuba County between the predominant soil association of the lower foothills, Auburn-Sobraneta-Las Posas; the predominant soil association of the mountains, Challenge-Tish Tang. The boundary includes small areas of Auburn-Sobraneta-Las Posas, Challenge-Tish Tang and Rackerby-Dobbins, a mountain soil association.
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Data from the soil survey of Yuba County and the 1975 soil survey of Nevada County, which lies south of Yuba County, strongly support the boundary established in this final rule.

Climatological Characteristics

Generally, Yuba County has an interior 'Mediterranean' type climate. However, the location of the "North Yuba" viticultural area in the middle to upper foothills region approaching the mountainous terrain of the Sierra Nevada allows a subtle distinction in climatological characteristics from the rest of the county in that the area escapes both the heat and fog common to the lowlands of the Sacramento Valley and the early frosts and snow of the higher elevations of the Sierra Nevada.

The lands of the Sacramento Valley in Yuba County range from 30 to 250 feet above sea level and the mean average rainfall is 20 to 25 inches. The valley lands are an extensive area of floodplains, terraces, alluvial fans and basins.

The mountains of Yuba County are part of the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. This is a region of gently rounded ridges, moderately steep rolling hilltops, and rugged, steep canyon slopes, that is deeply entrenched by the Yuba River and its tributaries. Basic metavolcanic rocks are dominant in this area. Elevations range from 1,000 feet to more than 4,800 feet above sea level. Rain increases with elevation and ranges from 45 inches to more than 80 inches, much of which falls as snow at higher elevations.

The middle to upper foothills in which the viticultural area lies occupy the lower western slope of the Sierra Nevada between the valley lands and the mountainous uplands of the county. This is an area of rolling to steep hills with conspicuous ridges and peaks. Rock outcroppings are common. The central foothills region ranges in elevation from 250 feet to 2,700 feet above sea level. However, the viticultural area generally ranges in elevation from 1,000 to 2,000 feet above sea level and can be distinguished from surrounding areas by rainfall. The rainfall within the area increases gradually with elevation from 25 to 50 inches. For example, the mean annual precipitation at the Dobbins-Colgate weather station is 40.4 inches compared to 61.9 inches at the Camptonville station to the east of the area and 20.7 inches at Marysville to the west of the area.

Such statistics are corroborated by a map adapted from the State of California Department of Water Resources Seasonal Isohyetal Map (1905 to 1955) to show mean annual precipitation for Yuba County. The map distinguishes by rainfall the central foothills region from the areas to the west and to the east.

The growing season of the viticultural area is distinctly cooler than the neighboring Sacramento Valley to the west and warmer than the mountainous area to the east. The climate of the area is characterized by cool summer night temperatures, often dropping to 30 degrees below daytime highs and allowing the grapes to retain sufficient acidity to balance the high sugar levels induced by daytime sunshine.

Foothill winds are an additional cooling factor in summer, contributing further to the development of proper acidity in the area's grapes. These cooling winds are distinguished from those of the valley. At the higher foothill elevations, the winds conform more closely with the free-flowing westerly winds over northern California rather than the southwesterly winds which come up from the Straits of Carquinez into the lowland area of Yuba County.

Climatological data from three weather stations of the U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration document the climatological differences between "North Yuba" and adjoining areas. The data from these stations when compared with data compiled over the 10-year period 1975 to 1984 from vineyards in the vicinity of Oregon House show the following differences in climate between "North Yuba" and surrounding areas:

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Boundary

The boundary of the North Yuba viticultural area is found on four United States Geological Survey maps of the 7.5 minute series, scale 1:24,000. The boundary is described in § 9.106. The boundary of the proposed viticultural area encompasses approximately 35 square miles or 22,400 acres. Within the area there are approximately 360 acres devoted to the cultivation of wine grapes and one bonded winery.

Compliance with Executive Order 12291

It has been determined that this final rule is not a "major rule" within the meaning of Executive Order 12291 of February 17, 1981, because it will not have an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more; it will not result in a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; and it will not have significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic or export markets.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act relating to a final regulatory flexibility analysis (5 U.S.C. 604) are not applicable to this final rule because it will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The final rule will not impose, or otherwise cause, a significant increase in reporting, recordkeeping, or other compliance burdens on a substantial number of small entities. The final rule is not expected to have significant secondary or incidental effects on a substantial number of small entities.

Accordingly, it is hereby certified under the provisions of section 3 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)) that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Paperwork Reduction Act


Drafting Information

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List of Subjects in 27 CFR Part 9

Administrative practices and procedures, Consumer protection, Viticultural areas, and Wine.

PART 9—[AMENDED]

27 CFR Part 9—American Viticultural Areas is amended as follows:

Par. 1. The authority citation for 27 CFR Part 9 continues to read as follows:

Authority: August 29, 1935, Chapter 814, sec. 5, 49 Stat. 981, as amended (27 U.S.C. 205), unless otherwise noted.

Par. 2. The Table of Sections in 27 CFR Part 9 is amended by adding § 9.106 to Subpart C to read as follows:

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Par. 3. Subpart C is amended by adding § 9.106 which reads as follows:

§ 9.106 North Yuba.

(a) Name. The name of the viticultural area described in this section is "North Yuba."

(b) Approved maps. The appropriate maps for determining the boundary of North Yuba viticultural area are the following four U.S.G.S. topographical maps of the 7.5 minute series:


(c) Boundary. The North Yuba viticultural area is located in Yuba County in the State of California. The boundary is as follows:

(1) Beginning on the "Oregon House Quadrangle" map at the point where the Browns Valley Ditch crosses Woods Creek in the southwest corner of section

25, T. 17 N., R. 6 E., the boundary proceeds northeasterly in a meandering line approximately 1.5 miles along the east bank of Woods Creek to the point near Richards Ranch where the paved light duty road crosses said creek;

(2) Then west and north, approximately 0.33 mile to the point where the paved light duty road meets the unimproved dirt road accessing Dixon Hill and Texas Hill;

(3) Then northwest along the paved light duty road approximately 2.75 miles to the intersection at Oregon House of said light duty road with the medium duty road which travels east and west between Virginia Ranch Reservoir of Dry Creek and the Yuba County Forestry Headquarters near Dobbins;

(4) Then northeasterly, 0.7 mile, along same light duty road to its intersection with the unimproved dirt road to Lake Mildred, located in the northwest corner of section 2, T. 17 N., R. 6 E.:

(5) Then northwesterly, 1.0 miles, along the unimproved dirt road to the end of said road at the shoreline of Lake Mildred;

(6) Then southwest along the shoreline of Lake Mildred to the Laos Verjeles Dam at the westernmost end of said lake;

(7) Then across the face of said dam and continuing northeast along the shoreline of Lake Mildred to the point where the stream running through Smokey Ravine flows into Lake Mildred;

(8) Then north and west along said stream to the point where the stream crosses the 1,900-foot contour line in the northeast corner of section 27, T. 18 N., R. 6 E.:

(9) Then southwest in a meandering line along the 1,900-foot contour line of Lamb 5; 2.0 mile, to its intersection with Willow Glen Creek at the point where the medium duty paved road running north and south along Willow Glen Creek crosses the 1,900-foot contour line, approximately 0.75 mile north of Finley Ranch;

(10) Then north along said road, approximately 1 mile, to its intersection at Willow Glen Ranch near the west boundary line of section 15, T. 16 N., R. 6 E., with the light duty road which crosses Crittenden Ridge;

(11) Then in a generally easterly direction along said road, approximately 2.0 miles, to its point of intersection with the light duty paved road named Frenchtown Road which runs north and south between Brownsville and Frenchtown;

(12) Then south along the Frenchtown Road to the point where the road...
crosses the 1,600-foot contour line in the northwest corner of section 24, T. 18 N., R. 6 E.;

(14) Then east along the 1,600-foot contour line to the point where Dry Creek crosses the 1,600-foot contour line near the south boundary line of section 13, T. 18 N., R. 6 E.;

(15) Then south along Dry Creek, approximately 0.16 mile, to the confluence of Indiana Creek with Dry Creek;

(16) Then in a generally easterly direction, approximately 1 mile, along Indiana Creek to the confluence of Keystone Creek with Indiana Creek;

(17) Then north along Indiana Creek, approximately 0.87 mile, to the point where Indiana Creek meets the 2,000-foot contour line of Oregon Hills;

(18) Then in a generally southeasterly direction along the 2,000-foot contour line of Oregon Hills, approximately 6 miles, to the point near the east boundary line of section 9, T. 17 N., R. 7 E., where the power transmission line on Red Bluff crosses the 2,000-foot contour line;

(19) Then southwest along the right of way of said power transmission line to the point near the south boundary of section 9, T. 17 N., R. 7 E., where it meets the power transmission line running northwest and southeast between Dobbins and the Colgate Power House;

(20) Then southeast along the power transmission line between Dobbins and Colgate Power House to the Colgate Power House;

(21) Then in a generally westerly direction from the Colgate Power House along the power transmission line which crosses over Dobbins Creek to the point west of Dobbins Creek where the power transmission line intersects the 1,000-foot contour line;

(22) Then in a generally southwestward direction along the 1,000-foot contour line above the north bank of the Yuba River and Harry L. Englebright lake of the Yuba River to the intersection of the 1,000-foot contour line with Woods Creek in the northeast corner of section 36, T. 17 N., R. 6 E.;

(23) Then east and north along the east bank of Woods Creek, approximately 0.5 miles, to the point of beginning.

Signed: June 28, 1985

Stephen E. Higgins,
Director.

Approved: July 15, 1985.

Edward T. Stevenson,
Deputy Assistant Secretary (Operations).

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

29 CFR Part 1952

(Docket No. T-011)

Minnesota State Plan; Approval of Revised Compliance Staffing Benchmarks and Final Approval Determination

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Approval of Revised Compliance Staffing Benchmarks and Final State Plan Approval.

SUMMARY: This document amends par. 1 of 29 CFR Part 1952 to reflect the Assistant Secretary’s decision approving revised compliance staffing requirements and granting final approval to the Minnesota State Plan. As a result of this affirmative determination under section 18(e) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Federal OSHA standards and enforcement authority no longer apply to occupational safety and health issues covered by the Minnesota plan, and authority for Federal concurrent jurisdiction is relinquished. Federal enforcement jurisdiction is retained over offshore maritime employment in the private sector. Federal jurisdiction remains in effect with respect to Federal government employers and employees and employment at the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 30, 1985.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Foster, Director, Office of Information and Consumer Affairs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3637, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone (202) 523-6148.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

Section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the "Act") provides that States which desire to assume responsibility for the development and enforcement of occupational safety and health standards may do so by submitting, and obtaining Federal approval of, a State plan. Procedures for State plan submission and approval are set forth in regulations at 29 CFR Part 1902. If the Assistant Secretary, applying the criteria set forth in section 18(c) of the Act and 29 CFR 1902.3 and 1902.4, finds that the plan provides or will provide for State standards and enforcement which are "at least as effective" as Federal standards and enforcement, initial approval is granted.

A State may commence operations under its plan after this determination is made, but the Assistant Secretary retains discretionary Federal enforcement authority during the initial approval period as provided by section 18(e) of the Act. A State plan may receive initial approval even though, upon submission, it does not fully meet the criteria set forth in 29 CFR 1902.3 and .4 if it includes satisfactory assurances by the State that it will take the necessary "developmental steps" to meet the criteria within a 3-year period. 29 CFR 1902.2(b). The Assistant Secretary publishes a notice of "certification of completion of developmental steps" when all of a State’s developmental commitments have been satisfactorily met. 29 CFR 1902.34.