USDA task force evaluates packers and stockyards regs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A U.S. Department of Agriculture task force has recommended several changes that would ease the regulatory burden on the livestock. meat and poultry industries regulated by the Packers and Stockyards Administration.

This is the first phase of an overall review of regulations and policies issued under the Packers and Stockyards Act scheduled to be completed by September 30, 1983, according to James L. Smith, PSA acting administrator.

'The task force, comprised of USDA officials with the Packers

watermelons shipped during July,

USDA's Agricultural Marketing

Service, which licenses produce

firms under the Perishable.

Agricultural Commodities Act,

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and Stockyards Administration and the Office of the General Council, was established early this year to recommend modifications to minimize the regulatory burdens on the livestock, meat and poultry industries," Smitheaid.

Smith said the agency will make strong efforts to get comments on the task force's recommendations from livestock producer-groups, affected industries, state departments of agriculture and interested people before formally publishing proposed changes in the Federal Register.

Some of the task force's recommendations include:

—Deletion of the policy statement barring meat packers from using "point promotion" programs to induce patronage. Under such programs, meat packers award points to customers who can then redeem them from gift catalogues.

-Exemption from the bonding requirements for dealers and market agencies whose annual purchases do not exceed \$500,000.

-Extension of the time allowed for market agencies to reimburse their custodial accounts for uncollected receivables, from the present three days following the sale of consigned livestock to seven days. A custodial account is a form . of trust account required by regulation to insure the prompt payment of funds owed to consignors of livestock.

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-Consolidation and sim-

plification of regulations involving trade practices, poultry, tariffs, and scales and weighing activities. The Packers and Stockyards Act is a fair trade practices law administered by the Packers and Stockyards Administration. It promotes fair and open competition in the marketing of livestock, meat and poultry.

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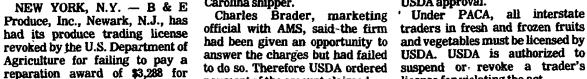
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payment of the amount claimed. The firm is ineligible to conduct business subject to the act until the award is paid. The firm's sole officer, director, and stockholder-Peggie Stackhouse Greer-may not be employed by or affiliated with any PACA licensee without



license for violating the act.







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