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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. 00-009-1]

Pink Bollworm Regulated Areas

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim rule and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are amending the pink bollworm regulations by removing the previously regulated area in Poinsett County, AR, from the list of suppressive areas for pink bollworm. We are also removing Arkansas from the list of States quarantined because of the pink bollworm. We are taking this action because trapping surveys show that the pink bollworm no longer exists in this area. This action is necessary to relieve unnecessary restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from the previously regulated area.

DATES: This interim rule is effective March 2, 2000. We invite you to comment on this docket. We will consider all comments that we receive by May 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send your comment and three copies to:

Docket No. 00-009-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238

Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 00-009-1.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bill Grefenstette, Assistant Director, Plant Health Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 138, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-8676.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The pink bollworm, *Pectinophora gossypiella* (Saunders), is one of the world's most destructive pests of cotton. This insect spread to the United States from Mexico in 1917 and now exists throughout most of the cotton-producing States west of the Mississippi River.

The pink bollworm regulations, contained in 7 CFR 301.52 through 301.52-10 (referred to below as the regulations), quarantine certain States and restrict the interstate movement of regulated articles from regulated areas in quarantined States for the purpose of preventing the interstate spread of the pink bollworm.

Regulated areas for the pink bollworm are designated as either suppressive areas or generally infested areas. Restrictions are imposed on the interstate movement of regulated articles from both types of areas in order to prevent the movement of pink bollworm into noninfested areas.

Prior to the effective date of this document, a portion of Poinsett County, AR, was designated as a suppressive area. Based on 2 years of negative trapping surveys conducted by inspectors of Arkansas and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, we have determined that the pink bollworm no longer exists in this area. We are, therefore, removing this area from the list of suppressive areas in § 301.52-2a.

As of the effective date of this document, there will be no areas in Arkansas regulated because of the pink bollworm. We are, therefore, also removing Arkansas from the list of

States in § 301.52-2a quarantined because of the pink bollworm.

Immediate Action

The Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that there is good cause for publishing this interim rule without prior opportunity for public comment. Immediate action is warranted to relieve unnecessary restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from areas where the pink bollworm no longer exists.

Because prior notice and other public procedures with respect to this action are impracticable and contrary to the public interest under these conditions, we find good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553 to make this action effective less than 30 days after publication. We will consider comments that are received within 60 days of publication of this rule in the **Federal Register**. After the comment period closes, we will publish another document in the **Federal Register**. The document will include a discussion of any comments we receive and any amendments we are making to the rule as a result of the comments.

Executive Order 12866 and Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12866. For this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived its review process required by Executive Order 12866.

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This emergency situation makes compliance with section 603 and timely compliance with section 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) impracticable. If we determine that this rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, then we will discuss the issues raised by section 604

of the Regulatory Flexibility Act in our final regulatory flexibility analysis.

Executive Order 12372

This program/activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.025 and is subject to Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V.)

Executive Order 12988

This interim rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule: (1) Preempts all State and local laws and regulations that are inconsistent with this rule; (2) Has no retroactive effect; and (3) Does not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This interim rule contains no information collection or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 301

Agricultural commodities, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

Accordingly, 7 CFR part 301 is amended as follows:

PART 301—DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICES

1. The authority citation for part 301 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 147a, 150bb, 150dd, 150ee, 150ff, 161, 162, and 164–167; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(c).

§ 301.52 [Amended]

2. In § 301.52, paragraph (a) is amended by removing the word “Arkansas,”.

§ 301.52–2A [Amended]

3. Section 301.52–2a is amended by removing the entire entry for Arkansas.

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of February 2000.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 170

RIN 3150–AG08

Revision of Fee Schedules; 100 Percent Fee Recovery, FY 1999: Correction

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: On July 20, 1999 (64 FR 38816), the NRC published a document that corrected a final rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** on June 10, 1999 (64 FR 31448) concerning the licensing, inspection, and annual fees charged to its applicants and licensees in compliance with the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990. This document corrects an inadvertent typographical error in the July 20, 1999, correction document.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 9, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Glenda Jackson, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Telephone 301–415–6057.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the final rule correction, FR Doc. 99–18469, published on July 20, 1999 (64 FR 38816), in the third column on page 38816, instruction number 3 for § 170.12 is corrected to read as follows:

3. On page 31470, in the first column, paragraphs (b)(7)(ii) and (b)(7)(iii) are redesignated as paragraphs (b)(7)(ii)(B) and (b)(7)(ii)(C), respectively, and a new paragraph (b)(7)(ii)(A) is added to read as follows:

§ 170.12 Payment of fees.

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(ii)(A) In the case of a design which has been approved but not certified and for which no application is pending, if the design is not referenced, or if all costs are not recovered within five years after the date of the preliminary design approval (PDA), or the final design approval (FDA), the applicant shall pay the costs, or remainder of those costs, at that time.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of February, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michael T. Lesar,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 99–NM–336–AD; Amendment 39–11495; AD 99–27–14]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A340–211, –212, –213, –311, –312, and –313 Series Airplanes; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects a typographical error that appeared in airworthiness directive (AD) 99–27–14 that was published in the **Federal Register** on January 6, 2000 (65 FR 697). The typographical error resulted in a reference to an incorrect AD number. This AD is applicable to all Airbus Model A340–211, –212, –213, –311, –312, and –313 series airplanes. This AD requires repetitive operational tests to ensure proper operation of the actuator of the secondary locks of the thrust reversers, and corrective actions, if necessary.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective January 21, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Norman B. Martenson, Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056; telephone (425) 227–2110; fax (425) 227–1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Airworthiness Directive (AD) 99–27–14, amendment 39–11495, applicable to all Airbus Model A340–211, –212, –213, –311, –312, and –313 series airplanes, was published in the **Federal Register** on January 6, 2000 (65 FR 697). That AD requires repetitive operational tests to ensure proper operation of the actuator of the secondary locks of the thrust reversers, and corrective actions, if necessary.

As published, AD 99–27–14 contains an erroneous reference to the AD number cited in the paragraph preceding the applicability of the AD. That paragraph incorrectly references AD 99–01–05, Amendment 39–10980. The correct reference is AD 99–01–15, Amendment 39–10980.

Since no other part of the regulatory information has been changed, the final rule is not being republished.

The effective date of this AD remains January 21, 2000.