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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. APHIS–2006–0002]

RIN 0579–AB91

Boll Weevil; Quarantine and Regulations

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are extending the comment period for our proposed rule that would establish domestic boll weevil regulations that would restrict the interstate movement of regulated articles within regulated areas and from regulated areas into or through nonregulated areas in commercial cotton-producing States. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before February 1, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select “Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service” from the agency drop-down menu, then click “Submit.” In the Docket ID column, select APHIS–2006–0002 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site’s “User Tips” link.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. APHIS–2006–0002, Regulatory Analysis and Development,

PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS–2006–0002.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on Docket No. APHIS–2006–0002 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.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William Grefenstette, National Coordinator, Boll Weevil Eradication Program, PPO, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 138, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; (301) 734–8676.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 31, 2006, we published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 63707–63717, Docket No. APHIS–2006–0002) a proposal to establish domestic boll weevil regulations that would 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 proposed regulations would 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.

Comments on the proposed rule were required to be received on or before January 2, 2007. We are extending the comment period on Docket No. APHIS–2006–0002 for an additional 30 days. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Section 301.75–15 issued under Sec. 204, Title II, Public Law 106–113, 113 Stat. 1501A–293; sections 301.75–15 and 301.75–16 issued under Sec. 203, Title II, Public Law 106–224, 114 Stat. 400 (7 U.S.C. 1421 note).

Done in Washington, DC, this 14th day of December 2006.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 1, 21, 43, and 45

[Docket Nos. FAA–2006–25877 and 25882; Notice No. 06–18]

RIN 2120–A178

Production and Airworthiness Approvals; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This action extends by 30 days the comment period for an NPRM that was published on October 5, 2006. In that document, the FAA proposed changes to its certification procedures and identification requirements for aeronautical products and parts. This extension is a result of requests from the Aeronautical Repair Station Association, the Aerospace Industries Association, and the General Aviation Manufacturers Association.

DATES: Send your comments on or before February 5, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA–2006–25877 using any of the following methods:

- *DOT Docket Web site:* Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL–401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington,

DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For more information on the rulemaking process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

Privacy: We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information you provide. For more information, see the Privacy Act discussion in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

Docket: To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Capron, Production Certification Branch, AIR-220, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. We also invite comments relating to the economic, environmental, energy, or federalism impacts that might result from adopting the proposals in this document. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. We ask that you send us two copies of written comments.

We will file in the docket all comments we receive, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed rulemaking. The docket is available for public inspection before and after the comment closing date. If you wish to review the docket in person, go to the address in the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also review the docket using the Internet at the Web address in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Privacy Act: Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal**

Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Before acting on this proposal, we will consider all comments we receive on or before the closing date for comments. We will consider comments filed late if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. We may change this proposal in light of the comments we receive.

If you want the FAA to acknowledge receipt of your comments on this proposal, include with your comments a pre-addressed, stamped postcard on which the docket number appears. We will stamp the date on the postcard and mail it to you.

Readers should note that the FAA has posted on its Web site (http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/draft_docs) four draft Advisory Circulars (ACs). These ACs describe ways to comply with the requirements of this NPRM. We are also extending by 30 days the comment period on the ACs. Send your comments to reach us by February 5, 2007 using any of the methods described in the **ADDRESSES** section of this NPRM. Note that the docket for AC comments (FAA-2006-25882) is different from the docket for NPRM comments.

Availability of Rulemaking Documents

You can get an electronic copy using the Internet by:

- (1) Searching the Department of Transportation's electronic Docket Management System (DMS) Web page (<http://dms.dot.gov/search>);
- (2) Visiting the Office of Rulemaking's Web page at <http://www.faa.gov/avr/arm/index.cfm>; or
- (3) Accessing the Government Printing Office's Web page at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>.

You can also get a copy by sending a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-1, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-9680. Make sure to identify the docket number, notice number, or amendment number of this rulemaking.

Proprietary or Confidential Business Information

Do not file in the docket information that you consider to be proprietary or confidential business information. Send or deliver this information directly to the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document. You must mark the information that you consider proprietary or confidential. If you send the information on a disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM

and also identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is proprietary or confidential.

Under 14 CFR 11.35(b), when we are aware of proprietary information filed with a comment, we do not place it in the docket. We hold it in a separate file to which the public does not have access, and place a note in the docket that we have received it. If we receive a request to examine or copy this information, we treat it as any other request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). We process such a request under the DOT procedures found in 49 CFR part 7.

Background

On October 5, 2006, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) entitled, Production and Airworthiness Approvals, Part Marking, and Miscellaneous Proposals (71 FR 58915). Comments on that document were due on or before January 3, 2007.

By letter dated December 5, 2006, the Aeronautical Repair Station Association (ARSA) asked FAA to extend the comment period for 90 days. ARSA believes the need for an extended comment period arises from the scope and extent of the changes proposed in the NPRM, the timing of its release, and the impact it will have on small businesses. ARSA also asked that we extend the comment period on the draft ACs for 90 days.

By letter dated December 6, 2006, the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) and the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) asked FAA to extend the comment period for 45 days. AIA and GAMA cited several factors that, in their view, necessitate the extension, including the length of time since the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee recommendation was submitted to FAA, the scope and impact of the proposal, and the effective shortening of the comment period by observance of the holidays.

While we concur with the petitioners' requests for an extension of the comment period, we believe that a 45-day or 90-day extension is not warranted. We have already provided a 90-day comment period. An additional 90 days would result in a comment period extending for six full months. Although we agree that additional time for comments may be needed, this need must be balanced against the need to proceed expeditiously with a rulemaking that first involved industry input through an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee in 1993. We believe an additional 30 days allows

adequate time for interested parties to provide meaningful comments. Absent unusual circumstances, we do not anticipate any further extension of the comment period for this rulemaking.

Extension of Comment Period

In accordance with § 11.47(c) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the FAA has reviewed the petitions made by ARSA, AIA, and GAMA for extension of the comment period on the Production and Airworthiness Approvals NPRM. The petitioners have shown a substantive interest in the proposed rule and good cause for the extension. The FAA also has determined that extension of the comment period is consistent with the public interest, and that good cause exists for taking this action.

Accordingly, we are extending the comment period for 30 days until February 5, 2007.

Issued in Washington, DC, December 13, 2006.

Dorenda D. Baker,

Acting Director, Aircraft Certification Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

14 CFR Parts 217, 241, 250, 291, and 298

[Docket No. OST 2006-26053]

RIN 2139-AA11

Submitting Airline Data Via the Internet

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation proposes that U.S. and foreign air carriers submit their required recurrent financial, traffic, operational and consumer reports via the internet (e-filing). The proposed action would enhance security of the data, eliminate air carriers' mailing costs, eliminate the need for the Department to keypunch hardcopy data, and provide reporting air carriers with immediate notification and a receipt from the Department that the report was received.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before February 20, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Docket Number OST-2006-26053, using any of the following methods:

DOT Docket Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

Government-wide rulemaking Web site: <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

DOT will post all comments that we receive, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information you provide. For more information, see the Privacy Act discussion in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

If you want DOT to acknowledge receipt of your comments, include with your comments a pre-addressed, stamped postcard on which the docket number appears. We will stamp the date on the postcard and mail it to you.

Docket: To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline Information, RTS-42, Room 4125, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone Number (202) 366-4387, Fax Number (202) 366-3383 or e-mail bernard.stankus@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOT invites air carriers and other interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments or views. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. Privacy Act: Using the search function of DOT docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment. You may review DOT's Privacy Act Statement that was published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19475-19570) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Background

Receiving and processing aviation data is an essential business process for the Department of Transportation (DOT). To increase efficiency and reduce costs of the filing process to both the air carriers and the government, DOT proposes that all aviation data that is collected by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) be transmitted via the internet (e-filing). Our proposed e-filing is designed to be user friendly. Automated, built-in data edits would alert filers of incomplete information, thus reducing filing errors and the need for corrective re-processing. E-filing is more secure than attaching files to e-mails. E-filing does not have the size limit constraints encountered by attachment to e-mail submissions. E-filing provides the submitters with immediate confirmation that the filing has been received by BTS. E-filing should eliminate the need for BTS to key punch hard copy records into its various data bases.

The DOT proposes to phase-in e-filing for the following schedules, forms and reports:

T-8—Report of All-Cargo Operations;
T-100—U.S. Air Carrier Traffic and Capacity Data by Nonstop Segment and On-Flight Market;
T-100(f)—Air Carrier Traffic Data by Nonstop Segment and on-Flight Market;
Form 41 Schedules A Certification, B-1 and B-1.1 Balance Sheet, B-7 Airframe and Aircraft Engine Acquisitions and Retirements, B-12 Statement of Changes in Financial Position, B-43 Inventory of Airframes and Aircraft Engines, P-1.1 and P-1.2 Statement of Operations, P-1(a) Interim Operations Report, P-2 Notes to BTS Form 41 Report, P-5.1 and P-5.2 Aircraft Operating Expenses, P-6 Operating Expenses by Objective Groupings, P-7 Operating Expenses by Functional Groupings—Group III Air Carriers, P-10 Employment Statistics by Labor Category, P-12(a) Fuel Consumption by Type of Service and Entity;
Form 183—Report of Extension of Credit to Political Candidates;
Form 251—Report of Passengers Denied Confirmed Space;
Form 291—A Statement of Operations for Section 41103 Operations;
Form 298—C, Schedules F-1 Report of Financial Data, and F-2 Report of Aircraft Operating;
Part 234—On-Time Flight Performance Report;
Part 234.6—Baggage Handling Statistics; and
Part 241—The Passenger-Origin Destination Survey Report.