

rarely used to identify birds any more. Microchips will thus make the task of identifying a pet bird before leaving the United States more convenient. In most cases, an APHIS inspector at the port of entry would be able to use a microchip scanner to confirm the identity of the bird without handling the bird or removing it from the cage, thus avoiding additional stress on the bird.

Bird owners who choose to identify their birds with a microchip would have to pay \$25 to \$40 per microchip plus the cost of the veterinarian office visit to insert the microchip. The cost of the microchips is projected to be slightly higher than the conventional leg band, although current costs for leg bands and tattoos are not available due to the lack of veterinarians who will perform these services.

Microchip manufacturers could potentially benefit from a slight increase in microchip sales generated by this proposed rule. It appears that all potentially affected microchip manufacturers (NAICS code 334111) are small entities, according to Small Business Administration criteria (i.e., 1,000 or fewer employees).

In summary, this proposed rule would provide pet bird owners with an additional means of identifying their pet birds while allowing APHIS to maintain the high level of security required in order to keep avian diseases, such as exotic Newcastle disease and highly pathogenic avian influenza, from entering the United States.

Under these circumstances, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that this action would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Executive Order 12988

This proposed rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. If this proposed rule is adopted: (1) All State and local laws and regulations that are inconsistent with this rule will be preempted; (2) no retroactive effect will be given to this rule; and (3) administrative proceedings will not be required before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

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

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 93

Animal diseases, Imports, Livestock, Poultry and poultry products,

Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, we propose to amend 9 CFR part 93 as follows:

PART 93—IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS, BIRDS, AND POULTRY, AND CERTAIN ANIMAL, BIRD, AND POULTRY PRODUCTS; REQUIREMENTS FOR MEANS OF CONVEYANCE AND SHIPPING CONTAINERS

1. The authority citation for part 93 would continue to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1622; 19 U.S.C. 1306; 21 U.S.C. 102–105, 111, 114a, 134a, 134b, 134c, 134d, 134f, 136, and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

§ 93.101 [Amended]

2. In § 93.101, paragraph (c)(2)(i) would be amended by removing the words “leg band or tattoo number” and adding the words “number from the leg band, tattoo, or microchip” in their place and by removing the words “leg band or tattoo on” and adding the words “number from the leg band, tattoo, or microchip on” in their place.

Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of January 2002.

W. Ron DeHaven,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001–NM–251–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

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

SUMMARY: This document extends the period for public comment on the above-referenced NPRM that proposes the superseding of two existing airworthiness directives (AD), applicable to certain Boeing Model 737 series airplanes. The NPRM proposes to require installation of a new rudder control system and changes to the adjacent systems to accommodate that new rudder control system. This proposal is prompted by FAA

determinations that the existing system design architecture is unsafe due to inherent failure modes, including single-jam modes and certain latent failures or jams, which, when combined with a second failure or jam, could cause an uncommanded rudder hardover event and consequent loss of control of the airplane. Additionally, the current rudder operational procedure is not effective throughout the entire flight envelope. This extension of the comment period is necessary to assure that all interested persons have ample opportunity to present their views on the proposed requirements of the NPRM.

DATES: Comments must be received by February 14, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001–NM–251–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted via fax to (425) 227–1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: 9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain “Docket No. 2001–NM–251–AD” in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth W. Frey, Aerospace Engineer, Systems and Equipment Branch, ANM–130S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; telephone (425) 227–2673; fax (425) 227–1181.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this action may be changed in light of the comments received.

Submit comments using the following format:

- Organize comments issue-by-issue. For example, discuss a request to change the compliance time and a request to change the service bulletin reference as two separate issues.

- For each issue, state what specific change to the proposed AD is being requested.

- Include justification (e.g., reasons or data) for each request.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this action must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 2001-NM-251-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Events Leading to This Extension of the Comment Period

A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that would apply to certain Boeing Model 737 series airplanes was published as a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** on November 6, 2001 (66 FR 56783). The NPRM proposed to require installation of a new rudder control system and changes to the adjacent systems to accommodate that new rudder control system.

The FAA has received a request from the manufacturer, Boeing, to extend the comment period of the NPRM by 30 days. Boeing requests the extension because the NPRM would encompass holidays during November and December, which would significantly decrease the number of working days necessary to develop responses to the comments. Further, during a Boeing Critical Design Review (CDR), held on December 4, 2001, the CDR team provided information to the operators to enable them to assess the impact of the NPRM on their operations. Because the CDR was held after the NPRM was issued, operators have less time to assess the requirements of the proposed rule. In addition, Boeing states that the proposed action of the NPRM is a complex retrofit requirement with many aspects to consider.

The FAA's Determination

The FAA has considered Boeing's request and finds it appropriate to extend the comment period to give all interested persons additional time to examine the proposed requirements of the NPRM and submit comments. After evaluating the comments provided in Boeing Letter B-H210-01-0400, dated November 30, 2001, we have determined that extending the comment period by 30 days will not compromise the safety of these airplanes.

The Extension

The comment period for Docket No. 2001-NM-251-AD is hereby extended to February 14, 2002.

Since no portion of the NPRM or other regulatory information has been changed, the entire NPRM is not being republished.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on January 8, 2002.

Vi L. Lipski,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

22 CFR Part 196

[Public Notice 3847]

The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs/Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program and Grants to Post-Secondary Institutions

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes the rule by which the Department of State's Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs/Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship program will be administered. The State Department Basic Authorities Act (22 U.S.C. 2719) states that the Department shall establish regulations which will provide for a limit on the size of any specific grant and, regarding any grant to individuals, shall ensure no grant recipient receives grants from one or more Federal programs which in the aggregate would exceed the cost of his or her educational expenses and shall require satisfactory educational progress by grantees as a condition of eligibility for continued participation in the program.

DATES: Comments are due on or before March 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Chief of Student Programs, Office of Recruitment, Bureau of Human

Resources, Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW., Room H-518, Washington, DC 20522.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Esper, Office of Recruitment/Student Programs at (202) 261-8924.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs/Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program was established to recruit a talented and diverse group of students into the Foreign Service. The State Department Basic Authorities Act (22 U.S.C. 2719) authorizes the Secretary of State to make grants to post-secondary education institutions or students for the purpose of increasing the level of knowledge and awareness of and interest in employment with the Foreign Service. The program provides scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students in academic programs relevant to international affairs, political and economic analysis, administration, management and science policy. While in school, Fellows participate in one domestic and one overseas internship within the U.S. Department of State. After completing their academic training, and successfully passing the Foreign Service entry requirements, Fellows will enter the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service as Foreign Service Officers. Consideration is given to all qualified applicants who, in addition to outstanding leadership skills and academic achievement, demonstrate financial need. The number of fellowships awarded is determined by available funding.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 196

Education, Educational study programs, Federal aid programs, Grant programs, Scholarships and fellowships, and Students.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the U.S. Department of State amends 22 CFR chapter I by adding Part 196 to read as follows:

PART 196—THOMAS R. PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS/GRADUATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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196.1 What is the Fellowship Program?

196.2 How is the Fellowship Program administered?

196.3 Grants to post-secondary education institutions.

196.4 Administering Office.

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2719.

§ 196.1 What is the Fellowship Program?

The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs/Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program is designed to