

(iii) A partnership, limited liability company, or other entity in which any director, member of the credit committee or supervisory committee, or senior management employee, or immediate family members of any such individual, is a general partner, or a limited partner or entity member with an interest of 10 percent or more.

(2) The prohibition contained in paragraph (c)(1) of this section also applies to a lease from any other employee if the employee is directly involved in investments in fixed assets unless the board of directors determines that the employee's involvement does not present a conflict of interest.

(3) All transactions with business associates or family members not specifically prohibited by this paragraph (c) must be conducted at arm's length and in the interest of the credit union.

(d) *Regulatory Flexibility Program.* Federal credit unions that qualify for the Regulatory Flexibility Program provided for in part 742 of this chapter are exempt from the five percent limitation described in paragraph (a) of this section. Federal credit unions that lose their eligibility for the Regulatory Flexibility Program must comply with paragraph (a).

(e) *Definitions*—As used in this section:

(1) *Abandoned premises* means real property previously used to transact credit union business but no longer used for that purpose and real property originally acquired for future expansion for which the credit union no longer contemplates such use.

(2) *Fixed assets* means premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment.

(3) *Furniture, fixtures, and equipment* means all office furnishings, office machines, computer hardware and software, automated terminals, and heating and cooling equipment.

(4) *Investments in fixed assets* means:

(i) Any investment in improved or unimproved real property which is being used or is intended to be used as premises;

(ii) Any leasehold improvement on premises;

(iii) The aggregate of all capital and operating lease payments on fixed assets, without discounting commitments for future payments to present value; and

(iv) Any investment in furniture, fixtures and equipment.

(5) *Immediate family member* means a spouse or other family members living in the same household.

(6) *Premises* means any office, branch office, suboffice, service center, parking lot, other facility, or real estate where

the credit union transacts or will transact business.

(7) *Senior management employee* means the credit union's chief executive officer (typically this individual holds the title of President or Treasurer/Manager), any assistant chief executive officers (e.g., Assistant President, Vice President or Assistant Treasurer/Manager) and the chief financial officer (Comptroller).

(8) *Shares* means regular shares, share drafts, share certificates, other savings.

(9) *Retained earnings* means undivided earnings, regular reserve, reserve for contingencies, supplemental reserves, reserve for losses, and other appropriations from undivided earnings as designated by management or the Administration.

PART 742—REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM

3. The authority citation for part 742 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C 1756 and 1766.

4. Revise § 742.4(a) to read as follows:

§ 742.4 From what NCUA regulations will I be exempt?

(a) RegFlex credit unions are exempt from the provisions of the following NCUA regulations without restrictions or limitations: § 701.25, § 701.32(b) and (c), § 701.36(a), § 703.5(b)(1)(ii) and (2), § 703.12(c), § 703.16(b), and § 723.7(b) of this chapter.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

12 CFR Part 705

Community Development Revolving Loan Program for Credit Unions

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: NCUA proposes to revise its regulations pertaining to the Community Development Revolving Loan Program for Credit Unions (CDRLP) to permit student credit unions to participate in the program.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 21, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods (Please send comments by one method only):

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- NCUA Web site: http://www.ncua.gov/news/proposed_regs/proposed_regs.html. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: Address to regcomments@ncua.gov. Include "[Your name] Comments on Proposed Rule 705, Community Development Revolving Loan Program For Credit Unions" in the e-mail subject line.

- Fax: (703) 518-6319. Use the subject line described above for e-mail.

- Mail: Address to Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3428.

- Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as mail address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank S. Kressman, Staff Attorney, at the above address, or telephone: (703) 518-6540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Part 705 of NCUA's regulations implements the CDRLP. 12 CFR part 705. The purpose of the CDRLP is to support the community development activities of participating credit unions. 12 CFR 705.2. Participating credit unions are defined as those that are specifically involved in the stimulation of economic development and community revitalization activities in the communities they serve, whose membership consists of predominantly low-income members as reflected by a current low-income designation pursuant to § 701.34, § 741.204, or other applicable standards, and have submitted an application for participation and have been selected. 12 CFR 705.3(b); 12 CFR 701.34; 12 CFR 741.204. The CDRLP achieves its purpose by making low interest loans and providing technical assistance to those credit unions. A credit union that participates in the CDRLP increases economic and employment opportunities for its low-income members.

Historically, NCUA has taken the position that although student credit unions are designated as low-income credit unions for purposes of receiving nonmember deposits, they do not qualify to participate in the CDRLP because they are not specifically involved in the stimulation of economic development activities and community revitalization. 61 FR 50694 (September 27, 1996); 58 FR 21642 (April 23, 1993). The NCUA believes this historical perspective underestimates the importance of student credit unions and the impact they have on the economic

development and revitalization of the communities they serve. Student credit unions not only provide their members with valuable financial services generally not available but also a unique opportunity for financial education. NCUA believes that well run student credit unions would benefit greatly from participation in the CDRLP and, as a result, would be better able to serve their communities. Accordingly, NCUA proposes to amend the CDRLP regulations to allow student credit unions to participate in the program.

B. 30-Day Comment Period

As a matter of agency policy, NCUA generally allows interested persons a 60-day period to comment on a proposed rule. NCUA's Interpretive Ruling and Policy Statement 87-2. NCUA has determined that a 30-day comment period is sufficient in this instance. The simplicity of the rule change will allow meaningful public participation in the rulemaking process in a shorter time period. Additionally, the shorter comment period will enable student credit unions newly eligible to participate in the CDRLP to take advantage of current funding opportunities due to expire in a number of months.

Regulatory Procedures

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act requires NCUA to prepare an analysis to describe any significant economic impact a proposed rule may have on a substantial number of small credit unions (those under ten million dollars in assets). The proposed rule permits student credit unions to participate in the CDRLP, without imposing any additional regulatory burden. The proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small credit unions, and, therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.

Paperwork Reduction Act

NCUA has determined that the proposed rule would not increase paperwork requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and regulations of the Office of Management and Budget.

Executive Order 13132

Executive Order 13132 encourages independent regulatory agencies to consider the impact of their actions on state and local interests. In adherence to fundamental federalism principles, NCUA, an independent regulatory agency as defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(5), voluntarily complies with the executive

order. The proposed rule would not have substantial direct effects on the states, on the connection between the national government and the states, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. NCUA has determined that this proposed rule does not constitute a policy that has federalism implications for purposes of the executive order.

The Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1999—Assessment of Federal Regulations and Policies on Families

The NCUA has determined that this proposed rule would not affect family well-being within the meaning of section 654 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1999, Public Law 105-277, 112 Stat. 2681 (1998).

Agency Regulatory Goal

NCUA's goal is to promulgate clear and understandable regulations that impose minimal regulatory burden. We request your comments on whether the proposed rule is understandable and minimally intrusive.

List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 705

Community development, Credit unions, Loan programs-housing and community development, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Technical assistance.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on April 15, 2004.

Becky Baker,

Secretary of the Board.

For the reasons stated, NCUA proposes to amend 12 CFR part 705 as follows:

PART 705—COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FOR CREDIT UNIONS

1. The authority citation for part 705 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1772c-1; 42 U.S.C. 9822 and 9822 note.

§ 705.3 [Amended]

2. Remove the parenthetical clause “(excluding student credit unions)” from § 705.3(b).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2003-CE-68-AD]

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Airworthiness Directives; Przedsiębiorstwo Doswiadczalno-Produkcyjne Szybownictwa “PZL-Bielsko” Model SZD-50-3 “Puchacz” Sailplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Przedsiębiorstwo Doswiadczalno-Produkcyjne Szybownictwa “PZL-Bielsko” (PZL-Bielsko) Model SZD-50-3 “Puchacz” sailplanes. This proposed AD would require you to repetitively inspect the front and back of the fuselage front bulkhead attachment fitting for cracks and replace the attachment fitting if any cracks are found. This proposed AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for Poland. We are issuing this proposed AD to detect and correct cracks in the fuselage front bulkhead attachment fitting, which could result in structural failure of the bulkhead. This failure could lead to loss of control of the sailplane.

DATES: We must receive any comments on this proposed AD by May 24, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following to submit comments on this proposed AD:

- *By mail:* FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-CE-68-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.
- *By fax:* (816) 329-3771.
- *By e-mail:* 9-ACE-7-

Docket@faa.gov. Comments sent electronically must contain “Docket No. 2003-CE-68-AD” in the subject line. If you send comments electronically as attached electronic files, the files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII.

You may get the service information identified in this proposed AD from Przedsiębiorstwo Doswiadczalno-Produkcyjne Szybownictwa PZL-Bielsko, ul. Cieszyńska 325, 43-300 Bielsko-Biala; telephone: +48 033 812 50 21; facsimile: +48 033 812 37 39.

You may view the AD docket at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No.