

(3) Manure and other animal wastes must be disposed of within the PEQ Zoo park for a minimum of one year following the date an imported wild swine enters the zoo. If an APHIS veterinarian determines that an imported swine shows no signs of any communicable disease during this 1-year period, its manure and other wastes need not be disposed of within the zoo after the 1-year period. If, however, an APHIS veterinarian determines that the swine does show signs of any communicable disease during this 1-year period, an APHIS veterinarian will investigate the disease and determine whether the swine's manure and other wastes may safely be disposed of outside the zoo after the 1-year period has ended.

(4) Prior to the issuance of an import permit under this section, the operator of the approved PEQ Zoo to which the imported swine are to be consigned, and the importer of the swine, if such operator and importer are different parties, shall execute an agreement covering each swine or group of swine for which the import permit is requested. The agreement shall be in the following form:

*Agreement for the Importation, Quarantine and Exhibition of Certain Wild Ruminants and Wild Swine*

\_\_\_\_\_, operator(s) of the zoological park known as \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) located at \_\_\_\_\_ (City and state), and \_\_\_\_\_ (Importer) hereby request a permit for the importation of \_\_\_\_\_ (Number and kinds of animals) for exhibition purposes at the said zoological park, said animals originating in a country where foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest exists and being subject to restrictions under regulations contained in part 92, title 9, Code of Federal Regulations.

In making this request, it is understood and agreed that:

1. The animals for which an import permit is requested will be held in isolation at a port of embarkation in the country of origin, approved by the Administrator as a port having facilities which are adequate for maintaining wild animals in isolation from all other animals and having veterinary supervision by officials of the country of origin of the animals. Such animals will be held in such isolation for not less than 60 days under the supervision of the veterinary service of that country to determine whether the animals show any clinical evidence of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, or other communicable disease that is exotic to the United States or for which APHIS has an eradication or control program in 9 CFR chapter I, and to assure that the animals will not have been exposed to such a disease within the 60 days next before their exportation from that country.

2. Shipment will be made direct from such port of embarkation to the port of New York as the sole port of entry in this country. If

shipment is made by ocean vessel, the animals will not be unloaded in any foreign port en route. If shipment is made by air, the animals will not be unloaded at any port or other place of landing, except at a port approved by the Administrator as a port not located in a country where rinderpest or foot-and-mouth disease exists or as a port in such a country having facilities and inspection adequate for maintaining wild animals in isolation from all other animals.

3. No ruminants or swine will be aboard the transporting vehicle, vessel or aircraft, except those for which an import permit has been issued.

4. The animals will be quarantined for not less than 30 days in the Department's Animal Import Center in Newburgh, New York.

5. Upon release from quarantine the animals will be delivered to the zoological park named in this agreement to become the property of the park and they will not be sold, exchanged or removed from the premises without the prior consent of APHIS. If moved to another zoological park in the United States, the receiving zoological park must be approved by the Administrator in accordance with paragraph 6 of this agreement.

6. The Administrator will approve the movement of an imported animal subject to this agreement if the Administrator determines that the animal has spent at least one year in quarantine in a PEQ Zoo following importation without showing clinical evidence of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, or other communicable disease that is exotic to the United States or for which APHIS has an eradication or control program in 9 CFR chapter I, and determines that the receiving zoological park is accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA), or the receiving zoological park has facilities and procedures in place related to preventing the spread of communicable animal diseases (including but not limited to procedures for animal identification, record keeping, and veterinary care) that are equivalent to those required for AZA accreditation. The Administrator will approve the movement of a carcass, body part, or biological specimen derived from an imported animal subject to this agreement if the Administrator determines that the animal has spent at least one year in quarantine in a PEQ Zoo following importation without showing clinical evidence of foot-and-foot mouth disease, rinderpest, or other communicable disease that is exotic to the United States or for which APHIS has an eradication or control program in 9 CFR chapter I, and determines that the carcass, body part, or biological specimen will be moved only for scientific research or museum display purposes.

(Signature of importer)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

(Title or designation)

(Name of zoological park)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of officer of zoological park)

(Title of officer)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

(Title or designation)

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0579-0040.)  
Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of April 1997.

**Terry L. Medley,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

#### 9 CFR Parts 304, 308, 310, 327, 381, 416, and 417

[Docket No. 97-028N]

#### Technical Conference: Review of E. coli Testing

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of technical conference.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding a technical conference on May 8, 1997. The purpose of the conference is to provide an opportunity for industry, academia, and other interested parties to discuss with FSIS new information based on the first 3 months of testing meat and poultry for the presence of generic *E. coli* bacteria. The *E. coli* verification testing was required by FSIS's final rule "Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems," published on July 25, 1996.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on May 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The one-day conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn Westpark Hotel, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209. The hotel has reserved a block of rooms until April 24 for participants in the technical conference. Please contact the hotel at (800) 368-3408 and cite code FSI to make reservations.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To register for the conference, contact Ms. Mary Gioglio at (202) 501-7244, (202) 501-7138, or FAX (202) 501-7642. To arrange for the presentation of technical data, contact Ms. Susan Knower (202) 501-6022, FAX (202) 501-6929. Presenters are asked to submit one original and two copies of written comments to: FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket #97-028N, U.S. Department of

Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102 Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. Persons wishing to present technical data are asked to bring 150 copies of their data for distribution to participants in the conference. Participants who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should contact Ms. Gioglio at the above telephone or FAX numbers by April 30, 1997.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The final rule on Pathogen Reduction and HACCP, published on July 25, 1996, required all slaughter establishments to test for *E. coli* at a frequency based on production volume to verify that plants are meeting the established performance criteria. In the preamble to the final rule, FSIS solicited comments and information on a number of technical issues concerning the protocols for *E. coli* testing and announced that conferences would be held to discuss these issues.

The first conference was held on September 12 and 13, 1996. Participants discussed issues such as testing frequency, sampling procedures, and revision of the testing protocol to better account for differing establishment characteristics.

At the follow-up conference on May 8, a panel of industry and academia representatives will make presentations on *E. coli* verification testing by establishments that slaughter various types or subspecies of meat and poultry and discuss their observations and views. The new information should determine whether, and to what extent, changes are warranted in the testing protocol.

Transcripts of the conference will be available in the FSIS Docket Room.

Done at Washington, DC, on April 24, 1997.

**Thomas J. Billy,**  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 95-CE-31-AD; Amendment 39-10004; AD 97-09-08]

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#### **Airworthiness Directives; AeroSpace Technologies of Australia Limited (Formerly Government Aircraft Factories), Nomad Models N22S, N22B, and N24A Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment supersedes Airworthiness Directive AD 82-25-09 which currently requires repetitively inspecting the pilot and co-pilot control wheel sub-assemblies for cracks, and if cracked, modifying the cracked part on the AeroSpace Technologies of Australia, Limited (ASTA), formerly Government Aircraft Factories (GAF) Nomad Models N22S, N22B, and N24A airplanes. This action would retain the repetitive inspection of the pilot and co-pilot control wheel sub-assemblies for cracks, but would include a modification that would terminate the repetitive inspections by replacing or re-working the control wheel sub-assembly with a part of improved design. This superseding action is prompted by cracking in the control wheel sub-assemblies and the manufacture of an improved part that would terminate the repetitive inspection. The actions specified by this Ad are intended to prevent failure of the pilot's and co-pilot's control wheels, which, if not detected and corrected, could result in loss of control of the airplane.

**DATES:** Effective June 23, 1997.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of June 23, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Service information that applies to this AD may be obtained from AeroSpace Technologies of Australia, Limited, ASTA DEFENCE, Private Bag No. 4, Beach Road Lara 3212, Victoria, Australia. This information may also be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket 95-CE-31-AD, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ron Atmur, Aerospace Engineer, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, 3960 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, California, 90712; telephone (562) 627-5224; facsimile (562) 627-5210.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Events Leading to the Issuance of This AD**

A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that would apply to Nomad Models N22S, N22B, and N24A airplanes was published in the **Federal Register** on December 26, 1996 (61 FR 67965). This action proposed to supersede AD 82-25-09 with a new AD that would retain the repetitive 100 hour time-in-service (TIS) inspections for cracks on the pilot's and co-pilot's control wheel sub-assembly (ASTA part number (P/N) 1/N-45-1208) in the area adjacent to the circumferential weld adjoining the shaft spigot to each control wheel back support plate, modifying any cracked assembly by replacing the assembly with a part of improved design (ASTA P/N 2/N-45-1208 or an FAA approved equivalent part), or re-working the assembly with approved re-worked parts (ASTA P/N 1/N-03-734 or an FAA approved equivalent part), and if there are no signs of cracking during these inspections, terminating the repetitive inspections by accomplishing the modification to the control wheel sub-assemblies with parts of improved design. This modification is considered a terminating action for the repetitive inspections required in AD 82-25-09.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were received on the proposed rule or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public.

#### **Relevant Service Information**

Accomplishment of this action would be in accordance with Government Aircraft Factories (GAF) Nomad Alert Service Bulletin (SB) AS/B ANMD-27-27, Revision 1, dated November 5, 1982.

#### **The FAA's Determination**

After careful review of all available information related to the subject presented above, the FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed except for minor editorial corrections. The FAA has determined that these minor corrections will not change the meaning of the AD and will not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed.