

inside the flank, inside the brisket, and inside the rump.

(B) For sheep, goat, horse, mule, or other equine carcasses, establishments must sponge from the flank, brisket and rump, except for hide-on carcasses, in which case establishments must take samples by sponging from inside the flank, inside the brisket, and inside the rump.

(C) For swine carcasses, establishments must sponge or excise tissue from the ham, belly and jowl areas.

(iii) Sampling frequency. Slaughter establishments, except very low volume establishments as defined in paragraph (a)(2)(v) of this section, must take samples at a frequency proportional to the volume of production at the following rates:

(A) Cattle, sheep, goats, horses, mules, and other equines: 1 test per 300 carcasses, but a minimum of one sample during each week of operation.

(B) Swine: 1 test per 1,000 carcasses, but a minimum of one sample during each week of operation.

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(v) * * *

(A) Very low volume establishments annually slaughter no more than 6,000 cattle, 6,000 sheep, 6,000 goats, 6,000

horses, mules, or other equines, 20,000 swine, or a combination of livestock not exceeding 6,000 cattle and 20,000 total of all livestock. * * *

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PART 381—POULTRY PRODUCTS INSPECTION REGULATIONS

3. The authority citation for part 381 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 138f, 450; 21 U.S.C. 451–470, 7 CFR 2.18, 2.53.

Subpart K—Post Mortem Inspection; Disposition of Carcasses and Parts

4. Section 381.94 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(2)(iii), the first and second sentence of paragraph (a)(2)(v)(A), and table 1 in paragraph (a)(5)(i) as follows:

§ 381.94 Contamination with microorganisms; process control verification criteria and testing; pathogen reduction standards.

(a) * * *

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(iii) Sampling frequency. Slaughter establishments, except very low volume establishments as defined in paragraph (a)(2)(v) of this section, must take samples at a frequency proportional to

the establishment's volume of production at the following rates:

(A) Chickens: 1 sample per 22,000 carcasses, but a minimum of one sample during each week of operation.

(B) Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, and Guineas: 1 sample per 3,000 carcasses, but a minimum of one sample during each week of operation.

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(v) * * *

(A) Very low volume establishments annually slaughter no more than 440,000 chickens or 60,000 turkeys, 60,000 ducks, 60,000 geese, 60,000 guineas or a combination of all types of poultry not exceeding 60,000 turkeys and 440,000 birds total. Very low volume establishments that slaughter turkeys, ducks, geese, or guineas in the largest number must collect at least one sample during each week of operation after June 1 of each year, and continue sampling at a minimum of once each week the establishment operates until June 1 of the following year or until 13 samples have been collected, whichever comes first.

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(i) * * *

TABLE 1.—EVALUATION OF E. COLI TEST RESULTS

Types of poultry	Lower limit of marginal range (m)	Upper limit of marginal range (M)	Number of sample tested (n)	Maximum number per- mitted in mar- ginal range (c)
Chickens	¹ 100	¹ 1,000	13	3
Turkeys	* NA	* NA	* NA	* NA
Ducks	* NA	* NA	* NA	* NA
Geese	* NA	* NA	* NA	* NA
Guineas	* NA	* NA	* NA	* NA

¹ CFU/ml.

* Values will be added upon completion of data collection programs.

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Done at Washington, DC, on: November 18, 1999.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 201

[Regulation A]

Extensions of Credit by Federal Reserve Banks; Change in Discount Rate

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors has amended its Regulation A on Extensions of Credit by Federal Reserve Banks to reflect its approval of an increase in the basic discount rate at each Federal Reserve Bank. The Board acted on requests submitted by the Boards of Directors of the twelve Federal Reserve Banks.

DATES: The amendments to part 201 (Regulation A) were effective November 16, 1999. The rate changes for adjustment credit were effective on the dates specified in 12 CFR 201.51.

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(TDD), contact Diane Jenkins, at (202) 452–3544, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets NW, Washington, DC 20551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority of sections 10(b), 13, 14, 19, et al., of the Federal Reserve Act, the Board has amended its Regulation A (12 CFR part 201) to incorporate changes in discount rates on Federal Reserve Bank extensions of credit. The discount rates are the interest rates charged to depository institutions when they borrow from their district Reserve Banks.

The “basic discount rate” is a fixed rate charged by Reserve Banks for adjustment credit and, at the Reserve Banks’ discretion, for extended credit. In increasing the basic discount rate

from 4.75 percent to 5 percent, the Board acted on requests submitted by the Boards of Directors of the twelve Federal Reserve Banks. The new rates were effective on the dates specified below. The 25-basis-point increase in the discount rate was associated with a similar increase in the federal funds rate announced at the same time.

Although cost pressures appear generally contained, risks to sustainable growth persist. Despite tentative evidence of a slowing in certain interest-sensitive sectors of the economy and of accelerating productivity, the expansion of activity continues in excess of the economy's growth potential. As a consequence, the pool of available workers willing to take jobs has been drawn down further in recent months, a trend that must eventually be contained if inflationary imbalances are to remain in check and economic expansion continue.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

Pursuant to section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), the Board certifies that the change in the basic discount rate will not have a significant adverse economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The rule does not impose any additional requirements on entities affected by the regulation.

Administrative Procedure Act

The provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(b) relating to notice and public participation were not followed in connection with the adoption of the amendment because the Board for good cause finds that delaying the change in the basic discount rate in order to allow notice and public comment on the change is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest in fostering sustainable economic growth.

The provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(d) that prescribe 30 days prior notice of the effective date of a rule have not been followed because section 553(d) provides that such prior notice is not necessary whenever there is good cause for finding that such notice is contrary to the public interest. As previously stated, the Board determined that delaying the changes in the basic discount rate is contrary to the public interest.

List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 201

Banks, banking, Credit, Federal Reserve System.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 12 CFR part 201 is amended as set forth below:

PART 201—EXTENSIONS OF CREDIT BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS (REGULATION A)

1. The authority citation for 12 CFR part 201 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 343 *et seq.*, 347a, 347b, 347c, 347d, 348 *et seq.*, 357, 374, 374a and 461.

2. Section 201.51 is revised to read as follows:

§ 201.51 Adjustment credit for depository institutions.

The rates for adjustment credit provided to depository institutions under § 201.3(a) are:

Federal Reserve Bank	Rate	Effective
Boston	5.0	Nov. 16, 1999
New York	5.0	Nov. 18, 1999
Philadelphia ...	5.0	Nov. 18, 1999
Cleveland	5.0	Nov. 16, 1999
Richmond	5.0	Nov. 16, 1999
Atlanta	5.0	Nov. 17, 1999
Chicago	5.0	Nov. 18, 1999
St. Louis	5.0	Nov. 18, 1999
Minneapolis ...	5.0	Nov. 18, 1999
Kansas City ...	5.0	Nov. 16, 1999
Dallas	5.0	Nov. 17, 1999
San Francisco	5.0	Nov. 16, 1999

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 22, 1999.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 95-ANE-39; Amendment 39-11440; AD 99-24-15]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6 Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment supersedes an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to General Electric Company (GE) CF6 series turbofan engines, that currently requires initial and repetitive ultrasonic and eddy current inspections of high pressure compressor rotor (HPCR) stage 3-9 spools for cracks. This amendment defines more aggressive inspection intervals for certain HPCR

stage 3-9 spools, adds CF6-80E1 engines to the inspection program, adds inspection requirements for spools manufactured from 8 inch diameter billet, adds inspection requirements for stage 3-5 blade slot bottoms, and adds inspection requirements for web and hub-to-web transition areas. This amendment is prompted by analysis of recent HPCR stage 3-9 spool inspection results and separations, and assessment of the adequacy of the existing program to prevent HPCR stage 3-9 spool cracking and separation. As a result of that assessment, the FAA has determined there is a need to make changes to the existing AD. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent HPCR stage 3-9 spool cracking and separation, which can result in an uncontained engine failure and aircraft damage.

DATES: Effective January 28, 2000.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the **Federal Register** as of January 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from General Electric Company via Lockheed Martin Technology Services, 10525 Chester Road, Suite C, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215, telephone (513) 672-8400, fax (513) 672-8422. This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William S. Ricci, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (781) 238-7742, fax (781) 238-7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) by superseding AD 95-23-03, Amendment 39-9423 (60 FR 57803, November 21, 1995), which is applicable to General Electric Company (GE) CF6-45, -50, -80A, -80C2 and -80E1 series turbofan engines, was published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65136). That action proposed to define more aggressive inspection intervals for certain high pressure compressor rotor (HPCR) stage 3-9 spools, add CF6-80E1 engines to the inspection program, add inspection requirements for spools manufactured from 8-inch diameter