

independent producer nomination meetings be held for each of the seven districts prior to March 8, 2000, for the term of office beginning June 1, 2000, and this action should be in place before those meetings. The first meeting is scheduled on January 18, 2000; (2) the industry is aware of this action, which was unanimously recommended by the Committee at an open meeting on November 30, 1999; and (3) this rule provides a 30-day comment period, which is considered appropriate in view of the above, and any comments received will be considered prior to finalization of this rule.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 993

Marketing agreements, Plums, Prunes, Reporting and Recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 993 is amended as follows:

PART 993—DRIED PRUNES PRODUCED IN CALIFORNIA

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 993 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

2. In § 993.128, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 993.128 Nominations for membership.

(a) *Districts.* In accordance with the provisions of § 993.28, the districts referred to therein are described as follows:

District No. 1. The counties of Colusa, Glenn, Solano and Yolo.

District No. 2. That portion of Sutter County north of a line extending along Franklin Road easterly to the Yuba County line and westerly to the Colusa County line.

District No. 3. That portion of Sutter County south of a line extending along Franklin Road easterly to the Yuba County line and westerly to the Colusa County line.

District No. 4. The counties of Alpine, Amador, Del Norte, El Dorado, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Tehama and Trinity.

District No. 5. All of Butte County.

District No. 6. All of Yuba County.

District No. 7. The counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Tulare and all other counties not included in Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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Dated: December 21, 1999.

James R. Frazier,

Acting Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 94

[Docket No. 99–096–1]

Change in Disease Status of Portugal Because of African Swine Fever

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim rule and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are amending the regulations governing the importation of pork and pork products by adding Portugal to the list of regions where African swine fever exists. We are taking this action because there has been an outbreak of African swine fever in Portugal. This action will restrict the importation of pork and pork products into the United States from Portugal and is necessary to prevent the introduction of African swine fever into the United States.

DATES: Interim rule effective November 5, 1999. We invite you to comment on this docket. We will consider all comments that we receive by February 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send your comment and three copies to: Docket No. 99–096–1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 99–096–1.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket 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.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS rules, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Gary Colgrove, Chief Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; or phone (301) 734–8364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in 9 CFR part 94 (referred to below as the regulations) govern the importation of certain animals and animal products into the United States in order to prevent the introduction of various animal diseases, including rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever, hog cholera, and swine vesicular disease. These are dangerous and destructive communicable diseases of ruminants and swine. Section 94.8 of the regulations lists regions of the world where African swine fever (ASF) exists or is reasonably believed to exist. Section 94.8 also restricts the importation of pork and pork products into the United States from the listed regions.

Prior to the effective date of this interim rule, Portugal was considered free of ASF. However, on November 5, 1999, a suspected outbreak of ASF was detected in Portugal. The outbreak was confirmed by laboratory tests on November 15, 1999. On November 19, 1999, it was reported by the Director General of Veterinary Services of Portugal's Ministry of Agriculture. Therefore, in order to prevent the introduction of ASF into the United States, we are amending the regulations by adding Portugal to the list of regions in 94.8 where ASF exists or is reasonably believed to exist. We are making this action effective retroactively to November 5, 1999, which was the initial date of detection. As a result of this action, the importation, into the United States, of pork and pork products that left Portugal on or after November 5, 1999, will be restricted.

Emergency Action

The Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that an emergency exists that warrants publication of this interim rule without prior opportunity for public comment. Immediate action is necessary to prevent the introduction of ASF into the United States.

Because prior notice and other public procedures with respect to this action are impracticable and contrary to the public interest under these conditions, we find good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553 to make this action effective less than 30 days after publication. We will consider

comments that are received within 60 days of publication of this rule in the **Federal Register**. After the comment period closes, we will publish another document in the **Federal Register**. The document will include a discussion of any comments we receive and any amendments we are making to the rule as a result of the comments.

Executive Order 12866 and Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12866. For this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived its review process required by Executive Order 12866.

This interim rule amends the regulations governing the importation of pork and pork products by adding Portugal to the list of regions where ASF exists. We are taking this action because there has been an outbreak of ASF in Portugal. This action will restrict the importation, into the United States, of pork and pork products that left Portugal on or after November 5, 1999. This action is necessary to prevent the introduction of ASF into the United States.

This emergency situation makes compliance with section 603 and timely compliance with section 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) impracticable. If we determine that this rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, then we will discuss the issues raised by section 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act in our final regulatory flexibility analysis.

Executive Order 12988

This interim rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule: (1) Preempts all State and local laws and regulations that are in conflict with this rule; (2) Has retroactive effect to November 5, 1999; and (3) Does not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This 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 94

Animal diseases, Imports, Livestock, Meat and meat products, Milk, Poultry and poultry products, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, we are amending 9 CFR part 94 as follows:

PART 94—RINDERPEST, FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE, FOWL PEST (FOWL PLAGUE), EXOTIC NEWCASTLE DISEASE, AFRICAN SWINE FEVER, HOG CHOLERA, AND BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY: PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED IMPORTATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 94 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 147a, 150ee, 161, 162, and 450; 19 U.S.C. 1306, 21 U.S.C. 111, 114a, 134a, 134b, 134c, 134f, 136, and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 42 U.S.C. 4331 and 4332; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

§ 94.8 [Amended]

2. In 94.8, the introductory paragraph is amended by removing the word "and" immediately before "Malta," and adding the word "Portugal," immediately following "Malta,".

Done in Washington, DC, this 17th day of December 1999.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

12 CFR Part 308

Technical Amendments to FDIC Regulations Relating to Rules of Practice and Procedure and Deposit Insurance Coverage; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The FDIC published in the **Federal Register** of November 16, 1999, a document making technical amendments to various sections of its Local Rules of Practice and Procedure (Local Rules). The document also made a conforming technical amendment to the deposit insurance regulations. This document corrects an amendatory statement in the Local Rules.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jenetha M. Hickson, Alternate Liaison Officer; 202-898-3807.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In rule FR Doc. 99-29830, on page 62101, in the first column, correct amendatory statement 14 to read as follows:

"14. Section 308.156 is amended by removing the words 'and a person' and adding in their place the words 'and/or an individual' and by adding the words

'or money laundering' after the word 'trust'."

Dated: December 23, 1999.
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 99-NM-235-AD; Amendment 39-11484; AD 99-27-03]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 050 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Fokker Model F27 Mark 050 series airplanes. This action requires repetitive inspections of the connections between certain ribs and stringers of the wing skins to detect loose or missing rivets or gaps, and corrective actions, if necessary. This action also requires eventual modification of the rib-stringer connection, which terminates the repetitive inspections. This amendment is prompted by issuance of mandatory continuing airworthiness information by a foreign civil airworthiness authority. The actions specified in this AD are intended to prevent fatigue cracking in the skin and stringers, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the wings.

DATES: Effective January 13, 2000.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of January 13, 2000.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before January 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 99-NM-235-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Fokker Services B.V., P.O. Box 231, 2150 AE