

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is making available for comment a paper that lists two categories of livestock and poultry diseases and conditions observed at post-mortem inspection. One category is comprised of diseases and conditions that the Agency believes pose food safety risks or hazards. The other category is comprised of diseases and conditions that present other consumer protection issues. FSIS has developed the list as part of its HACCP-Based Inspection Models Project.

DATES: To receive full consideration, comments should be received by September 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The document "HACCP-Based Inspection Models Project: Diseases and Conditions Observable in Meat and Poultry" may be viewed at the FSIS Docket Room, Room 102 Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. An electronic version of the document is available on-line at FSIS's homepage at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. Written comments on the document may be sent in triplicate to FSIS Docket Clerk, DOCKET #98-009N, Room 102 Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia F. Stolfa, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Office of Policy, Program Development and Evaluation, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 205-0699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FSIS is carrying out a project to develop and test new methods for the inspection during slaughter of certain market classes of animals and their meat and poultry products produced under the Agency's "Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point Systems" (PR/HACCP) final rule (61 FR 38806; July 25, 1996). This project is designed to develop, in plants, these approaches to slaughtering inspection of young, healthy and uniform animals and birds that are consistent with the HACCP/PR regulation, and to explore the possibility of redeployment of some inspection resources from these plants in ways that will enhance food safety protection all along the farm-to-table continuum. It will also help define the respective responsibilities of FSIS and the regulated industry in slaughter and processing establishments, and in distribution channels outside of inspected establishments.

In a June 10, 1997, **Federal Register** notice, "HACCP-Based Meat and Poultry Inspection Concepts," FSIS requested public comment on the design and development of new inspection models for slaughter and processing in a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) environment (62 FR 31553). This notice summarized the National Academy of Sciences and General Accounting Office's recommendations that FSIS reduce its reliance on organoleptic (sensory) inspection and redeploy its resources to utilize regulatory approaches that are based on risks. To accomplish these objectives, new inspection models or methods must be developed, and these must be consistent with the meat and poultry inspection laws as well as systems put in place by the PR/HACCP final rule.

A June 24-25, 1997, public meeting, which the notice announced, provided a forum for dialogue between FSIS and all parties interested in the project. This project has also been discussed at the September 9-11, 1997, January 13-14, 1998, and May 12-14, 1998, meetings of the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection. It will also be discussed at FSIS' July 27 public meeting on its HACCP-based Inspection Models Project for Slaughtering establishments.

Diseases and Conditions that Pose Food Safety Risks vs. Ones That Pose Other Consumer Protection Issues

As part of the development of new inspection models or methods that are consistent with the meat and poultry inspection laws and with systems put in place by the PR/HACCP final rule, animal diseases and conditions observable at post-mortem inspection that pose food-safety hazards or risks need to be distinguished from diseases and conditions that present other consumer protection issues. In the past, the Agency has not made this distinction because, under the traditional approach to inspection, resources are not assigned according to public-health risk.

HACCP, however, focuses on hazards. The diseases and conditions listed in the paper are examples of potential hazards that, in the future, establishments might consider when conducting their hazard analyses and in developing their HACCP plans or, with respect to the non-food-safety-related conditions, in developing slaughter process control programs.

The first category of diseases and conditions listed in the paper is comprised of diseases and conditions that pose food-safety hazards or risks

(within the meaning of 9 CFR 417.1 and 417.2(a)); the second is comprised of animal diseases and conditions that pose other consumer protection issues. Meat and poultry products affected by diseases and conditions in either category are to be removed from the human food supply in the interests of consumers, because diseases and conditions in either category would adulterate the food.

Because FSIS has not previously delineated these categories, and because establishments are not now expected to have categorized diseases and conditions in this manner, FSIS determined that it would be useful to have a broad base of comments on the list. The list was developed by Agency experts based, in part, on informal consultations with their colleagues outside the Agency and the Government.

In the course of the HACCP-Based Inspection Models project, the volunteer establishments will decide how best to remove adulterated carcasses and parts from the food supply, and FSIS will decide how best to verify that only safe, wholesome products are entering commerce. These decisions will depend, in part, on knowing which diseases and conditions affect food safety (controlled by HACCP systems) and which are aesthetic conditions (but are subject to slaughter process controls). The paper, "HACCP-Based Inspection Models Project: Diseases and Conditions to be Removed from Meat and Poultry" is intended to inform project participants and the public of the Agency's views on this subject. The paper is available for review at the location indicated above in **ADDRESSES**.

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Thomas J. Billy,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 21

Existence of Proposed Airworthiness Design Standards for Acceptance Under the Primary Category Rule

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Proposed airworthiness standards for acceptance under the primary category rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document announces the existence of and requests comments on proposed airworthiness design standards for acceptance of the Model Deland Travelaire airplane under FAA's rules on designation of applicable regulations for primary category aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments to the FAA, Standards Office, Small Airplane Directorate (ACE-110), Aircraft Certification Service, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Smyth, Aerospace Engineer, Standards Office (ACE-111), Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, FAA; telephone number (816) 426-6941, fax number (816) 426-2169.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any person may obtain a copy of this information by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Comments Invited

We invite interested parties to submit comments on the proposed airworthiness standards to the address specified above. Commenters must identify the design standards (Department of Commerce Aeronautics Bulletin 7A, as amended October 1, 1934, as the design standard for the unmodified airplane structure and Transport Canada's TP10141E Ultralight (Sportplane) design standard for all modifications) and submit comments to the address specified above. The FAA will consider all communications received on or before the closing date before issuing the final acceptance. The proposed airworthiness design standards and comments received may be inspected at the FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Standards Office (ACE-110), 1201 Walnut, Room 900, Kansas City, MO 64106, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Background

The "primary" category for aircraft was created specifically for the simple, low performance personal aircraft. Section 21.17(f) provides a means for applicants to propose airworthiness standards for their particular primary category aircraft. The FAA procedure establishing appropriate airworthiness standards includes reviewing and possibly revising the applicant's proposal, publication of the submittal in the **Federal Register** for public review and comment, and addressing the comments. After all necessary revisions,

the standards are published as approved FAA airworthiness standards.

Accordingly, the applicant, Orlando Helicopter Airways, Inc., has submitted a request to the FAA to include the Department of Commerce Aeronautics Bulletin 7A, as amended October 1, 1934, as the design standard for the unmodified airplane structure and Transport Canada's TP10141E Ultralight (Sportplane) design standard for all modifications. The Department of Commerce Aeronautics Bulletin 7A was used in the original certification in March 1928 of the Curtiss Travel Aire 2000; therefore, the FAA considers this standard as continuing to be valid for the unmodified parts of the Deland Travelaire.

The authority citation for the proposed airworthiness standards is as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7572; 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40105, 40113, 44701-44702, 44707, 44709, 44711, 44713, 44715, 45303.

Proposed Airworthiness Standards for Acceptance Under the Primary Category Rule

The FAA is requiring 500 hours of operational aviation service history of the derivative V8 engine/wood-propeller combination on an airplane rather than the 200 hours offered by the applicant. The applicant has agreed to this position; therefore, the certification basis for the Deland Travelaire will be the Primary Category Rule (part 21, 21.24) with Department of Commerce Aeronautics Bulletin 7A, as amended October 1, 1934, as the design standard of the unmodified airplane structure and Transport Canada's TP10141E Ultralight (Sportplane) Design Standard will be used for all modifications.

Compliance with the acoustical standards of the latest amendment to 14 CFR part 36 at the time of certification will be required.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on July 8, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

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Conversion to the Euro

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: In the Rules and Regulations of this issue of the **Federal Register**, the IRS is issuing temporary regulations relating to the change to the euro. The text of those temporary regulations also serves as the text of these proposed regulations. This document also provides a notice of public hearing on these proposed regulations.

DATES: Written comments must be received by October 1, 1998. Requests to speak and outlines of oral comments to be discussed at the public hearing scheduled for October 20, at 10 a.m., must be received by September 29, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send submissions to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG-110332-98), room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG-110332-98) Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. Alternatively, taxpayers may submit comments electronically via the Internet by selecting the "Tax Regs" option of the IRS Home Page, or by submitting comments directly to the IRS Internet site at: http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/tax_regs/comments.html. The public hearing will be held in room 2615, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning the regulations, Howard Wiener, (202) 622-3870 or Thomas Preston, (202) 622-3930; concerning submissions and the hearing, LaNita VanDyke, 202-622-7190 (not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Temporary regulations in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register** amend the Income Tax Regulations (26 CFR part 1) relating