

IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE—  
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[Raw cotton fiber]

HTS No.	Conv. Factor	Cents/kg.
6304910170 .....	0.2215	0.2707173
6304920000 .....	0.8859	1.0827470
6304996040 .....	0.2215	0.2707173
6505001515 .....	1.1189	1.3675196
6505001525 .....	0.5594	0.6836987
6505001540 .....	1.1189	1.3675196
6505002030 .....	0.9412	1.1503346
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6505002545 .....	0.5537	0.6767321
6507000000 .....	0.3986	0.4871689
9404901000 .....	0.2104	0.2571509
9404908020 .....	0.9966	1.2180445
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9619003100 .....	0.9535	1.1653677
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9619004100 .....	0.2384	0.2913725
9619004300 .....	0.2384	0.2913725
9619006100 .....	0.8528	1.0422922
9619006400 .....	0.2437	0.2978501
9619006800 .....	0.3655	0.4467141
9619007100 .....	1.1099	1.3565198
9619007400 .....	0.2466	0.3013945
9619007800 .....	0.2466	0.3013945
9619007900 .....	0.2466	0.3013945

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Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2101–2118.

Dated: October 8, 2019.  
Bruce Summers,  
Administrator.  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

7 CFR Part 3565

[Docket No. RHS–18–MFH–0027]

RIN 0575–AD12

Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program Notice of Funding Availability Elimination

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.  
ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (RHS or Agency) published a proposed rule December 12, 2018, proposing to amend its regulation to eliminate the requirement for the annual publication of Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Through this action, RHS finalizes the proposed rule without any substantive revisions.

**DATES:** Effective November 14, 2019.  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Monica Cole, Finance and Loan Analyst, Multi-Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0781—Room 1263S, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–0781, Telephone: (202) 720–1251 (this is not a toll-free number); email: *monica.cole@usda.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
**Background and Summary of Changes**

The annual publication of the NOFA is currently required by 7 CFR part 3565. Section 538 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1490p) (Housing Act) broadly requires a publication of the availability of funds, application procedures, and selection criteria in the **Federal Register**, it does not require an annual NOFA. RHS is amending its regulation to align with the Housing Act requirements. The delay caused by annually publishing a NOFA also creates problems regarding the timing of other funders’ deadlines. The major funding source in the Section 538 portfolio is Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). Of these properties that are financed with LIHTC, the LIHTC equity represents approximately 75 percent of the total development cost (TDC). Without the injection of LIHTC equity, rents would not be affordable to low income tenants. When developers use the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing (GRRH) program with LIHTC, they are required to submit a preliminary eligibility letter from Rural Development together with the LIHTC application. If the NOFA is published after the LIHTC application deadline, the developer will not be able to use LIHTC to finance the project.

In lieu of the NOFA process, the Section 538 GRRH program will continue to follow procedures similar to other Rural Development guaranteed loan programs and accept applications on a continuous basis. The Agency will make an announcement to the public when funds are available. Rural Development will use the standards from the last NOFA as published in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2017 (82 FR 60579). If Rural Development chooses to change the selection and/or scoring criteria or fees charged in subsequent years, it will inform the public of those changes through additional Notices in the **Federal Register**.

Both Empowerment Zone (EZ) and Enterprise Community (EC) Initiatives have expired, so reference to those

initiatives will also be removed from 7 CFR part 3565. The Agency published a proposed rule on December 12, 2018 at 83 FR 64488–64490, proposing to amend its regulation to eliminate the requirement for the annual publication of the NOFA. One comment was received, and it was in support of the proposed regulatory change. Therefore, RHS is moving forward with finalizing this rule with only minor stylistic and grammatical changes that do not affect the substance of the proposed regulation.

**Executive Order 12866—Classification**

This final rule has been determined to be non-significant and; therefore, was not reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866.

**Congressional Review Act**

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs designated this rule as not a major rule, as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

**Authority**

The GRRH program is administered subject to appropriations by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as authorized under the Housing Act of 1949 as amended, Section 538, Public Law 106–569, 42 U.S.C. 1490 p-2.

**Environmental Impact Statement**

This document has been reviewed in accordance with 7 CFR part 1970, subpart A, “Environmental Policies.” RHS determined that this action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the environment. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Public Law 91–190, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

**Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The rule has been reviewed with regard to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612). The undersigned has determined and certified by signature on this document that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities since this rulemaking action does not involve a new or expanded program nor does it require any more action on the part of a small business than required of a large entity.

**Executive Order 13132—Federalism**

The policies contained in this rule do not have any substantial direct effect on

States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of Government. This rule does not impose substantial direct compliance costs on State and local Governments; therefore, consultation with States is not required.

#### **Executive Order 12988—Civil Justice Reform**

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988. In accordance with this rule: (1) Unless otherwise specifically provided, all State and local laws that conflict with this rule will be preempted; (2) no retroactive effect will be given to this rule except as specifically prescribed in the rule; and (3) administrative proceedings of the National Appeals Division of USDA (7 CFR part 11) must be exhausted before bringing suit in court that challenges action taken under this rule.

#### **Unfunded Mandate Reform Act (UMRA)**

Title II of the UMRA, Public Law 104–4, establishes requirements for Federal Agencies to assess the effects of their regulatory actions on State, local, and tribal Governments and on the private sector. Under section 202 of the UMRA, Federal Agencies generally must prepare a written statement, including cost-benefit analysis, for proposed and final rules with “Federal mandates” that may result in expenditures to State, local, or tribal Governments, in the aggregate, or to the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one-year. When such a statement is needed for a rule, section 205 of the UMRA generally requires a Federal Agency to identify and consider a reasonable number of regulatory alternatives and adopt the least costly, more cost-effective, or least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule.

This rule contains no Federal mandates (under the regulatory provisions of title II of the UMRA) for State, local, and tribal Governments or for the private sector. Therefore, this rule is not subject to the requirements of sections 202 and 205 of the UMRA.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

The information collection requirements contained in this regulation have been approved by OMB and have been assigned OMB control number 0575–0189. This final rule contains no new reporting and recordkeeping requirements that would require approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

#### **E-Government Act Compliance**

RHS is committed to complying with the E-Government Act by promoting the use of the internet and other Information Technologies in order to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information, services, and other purposes.

#### **Programs Affected**

The program affected by this regulation is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under numbers 10.438—Rural Rental Housing Guaranteed Loans (Section 538).

#### **Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments**

This executive order imposes requirements on RHS in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications or preempt tribal laws. RHS has determined that the rule does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribe(s) or on either the relationship or the distribution of powers and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes. Thus, this rule is not subject to the requirements of Executive Order 13175. If tribal leaders are interested in consulting with RHS on this rule, they are encouraged to contact USDA’s Office of Tribal Relations or Rural Development’s Native American Coordinator at: [AIAN@usda.gov](mailto:AIAN@usda.gov) to request such a consultation.

#### **Executive Order 12372—Intergovernmental Consultation**

These loans are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which require intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. RHS conducts intergovernmental consultations for each loan in accordance with 2 CFR part 415, subpart C.

#### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

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- (1) *Mail*: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–9410;
- (2) *Fax*: (202) 690–7442; or
- (3) *Email*: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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#### **List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 3565**

Conflict of interest, Credit, Fair housing, Loan programs—housing and community development, Low and moderate-income housing, Manufactured homes, Mortgages, Rent subsidies, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rural areas.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, RHS amends 7 CFR part 3565 as follows:

#### **PART 3565—GUARANTEED RURAL RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAM**

- 1. The authority citation for part 3565 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301; 7 U.S.C. 1989; 42 U.S.C. 1480.

#### **Subpart A—General Provisions**

##### **§ 3565.3 [Amended]**

- 2. Amend § 3565.3 by removing the definition of “NOFA.”
- 3. Section 3565.4 is revised to read as follows:

##### **§ 3565.4 Availability of assistance.**

The Agency’s authority to enter into commitments, guarantee loans, or

provide interest credits is limited to the extent that appropriations are available to cover the cost of the assistance. The Agency will notify the public of the availability of assistance, changes in application requirements, or changes in the fee structure.

■ 4. Amend § 3565.5 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

**§ 3565.5 Ranking and selection criteria.**

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(b) *Priority projects.* Priority will be given to projects: In smaller rural communities, in the neediest communities having the highest percentage of leveraging, having the lowest interest rate, having the highest ratio of 3–5-bedroom units to total units, or on tribal lands. In addition, the Agency may, at its sole discretion, set-aside assistance for or rank projects that meet important program goals. Assistance will include both loan guarantees and interest credits. Priority projects must compete for set-aside funds.

**Subpart B—Guarantee Requirements**

■ 5. Amend § 3565.53 by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

**§ 3565.53 Guarantee fees.**

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(c) *Surcharge for guarantees on construction advances.* The Agency may, at its sole discretion, charge an additional fee on the portion of the loan advanced during construction. If applicable, this fee will be charged in advance at the start of construction.

**Subpart C—Lender Requirements**

**§ 3565.104 [Amended]**

■ 6. Amend § 3565.104 by removing the last sentence.

**Subpart E—Loan Requirements**

■ 7. Section 3565.210 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 3565.210 Maximum interest rate.**

The interest rate for a guaranteed loan must not exceed the maximum allowable rate specified by the Agency. This interest rate must be fixed over the term of the loan.

**Subpart F—Property Requirements**

■ 8. Section 3565.252 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 3565.252 Housing types.**

The property may include new construction or rehabilitation of existing structures. The units may be attached, detached, semi-detached, row houses,

modular or manufactured houses, or multifamily structures. Manufactured housing must meet Agency requirements contained in 7 CFR part 1924, subpart A. The Agency will guarantee proposals for new construction or acquisition with moderate or substantial rehabilitation of at least \$6,500 per dwelling unit. The portion of guaranteed funds available for acquisition with rehabilitation may be limited.

**Subpart G—Processing Requirements**

■ 9. Amend § 3565.302 by revising paragraph (b) introductory text to read as follows:

**§ 3565.302 Allowable fees.**

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(b) *Agency fees.* The Agency will charge one or more types of fees deemed appropriate as reimbursement for reasonable and necessary costs incurred in connection with applications received from lenders. Agency fees may include, but are not limited to, the following:

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**Bruce W. Lammers,**

*Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. FAA–2019–0444; Product Identifier 2019–NM–028–AD; Amendment 39–19756; AD 2019–20–03]

**RIN 2120–AA64**

**Airworthiness Directives; Various Transport Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for various transport airplanes. This AD was prompted by reports of smoke and fumes in the flight deck. This AD requires modification of certain universal serial bus (USB) receptacles located in the flight deck. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective November 19, 2019.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference

of certain publications listed in this AD as of November 15, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** For service information identified in this final rule, contact Fokker Services B.V., Technical Services Dept., P.O. Box 1357, 2130 EL Hoofddorp, the Netherlands; telephone +31 (0)88–6280–350; fax +31 (0)88–6280–111; email [technicalservices@fokker.com](mailto:technicalservices@fokker.com); internet <http://www.myfokkerfleet.com>. You may view this service information at the FAA, Transport Standards Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195. It is also available on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2019–0444.

**Examining the AD Docket**

You may examine the AD docket on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2019–0444; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan Rodina, Aerospace Engineer, International Section, Transport Standards Branch, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone and fax 206–231–3225.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Discussion**

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2018–0259R1, dated February 7, 2019 (“EASA AD 2018–0259R1”) (also referred to as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition for the following airplanes on which certain USB receptacles were installed using certain Fokker service information:

- Fokker Services B.V. Model F.27 Mark 050 airplanes.
- Fokker Services B.V. Model F28 Mark 3000 airplanes.
- Fokker Services B.V. Model F28 Mark 0070 and Mark 0100 airplanes.
- Airbus SAS Model A318–111 airplanes.