

account of signatory and non-signatory handlers; (4) the 1998-99 crop year began on July 1, 1998, and the Agreement and the Act require that the rate of assessment for each crop year apply to all assessable peanuts received or acquired during such crop year; (5) signatory handlers are aware of this action which was unanimously recommended by the Committee at a public meeting and is similar to other assessment rate actions issued in past years; and (6) this interim final rule provides a 60-day comment period, and all written comments timely received will be considered prior to finalization of this rule.

#### List of Subjects

##### 7 CFR Part 997

Food grades and standards, Peanuts, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

##### 7 CFR Part 998

Marketing agreements, Peanuts, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR parts 997 and 998 are amended as follows:

#### **PART 997—PROVISIONS REGULATING THE QUALITY OF DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED PEANUTS HANDLED BY PERSONS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PEANUT MARKETING AGREEMENT**

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR parts 997 and 998 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 601-674.

2. Section 997.101 is revised to read as follows:

##### **§ 997.101 Assessment rate.**

On and after July 1, 1998, an administrative assessment rate of \$0.33 per net ton of assessable farmers stock peanuts received or acquired by each non-signatory first handler is established for peanuts.

#### **PART 998—MARKETING AGREEMENT REGULATING THE QUALITY OF DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED PEANUTS**

3. Section 998.409 is revised to read as follows:

##### **§ 998.409 Assessment rate.**

On and after July 1, 1998, an administrative assessment rate of \$0.33 per net ton of farmers stock peanuts received or acquired other than those described in § 998.31(c) and (d) is established for handlers signatory to the

Agreement. Assessments are due on the 15th of the month following the month in which the farmers stock peanuts are received or acquired.

Dated: July 28, 1998

**Robert C. Keeney,**

*Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.*

[FR Doc. 98-20641 Filed 7-31-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-02-P

#### **FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION**

##### **12 CFR Part 607**

RIN 3052-AB83

#### **Assessment and Apportionment of Administrative Expenses; Technical Change; Effective Date**

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** The Farm Credit Administration (FCA or Agency), through the FCA Board (Board), issued a direct final rule with opportunity for comment under part 607 on June 24, 1998 (63 FR 34267) that makes technical amendments to its assessment regulations in order to conform to the recently adopted FCA Board policy statement on its financial institution rating system. The opportunity for comment expired on July 24, 1998. The FCA received no comments and therefore, the final rule becomes effective without change. In accordance with 12 U.S.C. 2252, the effective date of the final rule is 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register** during which either or both Houses of Congress are in session. Based on the records of the sessions of Congress, the effective date of the regulations is August 3, 1998.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The regulation amending 12 CFR part 607 published on June 24, 1998 (63 FR 34267) is effective August 3, 1998.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Andrew D. Jacob, Senior Financial Analyst, Office of Policy and Analysis, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090, (703) 883-4498, TDD (703) 883-4444,

or

Wendy R. Laguarda, Senior Attorney, Office of General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090, (703) 883-4020, TDD (703) 883-4444.

(12 U.S.C. 2252(a)(9) and (10)).

Dated: July 29, 1998.

**Floyd Fithian,**

*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*

[FR Doc. 98-20627 Filed 7-31-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6705-01-P

#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

##### **Federal Aviation Administration**

##### **14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. 98-NM-210-AD; Amendment 39-10689; AD 98-16-13]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### **Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Boeing Model 747 series airplanes. This action requires a one-time inspection for missing fasteners of the splice fitting of the forward inner chord of the Body Station (BS) 2598 bulkhead; and corrective actions, if necessary. This amendment is prompted by a report that fasteners were missing from the splice fitting of the forward inner chord. The actions specified in this AD are intended to prevent accelerated fatigue cracking of the inner chords of the BS 2598 bulkhead, which could result in inability of the structure to carry horizontal stabilizer flight loads, and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane.

**DATES:** Effective August 18, 1998.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of August 18, 1998.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before October 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 98-NM-210-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of