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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

7 CFR Part 770

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

7 CFR Parts 1823 and 1956

[RIN 0560-AF43]

Loans to Indian Tribes and Tribal Corporations

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The comment period for the proposed rule is being extended in order to provide opportunities to further comment on this rule and its criteria as requested by several parties. This proposed rule was initially published in the *Federal Register* on November 2, 1999, (64 FR 59131). This proposed rule will consolidate into one part and to revise the Indian Tribal Land Acquisition Program (ITLAP) regulations to allow borrowers to use the loan reserve accounts to purchase additional real estate and to give borrowers additional servicing options. The proposed rule also would allow ITLAP funds to be used for certain refinancing activities; limit the requirement for reserve accounts to loans not secured by a general assignment of Tribal income; expand the uses borrowers may make of land purchased with ITLAP funds; require ITLAP loan applications, in most cases, include a copy of the borrower's option to purchase the land; and provide for subsequent loans to be made to ITLAP borrowers.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before May 1, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments on the proposed rule to: Arthur Veldon Hall, Director, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing and Property Management Division, Farm Service Agency, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., STOP 0523, Washington, D.C. 20250-0523, fax number: (202) 690-0949, or hand deliver them to room 5449-South at the address listed above during normal business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary West, Senior Loan Officer, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing and Property Management Division, Farm Service Agency, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., STOP 0523, Washington, D.C. 20250-0523, telephone (202) 690-4008, facsimile (202) 690-0949, electronic mail: gwest@wdc.usda.fsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Extension of Comment Period

In the *Federal Register* of November 2, 1999, FSA published a proposed rule to enunciate eligibility criteria for debt relief options for ITLAP loans. The comment period closed December 2, 1999, FSA is soliciting comments from interested persons concerning these elements.

FSA received one request from an indebted FSA ITLAP borrower to extend the comment period an additional 30 days. In response to the request, FSA is extending the comment period an additional 30 days.

II. Comments

Interested persons may, on or before May 1, 2000 submit to the Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing and Property Management Division (address above) written comments regarding the proposed rule. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted except that individuals may submit one copy. All written comments are available for public inspection from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at the address listed above.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on March 23, 2000.

August Schumacher, Jr.,

Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 98-NM-380-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-100 and -300 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Bombardier Model DHC-8-100 and -300 series airplanes. This proposal would require revising the Aircraft Log Book to correct the airplane Production Modification List; performing an inspection to determine which bonded skin panels on the airplane require bonding integrity inspections (BII); and revising the Airworthiness Limitations List of the Approved Maintenance Plan to include the BII requirements. This proposal also would, for certain airplanes, require repetitive ultrasonic bond inspections to detect disbonding of airplane skin panels, and repair, if necessary. This proposal is prompted by issuance of mandatory continuing airworthiness information by a foreign civil airworthiness authority. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent damage to bonded skin panels to go undetected, which could result in failure of the bonded skin panels, and consequent loss of controllability of the airplane.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 98-NM-