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## FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

### 12 CFR Parts 611, 618, 620

RIN 3052-AC03

#### Organization; General Provisions; Disclosure to Shareholders

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; comment period extension.

**SUMMARY:** The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) Board extends the comment period on the proposed rule that would provide procedures for a Farm Credit System (FCS) direct lender association to request a national charter. The FCA Board extends the comment period on the proposed rule for 30 more days so interested parties have additional time to provide comments.

**DATES:** Please send your comments to us on or before April 20, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments via electronic mail to "reg-comm@fca.gov" or through the Pending Regulations section of our Web site at [www.fca.gov](http://www.fca.gov). You may also mail or deliver written comments to Thomas G. McKenzie, Director, Regulation and Policy Division, Office of Policy and Analysis, Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090 or send them by facsimile transmission to (703) 734-5784. You may review copies of all comments we receive in the Office of Policy and Analysis, Farm Credit Administration.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

S. Robert Coleman, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Analysis, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, VA 22102-5090, (703) 883-4498, TDD (703) 883-4444, or Jennifer A. Cohn, Senior Attorney, Office of General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, VA 22102-5090, (703) 883-4020, TDD (703) 883-4444.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 16, 2001, the FCA published a proposed rule that would amend its

regulations to provide procedures for requesting national charters. See 66 FR 10639. The proposed rule would also require each association with a national charter to extend sound and constructive credit to eligible and creditworthy customers in its Local Service Area. In addition, the FCA proposed to establish controls through new business planning requirements for an association with a national charter. These new requirements will help strengthen the safety and soundness of the FCS. These requirements will also help ensure that the FCS continues to meet its public policy mission to provide adequate, dependable, and competitive credit and related services to agriculture and rural America. The comment period was scheduled to close on March 19, 2001. In response to several requests, we now extend the comment period for an additional 30 days, so you will have more time to comment.

Dated: March 16, 2001.

**Jeanette P. Brinkley,**

*Acting Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2000-NM-271-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes Powered By Pratt & Whitney JT9D-7 Series Engines

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes the superseding of an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Boeing Model 747 series airplanes powered by Pratt & Whitney JT9D-7 series engines, that currently requires detailed visual inspections of the lugs on the bulkhead fitting of the rear engine mount, and corrective action, if necessary. The existing AD also

specifies optional ultrasonic inspections, which, if accomplished, extend the repetitive interval for the required detailed visual inspections. This action would require accomplishment of the previously optional ultrasonic inspections and, for certain airplanes, rework of the bulkhead fitting of the rear engine mount. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to detect and correct bushing migration, corrosion, or cracking of the lugs on the bulkhead fitting of the rear engine mount, which could result in separation of the engine from the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by May 7, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-NM-271-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted via fax to (425) 227-1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: 9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain "Docket No. 2000-NM-271-AD" in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule 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.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tamara L. Anderson, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2771; fax (425) 227-1181.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the