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EFFECTIVE DATE: September 19, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Gary Colgrove, Director, Sanitary Trade Issues Team, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-4356.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in 9 CFR part 92, "Importation of Animals and Animal Products: Procedures for Requesting Recognition of Regions" (referred to below as the regulations), set out the process by which a foreign government may request recognition of the animal health status of a region or approval to export animals or animal products to the United States based on the risk associated with animals or animal products from that region. As provided in § 92.2, each request must include information about the region, including information on the authority, organization, and infrastructure of the veterinary services organization of the region; the extent to which movement of animals and animal products is controlled from regions of higher risk, and the level of biosecurity for such movements; livestock demographics and marketing practices in the region; diagnostic laboratory capabilities in the region; and the region's policies and infrastructure for animal disease control, *i.e.*, the region's emergency response capacity.

On March 6, 2003, we published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 10667-10668, Docket No. 01-036-1) in which we proposed to amend the regulations to require regions that have been granted status under the regulations to provide information, or allow us to access information, to confirm the regions' animal health status when we request it.

We solicited comments concerning our proposal for 60 days ending May 5, 2003. We received four comments by that date. They were from representatives of domestic livestock producers and a State animal health agency. All of the commenters supported the proposed rule. Therefore, for the reasons given in the proposed rule, we are adopting the proposed rule as a final rule, without change.

Executive Order 12866 and Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12866. The rule has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

We are amending the regulations that set out our procedures for recognizing the animal health status of regions. Specifically, we are requiring regions that have been granted status under the regulations to provide information, or allow us to access information, to confirm the regions' animal health status when we request to do so. This action is necessary to help prevent the introduction of foreign animal diseases into the United States. We do not expect that this action will result in any economic effects, positive or negative.

Under these circumstances, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Executive Order 12988

This final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule: (1) Preempts all State and local laws and regulations that are inconsistent with this rule; (2) has no retroactive effect; and (3) does not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the information collection or recordkeeping requirements included in this rule have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB control number 0579-0219.

Government Paperwork Elimination Act Compliance

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is committed to compliance with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), which requires Government agencies in general to provide the public the option of submitting information or transacting business electronically to the maximum extent possible. For information pertinent to GPEA compliance related to this rule, please contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 92

Animal diseases, Imports, Livestock, Poultry and poultry products, Region,

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ Accordingly, we are amending 9 CFR part 92 as follows:

PART 92—IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS: PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING RECOGNITION OF REGIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 92 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1622 and 8301-8317; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

■ 2. § 92.2 is amended by redesignating paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a) and adding a new paragraph (g) and an OMB citation at the end of the section to read as follows:

§ 92.2 Application for recognition of the animal health status of a region.

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(g) If a region is granted animal health status under the provisions of this section, that region may be required to submit additional information pertaining to animal health status or allow APHIS to conduct additional information collection activities in order for that region to maintain its animal health status.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0579-0219)

Done in Washington, DC this 15th day of August 2003.

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 25, 91, 121, 125, and 135

[Docket No. FAA-2000-7909; Amdt. Nos. 25-111, 91-275, 121-289, 125-43, 135-85]

RIN 2120-AG91

Improved Flammability Standards for Thermal/Acoustic Insulation Materials Used in Transport Category Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document makes a correction to the final rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 31, 2003. That rule upgraded flammability standards for thermal and acoustic insulation materials used in transport category airplanes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This correction is effective on August 20, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Gardlin, telephone (425) 227-2136.

Correction

In the final rule FR Doc. 03-18612, published on July 31, 2003, (68 FR 45046), make the following corrections:

1. On page 45046, in column 1 in the heading section, beginning on line 4, correct "Amdt. Nos. 25-110, 91-275, 121-289, 125-43, 135-85" to read "Amdt. Nos. 25-111, 91-275, 121-289, 125-43, 135-85."

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 12, 2003.

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2003-CE-33-AD; Amendment 39-13282; AD 2003-16-51]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Model Duo-Discus Gliders

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to certain Schempp-Hirth (SCHEMPP-HIRTH) Flugzeugbau GmbH Model Duo-Discus gliders. This AD requires you to accomplish a one-time inspection of the bonding of the spar cap and spar web, and repair any defective bonding of the spar cap and spar web. This AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for Germany. The actions specified by this AD are intended to detect and correct failure of the bonding of the spar cap and spar web, which if not detected and corrected, could result in an in-flight failure of the wing.

DATES: The AD becomes effective August 20, 2003, to all affected persons who did not receive emergency AD 2003-16-51, issued August 7, 2003. Emergency AD 2003-16-51 contained the requirements of this amendment, and became effective immediately upon

receipt and required the actions prior to further flight.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulation as of August 20, 2003.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must receive any comments on this rule on or before September 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-CE-33-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. You may view any comments at this location between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also send comments electronically to the following address: 9-ACE-7-Docket@faa.gov. Comments sent electronically must contain "Docket No. 2003-CE-33-AD" in the subject line. If you send comments electronically as attached electronic files, the files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

You may view information related to this AD at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-CE-33-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory Davidson, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, Room 301, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4130; facsimile: (816) 329-4090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

What Has Happened So Far?

The Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA), which is the airworthiness authority for Germany, recently notified FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain SCHEMPP-HIRTH Model Duo-Discus gliders. The LBA reports an in-flight failure of the wing structure at maneuvering loads. Initial analysis indicates failure in the bonding of the spar cap and spar web.

SCHEMPP-HIRTH has received additional reports of bonding problems of the spar cap and spar web.

SCHEMPP-HIRTH has issued service information regarding this subject:

- Technical Note No. 396-8/No. 890-3, dated August 1, 2003; and
- Appendix to Technical Note No. 396-8/No. 890-3, dated August 1, 2003.

On January 27, 2003, FAA issued emergency AD 2003-16-51 to require

you to inspect the bonding of the spar cap and spar web; and repair any defective bonding of the spar cap and spar web.

Why Is It Important To Publish this AD?

The FAA found that immediate corrective action was required, that notice and opportunity for prior public comment were impracticable and contrary to the public interest, and that good cause existed to make the AD effective immediately by individual letters issued on August 7, 2003, to all known U.S. operators of certain SCHEMPP-HIRTH Duo-Discus gliders. These conditions still exist, and the AD is published in the **Federal Register** as an amendment to section 39.13 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 39.13) to make it effective to all persons.

How Does the Revision to 14 CFR Part 39 Affect This AD?

On July 10, 2002, FAA published a new version of 14 CFR part 39 (67 FR 47997, July 22, 2002), which governs FAA's AD system. This regulation now includes material that relates to special flight permits, alternative methods of compliance, and altered products. This material previously was included in each individual AD. Since this material is included in 14 CFR part 39, we will not include it in future AD actions.

Comments Invited

How Do I Comment on This AD?

Although this action is in the form of a final rule and was not preceded by notice and opportunity for public comment, FAA invites your comments on the rule. You may submit whatever written data, views, or arguments you choose. You need to include the rule's docket number and submit your comments to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES**. We will consider all comments received on or before the closing date specified above. We may amend this rule in light of comments received. Factual information that supports your ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of the AD action and determining whether we need to take additional rulemaking action.

Are There Any Specific Portions of the AD I Should Pay Attention To?

We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. You may view all comments we receive before and after the closing date of the rule in the Rules Docket. We will file a report in the Rules Docket that summarizes each FAA