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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 927

[Doc. No. AMS–SC–22–0089]

Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Continuance Referendum

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Referendum order.

SUMMARY: This document directs that a referendum be conducted among eligible Oregon and Washington pear growers to determine whether they favor continuance of the marketing order regulating the handling of pears grown in Oregon and Washington.

DATES: The referendum will be conducted from May 8 through May 30, 2023. Only current pear growers who grew pears within the designated production area during the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, are eligible to vote in this referendum.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the marketing order may be obtained from the office of the referendum agents at 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 305, Portland, Oregon 97212; Telephone: (503) 326–2724; or the Office of the Docket Clerk, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; Telephone: (202) 720–2491; or on the internet <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-IX/part-927>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale Novotny or Gary Olson, Western Region Branch, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 305, Portland, Oregon 97212; Telephone: (503) 326–2724, or Email: Dale.Novotny@usda.gov or GaryD.Olson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Marketing Order No. 927, as amended (7 CFR part 927), hereinafter referred to

as the “Order,” and the applicable provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674), hereinafter referred to as the “Act,” it is hereby directed that a referendum be conducted to ascertain whether continuance of the Order is favored by pear growers. The referendum shall be conducted from March 20 to March 31, 2023, among pear growers in the production area. Only current pear growers that were engaged in the production of pears during the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, may participate in the continuance referendum.

USDA has determined that continuance referenda are an effective means for determining whether growers favor continuation of marketing order programs. USDA would consider termination of the Order if less than two-thirds of growers voting in the referendum, and growers of less than two-thirds of the volume represented in the referendum favor continuance. In evaluating the merits of continuance versus termination, USDA will not exclusively consider the results of the continuance referendum. USDA will also consider all other relevant information concerning the operation of the Order and the relative benefits and costs to growers, handlers, and consumers to determine whether continued operation of the Order would tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the ballot materials used in the referendum have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and have been assigned OMB No. 0581–0189, Fruit Crops. It has been estimated that it will take an average of 20 minutes for each of the approximately 1,500 Oregon and Washington pear growers to cast a ballot. Participation is voluntary. Ballots postmarked after March 31, 2023, will not be included in the vote tabulation.

Dale Novotny and Gary Olson of the Western Region Branch, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, are hereby designated as the referendum agents of the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct this referendum. The procedure applicable to the referendum shall be the “Procedure for the Conduct of

Referenda in Connection with Marketing Orders for Fruits, Vegetables, and Nuts Pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as Amended” (7 CFR part 900.400 *et seq.*).

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible pear growers of record and may also be obtained from the referendum agents or their appointees.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 927

Marketing agreements, Pears, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

Bruce Summers,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 431

[EERE–2022–BT–STD–0015]

Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee: Notice of Public Meetings of the Commercial Unitary Air Conditioner and Commercial Unitary Heat Pump Working Group

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and webinars.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) announces public meetings and webinars for the Commercial Unitary Air Conditioner and Commercial Unitary Heat Pump (CUAC and CUHP) working group.

DATES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting dates.

ADDRESSES: The next several rounds of public meetings will be held at National Renewable Energy Laboratory, 901 D Street SW, Suite 930, Washington, DC 20024. Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice to find the more information for each date. For additional information regarding the public meeting, including webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar

participants, please see the Public Participation section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Lucas Aiden, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Building Technologies, EE-5B, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 287-5904. Email: ASRAC@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 29, 2022, DOE published a notice of intent to establish a working group for CUACs and CUHPs, under the Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee (ASRAC) in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Negotiated Rulemaking Act, to negotiate recommended test procedures and energy conservation standards for CUAC and CUHP equipment. 87 FR 45703.

Once the working group reaches consensus on recommended test procedures and energy conservation standards, these recommendations are made to ASRAC, which may then use such consensus as the basis for making a recommendation to the Department. The Department, consistent with its legal obligations, may use such consensus as the basis of a rulemaking, which then is published in the **Federal Register**.

The working group for CUACs and CUHPs held public meetings on September 20–21, 2022, October 11–12, 2022, November 9–10, 2022, November 29–30, 2022, December 7–8, 2022, and December 14–15, 2022. As a result of these meetings, the working group successfully reached consensus on a proposed test procedure for CUAC and CUHP equipment. On March 7–8, 2023, and March 21–22, 2023, the working group held public meetings to begin negotiations in an attempt to reach consensus on amended energy conservation standards for CUACs and CUHPs. This notice announces additional public meetings to continue these negotiations.

DOE will host public meetings and webinars on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at National Renewable Energy Laboratory, 901 D Street SW, Suite 930, Washington, DC 20024.
- Thursday, April 13th, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at National Renewable Energy Laboratory, 901 D Street SW, Suite 930, Washington, DC 20024.
- Wednesday, April 26th, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at National Renewable Energy Laboratory, 901 D Street SW, Suite 930, Washington, DC 20024.
- Thursday, April 27th, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at National Renewable

Energy Laboratory, 901 D Street SW, Suite 930, Washington, DC 20024.

Public Participation:

Attendance at Public Meeting

If you plan to attend the public meetings, please notify the ASRAC staff at asrac@ee.doe.gov. In the email, please indicate your name, organization (if appropriate), citizenship, and contact information.

Please note that foreign nationals participating in the public meetings or webinars are subject to advance security screening procedures which require advance notice prior to attendance at the public meeting. If a foreign national wishes to participate in the public meetings or webinars, please inform DOE as soon as possible by contacting Ms. Regina Washington at (202) 586-1214 or by email: Regina.Washington@ee.doe.gov so that the necessary procedures can be completed.

Anyone attending the meetings will be required to present a government photo identification, such as a passport, driver's license, or government identification. Due to the required security screening upon entry, individuals attending should arrive early to allow for the extra time needed.

In addition, you can attend the public meetings via webinar. Webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants will be published on DOE's website: <https://energy.gov/eere/buildings/appliance-standards-and-rulemaking-federal-advisory-committee>. Participants are responsible for ensuring their systems are compatible with the webinar software.

Public Participation and Submission of Written Comments

Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up for the Public Comment Period. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number of individuals who wish to speak but will not exceed five minutes. Reasonable provisions will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. A third-party neutral facilitator will make every effort to allow the presentations of views of all interested parties and to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Any person who has plans to present a prepared general statement may request that copies of his or her statement be made available at the public meeting. Such persons may submit requests, along with an advance electronic copy of their statement in PDF (preferred), Microsoft Word or

Excel, WordPerfect, or text (ASCII) file format, to the appropriate address shown in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. The request and advance copy of statements must be received at least one week before the public meeting and may be emailed, hand-delivered, or sent by postal mail. DOE prefers to receive requests and advance copies via email. Please include a telephone number to enable DOE staff to make a follow-up contact, if needed.

Conduct of the Public Meetings

ASRAC's Designated Federal Officer will preside at the public meetings and may also use a professional facilitator to aid discussion. The meetings will not be judicial or evidentiary-type public hearings, but DOE will conduct them in accordance with section 336 of EPCA (42 U.S.C. 6306). A court reporter will be present to record the proceedings and prepare a transcript. A transcript of each public meeting will be included on DOE's website: <https://energy.gov/eere/buildings/appliance-standards-and-rulemaking-federal-advisory-committee>. In addition, any person may buy a copy of each transcript from the transcribing reporter. Public comment and statements will be allowed prior to the close of each meeting.

Docket

The docket is available for review at: www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2022-BT-STD-0015, including **Federal Register** notices, public meeting attendee lists and transcripts, comments, and other supporting documents/materials. All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. However, not all documents listed in the index may be publicly available, such as information that is exempt from public disclosure.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on April 3, 2023, by Francisco Alejandro Moreno, Acting Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters

the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 4, 2023.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2023-0660; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-01561-E]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG (RRD) Trent 1000 model turbofan engines. This proposed AD was prompted by reports of excessive wear on the inner seal fins of certain high-pressure turbine (HPT) triple seals. This proposed AD would require an inspection of the HPT triple seal for excessive wear and, depending on the results of the inspection, replacement of the HPT triple seal and the intermediate-pressure turbine (IPT) disk, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is proposed for incorporation by reference (IBR). The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on this NPRM by May 22, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2023-0660; 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 NPRM, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For EASA service information that is proposed for IBR in this NPRM, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; phone: +49 221 8999 000; email: *ADs@*

easa.europa.eu; website: *easa.europa.eu*. You may find this material on the EASA website at *ad.easa.europa.eu*.

- You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110. It is also available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2023-0660.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sungmo Cho, Aviation Safety Engineer, ECO Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: (781) 238-7241; email: *Sungmo.D.Cho@faa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include "Docket No. FAA-2023-0660; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-01561-E" at the beginning of your comments. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposal because of those comments.

Except for Confidential Business Information (CBI) as described in the following paragraph, and other information as described in 14 CFR 11.35, the FAA will post all comments received, without change, to *regulations.gov*, including any personal information you provide. The agency will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact received about this NPRM.

Confidential Business Information

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and

actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this NPRM contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this NPRM, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission containing CBI as "PROPIN." The FAA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this NPRM. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Sungmo Cho, Aviation Safety Engineer, ECO Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. Any commentary that the FAA receives which is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

Background

EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2022-0241, dated December 7, 2022 (EASA AD 2022-0241) (also referred to as the MCAI), to correct an unsafe condition for certain RRD Trent 1000-AE3, Trent 1000-CE3, Trent 1000-D3, Trent 1000-G3, Trent 1000-H3, Trent 1000-J3, Trent 1000-K3, Trent 1000-L3, Trent 1000-M3, Trent 1000-N3, Trent 1000-P3, Trent 1000-Q3, and Trent 1000-R3 model turbofan engines. The MCAI states that occurrences have been reported of finding higher than expected levels of wear on the seal fins of certain HPT triple seals. The secondary air system is affected by the resulting increased turbine cooling air leakage, which changes the air flow around the IPT disk.

The Modulated Air System (MAS) was designed to optimize cooling air flow and intended to be active only during cruise conditions, but the design did not account for a high level of seal wear. Rolls-Royce issued Non-Modification Service Bulletin Trent 1000 75-AK642, Initial Issue, dated November 30, 2020, to provide instructions for MAS deactivation, and consequently, EASA published EASA AD 2021-0009, dated January 8, 2021, specifying deactivation of the MAS control valves. Despite this, a significantly worn HPT triple seal under flight conditions, while MAS was activated prior to the above action, could have reduced the safety of flight.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2023-0660.