

Extension Service address a concern that is a priority and has national, multistate, or regional significance (7 U.S.C. 7611).

(120) Solicit and consider input and recommendations from persons who conduct or use agricultural research, extension, or education; ensure that Federally supported and conducted agricultural research, extension, and education activities are accomplished in accord with identified management principles; and promulgate regulations concerning implementation of a process for obtaining stakeholder input at 1862, 1890, and 1994 Institutions (7 U.S.C. 7612 (b), (c) and (d)).

(121) Establish procedures that provide for scientific peer review of each agricultural research grant administered, on a competitive basis, and for merit review of each agricultural extension or education grant administered, on a competitive basis, by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (7 U.S.C. 7613(a)).

(122) Consider the results of the annual review performed by the Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board regarding the relevance to priorities of the funding of all agricultural research, extension, or education activities conducted or funded by the Department and the adequacy of funding, when formulating each request for proposals, and evaluating proposals, involving an agricultural research, extension, or education activity funded, on a competitive basis, by the Department; and solicit and consider input from persons who conduct or use agricultural research, extension, or education regarding the prior year's request for proposals for each activity funded on a competitive basis (7 U.S.C. 7613(c)).

(123) Require a procedure to be established by each 1862, 1890, and 1994 Institution, for merit review of each agricultural research and extension activity funded and review of the activity in accordance with the procedure (7 U.S.C. 7613(e)).

(124) Administer an Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems (except with respect to funds provided by the Secretary to the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation) (7 U.S.C. 7621).

(125) Administer a program of competitive grants to eligible partnerships to coordinate and manage research and extension activities to enhance the quality of high-value agricultural products (7 U.S.C. 7622).

(126) Administer a program of competitive grants to eligible entities to conduct research, education, or information dissemination projects for the development and advancement of precision agriculture (7 U.S.C. 7623).

(127) Administer the Thomas Jefferson Initiative for Crop Diversification program of competitive grants and contracts for the purpose of conducting research and development, in cooperation with other public and private entities, on the production and marketing of new and nontraditional crops needed to strengthen and diversify the agricultural production base of the United States (7 U.S.C. 7625).

(128) Administer competitive grants for integrated, multifunctional agricultural research, education, and extension activities (7 U.S.C. 7626).

(129) Operate and administer the Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database through contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements with appropriate colleges or universities (7 U.S.C. 7642).

(130) Develop a national program of safe food handling education for adults and young people to reduce the risk of food-borne illness (7 U.S.C. 7655).

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5. Amend § 2.67 to add new paragraphs (a)(15), (a)(16), and (a)(17), to read as follows:

§ 2.67 Administrator, Economic Research Service.

(a) * * *

(15) Solicit and consider input and recommendations from persons who conduct or use agricultural research, extension, or education (7 U.S.C. 7612(b)).

(16) Consider the results of the annual review performed by the Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board regarding the relevance to priorities of the funding of all agricultural research, extension, or education activities conducted or funded by the Department and the adequacy of funding, when formulating each request for proposals, and evaluating proposals, involving an agricultural research, extension, or education activity funded, on a competitive basis, by the Department; and solicit and consider input from persons who conduct or use agricultural research, extension, or education regarding the prior year's request for proposals for each activity funded on a competitive basis (7 U.S.C. 7613(c)).

(17) Establish procedures that ensure scientific peer review of all research

activities conducted by the Economic Research Service (7 U.S.C. 7613(d)).

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6. Amend § 2.68 to add a new paragraph (a)(9), to read as follows:

§ 2.68 Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

(a) * * *

(9) Take a census of agriculture in 1998 and every fifth year thereafter pursuant to the Census of Agriculture Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-113 (7 U.S.C. 2204g).

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Done at Washington, DC.

For subpart C:

Dated: January 20, 2000.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

For Subpart K:

Dated: January 21, 2000.

Eileen Kennedy,

Acting Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

12 CFR Part 960

[No. 2000-05]

RIN 3069-AA93

Information Collection Approval; Technical Amendment to the Affordable Housing Program Rule

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Board.

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Act), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved a three-year extension of the information collection contained in the Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) rule governing the Affordable Housing Program (AHP). The OMB control number approving the information collection now expires on January 31, 2003. In accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Finance Board is amending the AHP rule to reflect this new expiration date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The final rule will become effective on February 4, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Fronckowiak, Acting Deputy Director, Program Assistance Division, Office of Policy, Research and Analysis, by telephone at 202/408-2575 or by electronic mail at fronckowiakj@fhfb.gov, or Melissa L.

Allen, Program Analyst, Program Assistance Division, Office of Policy, Research and Analysis, by telephone at 202/408-2524 or by electronic mail at allenm@fhfb.gov, or by regular mail at the Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. A telecommunications device for deaf persons (TDD) is available at 202/408-2579.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In order to extend the expiration date of the OMB control number approving the information collection contained in its AHP regulation, the Finance Board published requests for public comments regarding the information collection in the **Federal Register** on June 30 and October 28, 1999. See 64 FR 35158 (June 30, 1999) and 64 FR 58063 (Oct. 28, 1999). The Finance Board also submitted an analysis of the information collection, entitled "Affordable Housing Program," to the OMB for review and approval. The OMB has approved a three-year extension of the information collection under OMB control number 3069-0006. The OMB control number now expires on January 31, 2003.

Under the Act and the OMB's implementing regulation, 44 U.S.C. 3507 and 5 CFR 1320.5, an agency may not sponsor or conduct, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection unless the regulation collecting the information displays a currently valid OMB control number. Accordingly, the Finance Board is amending the AHP rule to reflect the new expiration date of the OMB control number.

II. Notice and Public Participation

Because the effectiveness of the information collection contained in the AHP rule must be maintained, the Finance Board for good cause finds that the notice and public procedure requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. See 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B).

III. Effective Date

For the reasons stated in part II above, the Finance Board for good cause finds that the final rule should become effective on February 4, 2000. See 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

IV. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act do not apply since this technical amendment to the AHP rule does not require publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2) and 603(a).

V. Paperwork Reduction Act

The rule does not contain any collections of information pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. See 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* Consequently, the Finance Board has not submitted any information to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 960

Credit, Federal home loan banks, Housing, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Finance Board hereby amends 12 CFR part 960 as follows:

PART 960—AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

1. The authority citation for part 960 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1430(j).

§§ 960.1, 960.3, 960.4, 960.6—960.11, 960.13, 960.15 [Amended]

2. Add a parenthetical statement immediately after §§ 960.1, 960.3, 960.4, 960.6 through 960.11, 960.13, and 960.15 to read as follows:

(The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection contained in this section and assigned control number 3069-0006 with an expiration date of January 31, 2003.)

By the Board of Directors of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Dated: January 27, 2000.

Bruce A. Morrison,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 99-CE-41-AD; Amendment 39-11544; AD 2000-02-26]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Harbin Aircraft Manufacturing Corporation Model Y12 IV Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to all Harbin Aircraft Manufacturing Corporation (Harbin) Model Y12 IV airplanes. This AD requires you to revise the Airplane

Flight Manual (AFM) to include requirements for activating the airframe pneumatic deicing boots. This AD is the result of reports of in-flight incidents and an accident that occurred in icing conditions where the airframe pneumatic deicing boots were not activated. The actions specified by this AD are intended to assure that flightcrews have the information necessary to activate the pneumatic wing and tail deicing boots at the first signs of ice accumulation. Without this information, flightcrews could experience reduced controllability of the aircraft due to adverse aerodynamic effects of ice adhering to the airplane prior to the first deicing cycle.

DATES: Effective March 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may examine related information at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 99-CE-41-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John P. Dow, Sr., Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4121; facsimile: (816) 329-4090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Events Leading to the Issuance of This AD

What Caused This AD?

This AD is the result of reports of in-flight incidents and an accident that occurred in icing conditions where the airframe pneumatic deicing boots were not activated.

What Is the Potential Impact If the FAA Took No Action?

The information necessary to activate the pneumatic wing and tail deicing boots at the first signs of ice accumulation is critical for flight in icing conditions. If we did not take action to include this information, flight crews could experience reduced controllability of the aircraft due to adverse aerodynamic effects of ice adhering to the airplane prior to the first deicing cycle.

Has the FAA Taken Any Action to This Point?

Yes. We issued a proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that would apply to all Harbin Model Y12 IV airplanes. This proposal was published in the **Federal Register** as a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on October 8, 1999 (64 FR 54826). The NPRM proposed to require