

referred to below as the regulations) contain specifications for the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of marine mammals. The three footnotes in subpart E are currently designated as footnotes 1, 5, and 2. We are amending the regulations by redesignating those three footnotes as footnotes 6, 7, and 8, respectively. This action will result in all the footnotes in 9 CFR part 3, "Standards," being numbered consecutively.

We are also removing the authority citation that appears at the beginning of subpart E, as well as the authority citation that appears at the beginning of "Subpart F—Specifications for the Humane Handling, Care, Treatment, and Transportation of Warmblooded Animals Other Than Dogs, Cats, Rabbits, Hamsters, Guinea Pigs, Nonhuman Primates, and Marine Mammals" and the authority citation that appears in subpart F just above § 3.136, "Consignments to carriers and intermediate handlers." The authority that applies to all of part 3, including subparts E and F, is cited at the beginning of the part.

Because the changes contained in this rule are nonsubstantive in nature, we have found that notice and public procedure on this rule are unnecessary. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, notice of proposed rulemaking and opportunity to comment are not required, and this rule may be made effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Further, since this rule relates to internal agency management, it is exempt from the provisions of Executive Order 12866 and Executive Order 12988. Finally, this action is not a rule as defined by Pub. L. 96-354, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and thus, is exempt from the provisions of the Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule contains no new information collection or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 3

Animal welfare, Marine mammals, Pets, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Research, Transportation.

Accordingly, 9 CFR part 3 is amended as follows:

PART 3—STANDARDS

1. The authority citation for part 3 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2131–2156; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

2. The authority citation for "Subpart E—Specifications for the Humane Handling, Care, Treatment, and Transportation of Marine Mammals" is removed.

§ 3.100 [Amended]

3. In § 3.100, paragraph (a), footnote 1 and its reference in the text are redesignated as footnote 6.

§ 3.102 [Amended]

4. In § 3.102, paragraph (c), footnote 5 and its reference in the text are redesignated as footnote 7.

§ 3.104 [Amended]

5. In § 3.104, paragraph (b)(1)(i), footnote 2 and its reference in the text are redesignated as footnote 8.

6. The authority citation for "Subpart F—Specifications for the Humane Handling, Care, Treatment, and Transportation of Warmblooded Animals Other Than Dogs, Cats, Rabbits, Hamsters, Guinea Pigs, Nonhuman Primates, and Marine Mammals" is removed.

7. In subpart F, under the undesignated center heading "Transportation Standards", the authority citation is removed.

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of December 1997.

Craig A. Reed,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 145 and 147

[Docket No. 97-120-1]

National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions; Nonsubstantive Corrections

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are amending the provisions of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (the Plan) to update the address of the Plan's office, which has been moved to a new location. We are also making several nonsubstantive changes to the provisions of the Plan to correct errors or inconsistencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 23, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Andrew R. Rhorer, Senior Coordinator, Poultry Improvement Staff, National

Poultry Improvement Plan, Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, 1498 Klondike Road, Suite 200, Conyers, GA 30094-5104; (770) 922-3496.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in 9 CFR parts 145 and 147 contain the provisions of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), a cooperative Federal-State-industry mechanism for controlling certain poultry diseases. We are making several nonsubstantive changes to those provisions to correct errors or inconsistencies and to reflect: (1) The relocation of the NPIP staff to a new office; (2) the current organizational affiliation of the Veterinary Biologics staff within the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS); and (3) the current edition number and publication date of a textbook referred to in the regulations.

We are also correcting several paragraph references within § 147.11 of the regulations. In a final rule published in the **Federal Register** on March 18, 1994 (59 FR 12795-12805, Docket No. 92-151-2), we amended § 147.11 by redesignating paragraphs (a) through (j) as paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(10). When we made that change, however, we failed to update several internal references within the section to reflect the redesignation of its paragraphs. We are, therefore, amending § 147.11 to correct those errors.

Because the changes contained in this rule are nonsubstantive in nature, we have found that notice and public procedure on this rule are unnecessary. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, notice of proposed rulemaking and opportunity to comment are not required, and this rule may be made effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Further, since this rule relates to internal agency management, it is exempt from the provisions of Executive Order 12866 and Executive Order 12988. Finally, this action is not a rule as defined by Pub. L. 96-354, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and thus, is exempt from the provisions of the Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule contains no new information collection or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Parts 145 and 147

Animal diseases, Poultry and poultry products, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 9 CFR parts 145 and 147 are amended as follows:

PART 145—NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

1. The authority citation for part 145 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 429; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

§ 145.14 [Amended]

2. Section 145.14 is amended as follows:

a. In paragraph (a)(1), in both the first sentence and the last sentences, the words “enzyme-labeled” are removed and the words “enzyme-linked” are added in their place, and in footnote 1, the words “Biotechnology, Biologics, and Environmental Protection” are removed and the words “Veterinary Services” are added in their place.

b. In paragraph (b)(1), in the first sentence and in footnote 3, the words “enzyme-labeled” are removed and the words “enzyme-linked” are added in their place.

c. In paragraph (b)(3), the words “of this chapter” are added immediately before the words “shall be used”.

§ 145.23 [Amended]

3. Section 145.23 is amended as follows:

a. In paragraph (b)(2)(iii), in the second sentence, the words “of this part” are removed.

b. The words “of this chapter” are added in the following places:

i. In paragraph (c)(1)(ii)(C), immediately after the words “with § 147.8”.

ii. In paragraph (e)(1), in the introductory text, immediately after the words “of § 147.26”.

iii. In paragraph (e)(1)(ii)(B), immediately after the words “with § 147.8”.

iv. In paragraph (e)(3), immediately after the words “in § 147.24(a)”.

v. In paragraph (f)(3), immediately after the words “of § 147.26”.

vi. In paragraph (g)(3), immediately after the words “of § 147.26”.

c. In paragraph (f)(5), the words “in § 145.24(a)” are removed and the words “in § 147.24(a)” are added in their place.

§ 145.33 [Amended]

4. Section 145.33 is amended as follows:

a. In paragraph (b)(2)(iii), in the second sentence, the words “of this part” are removed.

b. The words “of this chapter” are added in the following places:

i. In paragraph (c)(1)(ii)(C), immediately after the words “with § 147.8”.

ii. In paragraph (d)(1)(vi), immediately after the words “and § 147.24(b)”.

iii. In paragraph (e)(1), in the introductory text, immediately after the words “of § 147.26”.

iv. In paragraph (e)(1)(ii)(B), immediately after the words “with § 147.8”.

v. In paragraph (e)(3), immediately after the words “in § 147.24(a)”.

vi. In paragraph (f)(3), immediately after the words “of § 147.26”.

vii. In paragraph (g)(3), immediately after the words “of § 147.26”.

viii. In paragraph (i)(1)(v), immediately after the words “and § 147.24(b)”.

§ 145.43 [Amended]

5. Section 145.43 is amended as follows:

a. In paragraph (b)(2)(iii), in the second sentence, the words “of this part” are removed.

b. In paragraph (d)(2), the words “enzyme-labeled” are removed and the words “enzyme-linked” are added in their place.

c. In paragraph (d)(2), footnote 5, the words “of this part” are removed.

d. In paragraph (e)(2), in the last sentence, the words “of this chapter” are added immediately after the words “in § 147.6”.

§ 145.53 [Amended]

6. In § 145.53(b)(2)(iii), the second sentence is amended by removing the words “of this part”.

PART 147—AUXILIARY PROVISIONS ON NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

7. The authority citation for part 147 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 429; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

§ 147.5 [Amended]

8. In § 147.5(b), footnote 4 is amended by removing the words “1500 Klondike Road, Suite A-102, Conyers, GA 30207” and adding the words “1498 Klondike Road, Suite 200, Conyers, GA 30094” in their place.

§ 147.6 [Amended]

9. In § 147.6, the last sentence of the introductory text of the section is amended by removing the words “of this part”.

§ 147.7 [Amended]

10. Section 147.7 is amended as follows:

a. In footnote 5, the words “2nd Edition” are removed and the words “3rd Edition” are added in their place

and the date “1971” is removed and the date “1991” is added in its place.

b. In paragraph (b)(1)(vii), the words “§ 147.6(b) of this part” are removed and the reference “§ 147.6” is added in their place.

c. In paragraph (d)(2), in the introductory text, the words “subparagraphs (d)(2)(i) thru (x) of this paragraph” are removed and the words “paragraphs (d)(2)(i) through (x) of this section” added in their place.

d. In paragraph (d)(2)(viii), the words “(d)(2)(i) thru (vii) of this paragraph” are removed and the words “paragraphs (d)(2)(i) through (vii) of this section” added in their place.

§ 147.8 [Amended]

11. In § 147.8, the introductory text of the section is amended by adding the words “of this chapter” immediately after the words “and § 145.33(e)(1)(ii)(b)”.

§ 147.11 [Amended]

12. Section 147.11 is amended as follows:

a. In paragraph (b)(1), in the last sentence, the words “paragraph (g)” are removed and the words “paragraph (b)(7)” are added in their place.

b. In paragraph (b)(4), in the first sentence, the words “paragraph (c)” are removed and the words “paragraph (b)(3) of this section” are added in their place.

c. In paragraph (b)(5), in the second-to-last sentence, the words “paragraph (a)” are removed and the words “paragraph (b)(1)” are added in their place.

d. In paragraph (b)(7), in the last sentence, the words “paragraph (f)” are removed and the words “paragraph (b)(6)” are added in their place.

§ 147.12 [Amended]

13. In § 147.12(a)(3), footnote 11 is amended by removing the words “1500 Klondike Road, Suite A-102, Conyers, GA 30207” and adding the words “1498 Klondike Road, Suite 200, Conyers, GA 30094” in their place.

14. In § 147.12(b)(3)(ii)(A), footnote 12 is amended by removing the words “1500 Klondike Road, Suite A-102, Conyers, GA 30207” and adding the words “1498 Klondike Road, Suite 200, Conyers, GA 30094” in their place.

§ 147.22 [Amended]

15. In § 147.22, paragraph (c) is amended by removing the words “of this chapter”.

§ 147.24 [Amended]

16. In § 147.24, paragraphs (b)(3) and (c) are amended by removing the words

"of this chapter" both times they appear.

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of December 1997.

Craig A. Reed,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 97-NM-271-AD; Amendment 39-10230; AD 97-25-06]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects information that appeared in airworthiness directive (AD) 97-25-06, amendment 39-10230, that was published in the **Federal Register** on December 1, 1997 (62 FR 63622). The error resulted in an advertent omission in reference to acceptable replacement components. This AD, applicable to certain Boeing Model 747 series airplanes, requires disconnection of the electrical connector to the scavenge pump of the center wing tank. This AD also requires a one-time inspection to identify the part number of the electrical connector; and replacement of the pump with a new or serviceable pump, if necessary.

DATES: Effective December 16, 1997.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations was previously approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of December 16, 1997 (62 FR 63622, December 1, 1997).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Hartonas, Aerospace Engineer, Systems and Equipment Branch, ANM-130S; or G. Michael Collins, Aerospace Engineer, Propulsion Branch, ANM-140S; FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2864 or (425) 227-2689; fax (425) 227-1181.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 26, 1997, the FAA issued AD 97-25-06, amendment 39-10230 (62 FR 63622, December 1, 1997). The AD

requires disconnection of the electrical connector to the scavenge pump of the center wing tank; and a one-time inspection to identify the part number of the electrical connector, and replacement of the pump with a new pump, if necessary.

As published, that AD contained an inadvertent omission in reference to acceptable replacement components. Throughout the preamble and in paragraph (a)(2) of the AD, the FAA required that a replacement scavenge pump be new. However, the FAA intended that a serviceable scavenge pump also be specified as an acceptable replacement component. In all other respects, the original document is correct.

Since no other part of the regulatory information has been changed, the entire final rule is not being republished.

The effective date of the AD remains December 16, 1997.

§ 39.13 [Corrected]

On page 63623, in the second column, paragraph (a)(2) of AD 97-25-06 is corrected to read as follows:

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(2) If an electrical connector having a part number other than the correct part number (as specified in the alert service bulletin) is installed: Prior to further flight, replace the scavenge pump with a new or serviceable scavenge pump with an electrical connector having the correct part number (as specified in the alert service bulletin) in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of the alert service bulletin.

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Issued in Renton, Washington, on December 24, 1997.

Darrell M. Pederson,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 119, 121, and 135

Compliance With Parts 119, 121, and 135 by Alaskan Hunt and Fish Guides Who Transport Persons by Air for Compensation or Hire

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice to operators.

SUMMARY: Operators transporting persons or property by air from one location to another for compensation or

hire must comply with the regulatory requirements for air carriers and commercial operators. The FAA has not enforced these regulatory requirements consistently throughout the country. In particular, it has not enforced them adequately against Alaskan guides, and many Alaskan guides conducting such operations are not properly certificated under applicable regulations. The FAA expects to provide those guides who do not currently hold the necessary certification a fair opportunity to achieve compliance with the applicable regulations. During 1998, the FAA intends to offer certification clinics for these guides in three Alaskan cities in order to expedite the necessary certification process for the influx of these new operators. This notice is published to emphasize these regulatory requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective December 24, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jerry Paterson, Technical Standards Branch Manager, AAL-230, Federal Aviation Administration, Alaskan Region Headquarters, 222 West 7th Avenue, #14, Anchorage, Alaska 99513, Telephone 907-271-5514 or Kathleen Yodice, Office of the Chief Counsel, AGC-300, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20591, Telephone 202-267-9956.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

In Alaska there are organizations generally referred to as "guides," that offer commercial packages for persons seeking to hunt, fish, and engage in other similar sport activities within the state of Alaska. This industry has grown to be a major economic activity in Alaska contributing directly and indirectly to the livelihood of a significant percentage of the state's population. The use of an aircraft plays a key role in these operations because it is often the guide's only reasonable means of transporting customers. In some instances, these guides transport people by aircraft from airports within the state of Alaska to lodges within the state of Alaska. They often transport persons and supplies to and from lodges and remote hunting and fishing sites within the state of Alaska. As a general rule, the hunting and fishing sites are not easily accessible by any conventional mode of surface transportation. Charges for the flights are usually not separately itemized on a bill, but are usually included in the "package price." Many of the guides conduct only day, VFR operations and