

## PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

### § 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

**Learjet:** Docket 2000–NM–132–AD.

**Applicability:** Model 45 series airplanes, serial numbers 45–001 through 45–114 inclusive, certificated in any category.

**Note 1:** This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (b) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

**Compliance:** Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent the airplane from departing the runway at high speeds during landing due to bending and damage to the squat switch assembly of the nose landing gear; accomplish the following:

#### Application of Grease

(a) Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, apply grease to the rotating disk assembly of the squat switch mechanism of the nose wheel in accordance with Bombardier Aerospace Service Information Letter SIL 32–016, dated March 30, 2000. Thereafter, repeat this application at intervals not to exceed 30 days.

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance

(b) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, Small Airplane Directorate. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Wichita ACO.

**Note 2:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Wichita ACO.

#### Special Flight Permit

(c) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 21, 2000.

**Donald L. Riggin,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### 38 CFR Part 3

#### RIN 2900–AJ55

### Certification of Evidence for Proof of Service

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) adjudication regulations concerning the nature of evidence that VA will accept as proof of military service. Currently, VA will only accept original service documents or copies of service documents issued by the service department or by a public custodian of records. This change would authorize VA to accept photocopies of service documents as evidence of military service if they are certified to be true copies of documents acceptable to VA by an accredited agent, attorney, or service organization representative who has successfully completed VA-prescribed training on military records. The intended effect of this amendment is to streamline the processing of claims for benefits.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 28, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420; or fax comments to (202) 273–9289; or e-mail comments to “OGCRegulations@mail.va.gov”. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to “RIN 2900–AJ55.” All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Russo, Regulations Staff, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 273–7210.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The cornerstone of eligibility to VA benefits

is active military, naval or air service. VA regulations at 38 CFR 3.203 establish the nature of the evidence VA will accept as proof of active military service. In general, those regulations require original service documents; VA will accept copies of those documents only if the copies are issued by the military service department or by a public custodian of records.

VA has initiated a business process reengineering (BPR) effort to improve the adjudication of claims for VA benefits. Two goals of this BPR effort are to establish a partnership with VA accredited representatives and to improve the timeliness of claims processing. Therefore, VA proposes to accept copies of discharge documents as evidence of military service, if they are certified as being true and exact copies of the originals by an accredited agent, attorney, or service organization representative who has successfully completed VA-prescribed training on military records.

We propose to amend 38 CFR 3.203 to allow VA to accept photocopies of service documents as proof of service if they are certified by a claimant's representative who has successfully completed VA-prescribed training on military records, to be true copies of the original documents. This proposed amendment will help streamline claims processing because it will reduce the number of instances where VA must seek verification of military service from the service department. We believe this can be done without compromising program integrity.

Under this proposed amendment, the claimant's representative must certify that the document is a true and exact copy either of an original document or of a copy issued by the service department or a public custodian of records.

However, under the amendment, VA would accept such certification only from VA accredited representatives who have successfully completed VA-prescribed training. These are representatives who, under the authority of 38 U.S.C. 5902 and 5904 and 38 CFR 14.626–14.629, the Secretary has authorized to prepare, present, and prosecute claims under laws administered by VA. Specifically, this includes accredited agents, attorneys, or accredited representatives of service organizations recognized by VA.

The Secretary hereby certifies that the adoption of the proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601–612.

The proposed rule would not directly affect any small entities. Only VA beneficiaries could be directly affected. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), these amendments are exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603 and 604.

(The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program numbers are 64.100, 64.101, 64.104, 64.105, 64.106, 64.109, 64.110, and 64.127.)

#### List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 3

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Disability benefits, Health care, Pensions, Veterans, Vietnam.

Approved: June 14, 2000.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 38 CFR Part 3 is proposed to be amended as follows:

### PART 3—ADJUDICATION

#### Subpart A—Pension, Compensation, and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

1. The authority citation for Part 3, subpart A continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501(a), unless otherwise noted.

#### § 3.203 [Amended]

2. In § 3.203, paragraph (a)(1) is revised by adding “or, if the copy was submitted by an accredited agent, attorney, or service organization representative who has successfully completed VA-prescribed training on military records, and who certifies that it is a true and exact copy of either an original document or of a copy issued by the service department or a public custodian of records;” after “custody;”.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### 40 CFR Parts 63 and 266

[FRL–6721–8]

#### NESHAPS: Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Hazardous Waste Boilers and Industrial Furnaces; Notice of Data Availability

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of data availability for future Phase II combustion rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This notice of data availability presents for public comment the data base the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) plans to use to propose National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs) for hazardous waste burning boilers, halogen acid furnaces, and sulfuric acid recovery furnaces (our Phase II combustion rulemaking). We are providing this opportunity for comment to ensure that the data base used to establish standards in the Phase II combustion rulemaking is as accurate and complete as possible.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by August 28, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to comment on this NODA, you must send an original and two copies of the comments referencing Docket Number F–2000–RC2A–FFFFF to: RCRA Information Center (RIC), Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA HQ), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460–0002; or, (2) if using special delivery, such as overnight express service: RIC, Crystal Gateway One, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, First Floor, Arlington, VA 22202. You may also submit comments electronically following the directions in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

You may view public comments and supporting materials in the RIC. The RIC is open from 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. To review docket materials, we recommend that you make an appointment by calling 703–603–9230. You may copy up to 100 pages from any regulatory document at no charge. Additional copies cost \$ 0.15 per page. For information on accessing an electronic copy of the data base, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information, call the RCRA Hotline at 1–800–424–9346 or TDD 1–800–553–7672 (hearing impaired). Callers within the Washington Metropolitan Area must dial 703–412–9810 or TDD 703–412–3323 (hearing impaired). The RCRA Hotline is open Monday–Friday, 9 am to 6 pm, Eastern Standard Time. For more information on specific aspects of this NODA, contact Mr. H. Scott Rauenzahn at 703–308–8477, rauenzahn.scott@epa.gov, or write him at the Office of Solid Waste, 5302W, U.S. EPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Submittal of Comments

You may submit comments electronically by sending electronic mail through the Internet to: rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov. You should identify comments in electronic format with the docket number F–2000–RC2A–FFFFF. You must submit all electronic comments as an ASCII (text) file, avoiding the use of special characters or any type of encryption. The official record for this action will be kept in the paper form. Accordingly, we will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and place them in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the RIC as described above. We may seek clarification of electronic comments that are garbled in transmission or during conversion to paper form.

You should not electronically submit any confidential business information (CBI). You must submit an original and two copies of CBI under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

If you do not submit comments electronically, we are asking prospective commenters to voluntarily submit one additional copy of their comments on labeled personal computer diskettes in ASCII (text) format or a word processing format that can be converted to ASCII (text). It is essential that you specify on the disk label the word processing software and version/edition as well as the commenter's name. This will allow us to convert the comments into one of the word processing formats used by the Agency. Please use mailing envelopes designed to protect the diskettes. We emphasize that submission of diskettes is not mandatory, nor will it result in any advantage or disadvantage to any commenter.

#### Obtaining the Database Electronically

The data base can be obtained either from the RIC as described above in the *Addresses* section, or by downloading from the Internet. If you want to download the data base over the Internet, you can do so from our “HWC MACT” web site: <http://www.epa.gov/hwcmact/ph2noda1>. Please consult the web page for specific instructions on how to download the data base.

#### Clarification of Comments Requested

In today's NODA we request that owners and operators of hazardous waste burning boilers, halogen acid