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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. APHIS–2015–0079]

Black Stem Rust; Additions of Rust-Resistant Species and Varieties

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: On January 22, 2016, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service published a direct final rule. The direct final rule notified the public of our intention to amend the black stem rust quarantine and regulations by adding nine varieties to the list of rust-resistant *Berberis* species and varieties. We received two comments, which are addressed in this document.

DATES: The effective date of the direct final rule published January 22, 2016, at 81 FR 3701, is confirmed as March 22, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard N. Johnson, National Policy Manager, Black Stem Rust, Pest Management, PHP, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 26, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 851–2109.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Black stem rust is one of the most destructive plant diseases of small grains that is known to exist in the United States. The disease is caused by a fungus (*Puccinia graminis*) that reduces the quality and yield of infected wheat, oat, barley, and rye crops. In addition to infecting small grains, the fungus lives on a variety of alternate host plants that are species of the genera *Berberis*, *Mahoberberis*, and *Mahonia*. The fungus is spread from host to host by windborne spores.

The black stem rust quarantine and regulations, which are contained in 7

CFR 301.38 through 301.38–8 (referred to below as the regulations), quarantine the conterminous 48 States and the District of Columbia and govern the interstate movement of certain plants of the genera *Berberis*, *Mahoberberis*, and *Mahonia*, known as barberry plants. The species of these plants are categorized as either rust-resistant or rust-susceptible. Rust-resistant plants do not pose a risk of spreading black stem rust or of contributing to the development of new races of the rust; rust-susceptible plants do pose such risks.

On January 22, 2016, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 3701–3702)¹ a direct final rule to add the following *B. thunbergii* varieties to the list of rust-resistant *Berberis* species in § 301.38–2(a)(1):

- *B. thunbergii* ‘BailAnna’ Moscato;
- *B. thunbergii* ‘BailElla’ Lambrusco;
- *B. thunbergii* ‘Daybreak’;
- *B. thunbergii* ‘BailErin’ Limoncello;
- *B. thunbergii* ‘BailJulia’ Toscana;
- *B. thunbergii* ‘NCBT1’;
- *B. thunbergii* x *calliantha* ‘NCBX3’;
- *B. thunbergii* x *media* ‘NCBX1’; and
- *B. thunbergii* x *media* ‘NCBX2’.

We solicited comments on the rule for 30 days ending February 22, 2016, and indicated that, if we received written adverse comments or written notice of intent to submit adverse comments, we would publish a document in the **Federal Register** withdrawing the direct final rule before the effective date.

We received two comments by that date. One commenter fully supported the rule. The other commenter stated that the rule should not be promulgated because it promoted interstate commerce of *Berberis* plants, which are considered an invasive species in the Midwest and Eastern United States. However, the only supporting information that the commenter provided was a Web site link to a page related to varieties of *Berberis* in the natural environment, and not the commercially produced and marketed cultivars that were the subject of the rule. Moreover, APHIS’ restrictions on the interstate movement of *Berberis* spp. plants are imposed to ensure that those plants do not pose a risk of spreading black stem rust or contributing to the development of new races of the rust.

¹ To view the direct final rule and the comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0079>.

Thus, considerations regarding the potential invasiveness of the *Berberis* spp. plants themselves are outside the scope of this rulemaking. Therefore, for the reasons given in the direct final rule, we are confirming the effective date as March 22, 2016.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Section 301.75–15 issued under Sec. 204, Title II, Pub. L. 106–113, 113 Stat. 1501A–293; sections 301.75–15 and 301.75–16 issued under Sec. 203, Title II, Pub. L. 106–224, 114 Stat. 400 (7 U.S.C. 1421 note).

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of March 2016.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 72

[NRC–2015–0156]

RIN 3150–AJ63

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Holtec International HI–STORM 100 Cask System; Amendment No. 9, Revision 1

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is confirming the effective date of March 21, 2016, for the direct final rule that was published in the **Federal Register** on January 6, 2016. This direct final rule amended spent fuel storage regulations by revising the Holtec International HI–STORM 100 Cask System listing within the “List of approved spent fuel storage casks” to include Amendment No. 9, Revision 1, to Certificate of Compliance No. 1014. Amendment No. 9, Revision 1, changes cooling time limits for thimble plug devices, removes certain testing requirements for the fabrication of Metamic HT neutron-absorbing structural material, and reduces certain minimum guaranteed values used in bounding calculations for this material. Amendment No. 9, Revision 1, also changes fuel definitions to classify

certain boiling water reactor fuel within specified guidelines as undamaged fuel.

DATES: *Effective date:* The effective date of March 21, 2016, for the direct final rule published January 6, 2016 (81 FR 371), is confirmed.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0156 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0156. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert D. MacDougall, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-5175; email: Robert.MacDougall@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 6, 2016 (81 FR 371), the NRC published a direct final rule amending its regulations in part 72 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* to include Amendment No. 9, Revision 1, of Certificate of Compliance No. 1014 for the HI-STORM 100 Cask System. Amendment No. 9, Revision 1, changes cooling time limits for thimble plug devices, removes certain testing requirements for the fabrication of Metamic HT neutron-absorbing structural material, and reduces certain minimum guaranteed values used in bounding calculations for this material. Amendment No. 9, Revision 1, also changes fuel definitions to classify certain boiling water reactor fuel within

specified guidelines as undamaged fuel. In the direct final rule, the NRC stated that if no significant adverse comments were received, the direct final rule would become effective on March 21, 2016. The NRC did not receive any comments on the direct final rule. Therefore, this direct final rule will become effective as scheduled.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of March, 2016.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Leslie Terry,

Acting Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2016-2701; Directorate Identifier 2016-NE-03-AD; Amendment 39-18440; AD 2016-06-09]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshaft Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Turbomeca S.A. Makila 2A and 2A1 turboshaft engines. This AD requires tightening the nut attaching the swivel union to the engine power turbine module M04. This AD was prompted by two occurrences of commanded in-flight shutdown following low oil pressure warning. We are issuing this AD to prevent loosening of the nut and oil leakage from the low-pressure oil system, which could lead to in-flight shutdown of the engine and forced landing.

DATES: This AD becomes effective April 6, 2016.

We must receive comments on this AD by May 6, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

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

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

For service information identified in this AD, contact Turbomeca S.A., 40220 Tarnos, France; phone: 33 0 5 59 74 40 00; telex: 570 042; fax: 33 0 5 59 74 45 16. You may view this service information at the FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 781-238-7125. It is also available on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2016-2701.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2016-2701; or in person at the Docket Operations office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this AD, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The address for the Docket Office (phone: 800-647-5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Besian Luga, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: 781-238-7750; fax: 781-238-7199; email: besian.luga@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

This AD is a final rule that involves requirements affecting flight safety, and we did not precede it by notice and opportunity for public comment. We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include "Docket No. FAA-2016-2701; Directorate Identifier 2016-NE-03-AD" at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this AD because of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>