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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

7 CFR Part 1496

Procurement of Commodities for Foreign Donation; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a public meeting to discuss the proposed rule, Procurement of Commodities for Foreign Donation, published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 2005 (70 FR 74717).

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2006, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Washington, DC in USDA's Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 107A, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. The Jamie L. Whitten Building is located near the Smithsonian Metro Station. Requests to address the meeting must be submitted by February 15, 2006 by any of the following methods:

E-mail: paul.cacciatore@kcc.usda.gov.

Fax: (202) 690-0767.

Mail: Send to Director, Commodity Procurement Policy and Analysis Division (CPPAD), FSA, USDA, Room 5755-S, Stop 0551, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0551.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Cacciatore, USDA, FSA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0551, Washington, DC 20250-0551; Telephone: 202-720-5074, Fax: 202-690-0767; E-mail:

paul.cacciatore@kcc.usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting should contact Paul Cacciatore by February 15, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On December 16, 2005, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) published a proposed rule, Procurement of Commodities for Foreign Donation, in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 74717). The proposed rule would adopt new procedures to be used by CCC in the evaluation of bids in connection with the procurement of commodities for donation overseas. In general, CCC proposes to amend the existing regulations to provide for the simultaneous review of commodity and ocean freight offers when evaluating lowest landed cost options in connection with the procurement of commodities. This proposed rule would enhance bidding opportunities for potential vendors while allowing CCC to more efficiently acquire commodities.

Comments on the proposed rule were due on or before January 17, 2006. In response to public requests, CCC reopened and extended the comment period for 45 days until March 9, 2006, via a document published in the **Federal Register** January 23, 2006 (71 FR 3442). The Agency believes the request for additional time to comment on the proposed rule is reasonable and will allow the rulemaking to proceed in a timely manner. Further, CCC has determined that a public meeting should be held to provide for open discussion on the proposed rule.

II. Registration

To register, contact the Public Meeting Coordinator by e-mail at paul.cacciatore@kcc.usda.gov, by phone at (202) 720-5074, or by fax at (202) 690-0767. The following information must be provided when registering to attend the meeting: Name, company name and address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses and special needs information. A staff member will confirm your registration by e-mail, fax or phone. You may also register in person at the meeting.

III. Speaker Presentations

Persons who wish to address the meeting must register using the registration procedures described above. At the time of registration, those wishing to address the meeting, must provide a brief, written statement regarding the nature of the information they intend to present.

Those attendees who wish to address the meeting but did not pre-register, will be permitted to sign up at the meeting, on a first-come, first-served basis. Based on the number of items on the agenda and the progress of the meeting, a determination will be made at the meeting by the Public Meeting Coordinator and the meeting moderator regarding how many speakers can be accommodated. Speakers will be limited to approximately five minutes and must provide their name, company name and address, contact information as well as provide a brief, written statement regarding the nature of the information they intend to present.

The meeting will be transcribed and the transcription, together with any written submissions, made part of the rule-making record.

IV. Written Comments on the Proposed Rule

Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted at the meeting or, by March 9, 2006, by the following methods:

E-mail: Send comments to Richard.Chavez@usda.gov.

Fax: Submit comments by facsimile transmission to: (202) 690-2221.

Mail: Send comments to: Director, Commodity Procurement Policy & Analysis Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rm. 5755-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0512.

Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver comments to above address.

Federal Rulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

V. General Information

The meeting will be held in a Federal government building. Therefore, Federal security measures will be in force. In planning your arrival, we recommend allowing extra time to clear security. The main entrance to the USDA building will be at the North entrance on Jefferson Drive. In order to enter the building, participants must bring government-issued photo identification. Entry may be denied to persons without proper identification.

In addition, all persons entering the building must pass through a metal detector. All items brought to the meeting, whether personal or for the

purposes of demonstration or support of a presentation, are subject to inspection. We cannot assume responsibility for coordinating the receipt, transfer, transport, storage, set-up, safety, or timely arrival of any personal belongings or items used for demonstration or support of a presentation.

Signed at Washington, DC, February 1, 2006.

Teresa C. Lasseter,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and Executive Vice-President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2006-23819; Directorate Identifier 2005-NM-223-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747-400, and 747SP Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Boeing Model 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747-400, and 747SP series airplanes. This proposed AD would require doing a detailed inspection of the left and right longeron extension fittings, and corrective action if necessary. This proposed AD results from cracking found in the longeron extension fitting at body station 1480 due to accidental damage during production. We are proposing this AD to detect and correct cracking in the longeron extension fitting, which could result in rapid decompression of the airplane and possible in-flight breakup of the airplane fuselage.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by March 27, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following addresses to submit comments on this proposed AD.

- DOT Docket Web site: Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- Government-wide rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>

and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Nassif Building, room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590.

- Fax: (202) 493-2251.

- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207, for the service information identified in this proposed AD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nicholas Kusz, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 917-6432; fax (425) 917-6590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite you to submit any relevant written data, views, or arguments regarding this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Include the docket number "FAA-2006-23819; Directorate Identifier 2005-NM-223-AD" at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend the proposed AD in light of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed AD. Using the search function of that Web site, anyone can find and read the comments in any of our dockets, including the name of the individual who sent the comment (or signed the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Examining the Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>, or in person at the Docket Management Facility office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except

Federal holidays. The Docket Management Facility office (telephone (800) 647-5227) is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building at the DOT street address stated in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after the Docket Management System receives them.

Discussion

We have received a report indicating that a crack was found in the longeron extension fitting at body station 1480, on a Boeing Model 747-400 series airplane. (The airplane had accumulated 12,676 total flight cycles.) Investigation revealed that the crack occurred where a drill start had been made accidentally during airplane production. Cracking in the longeron extension fitting could extend and lead to reduced structural integrity of the bulkhead structure at body station 1480. This condition, if not corrected, could result in rapid decompression of the airplane and possible in-flight breakup of the airplane fuselage.

Relevant Service Information

We have reviewed Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2515, dated October 20, 2005. The service bulletin describes procedures for doing a detailed inspection of the left and right longeron extension fittings for damage and corrective action if necessary. The corrective action includes the following:

- Repairing any damage found to a longeron extension fitting, which includes removing any visibly damaged material, doing a high frequency eddy current inspection of the cut edge of the gusset for cracks and removing any damage if necessary, and making an insurance cut to remove any possible crack tip.

- If damage cannot be repaired in accordance with the service bulletin, replacing the damaged longeron extension fitting with a new longeron extension fitting.

The service bulletin refers to Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2390, dated July 31, 1997, or Revision 1, dated July 6, 2000, as an additional source of service information for replacing a damaged longeron fitting with a new longeron extension fitting.

FAA's Determination and Requirements of the Proposed AD

We have evaluated all pertinent information and identified an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on other airplanes of this same type design. For this reason, we are proposing this AD, which would require accomplishing the actions specified in the service information described