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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 201

[No. LS-94-012]

RIN 0581-AB55

Amendments to Regulations Under the Federal Seed Act; Extension of Comment Period on Proposed Rule

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of comment period on proposed rule to amend the Regulations under the Federal Seed Act (FSA).

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is extending the public comment period from December 21, 1998, until February 4, 1999, on the proposed rule to amend the Regulations under FSA. The proposed changes would designate seeds of species listed in the Federal Noxious Weed Act (FNWA) as noxious in interstate commerce, add kinds to the list of those subject to the FSA, update the seed testing regulations, update the seed certification regulations, and correct several minor errors. This proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 1998.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Dr. Richard C. Payne, Acting Chief, Seed Regulatory and Testing Branch, Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA, Room 209, Building 306, BARC-E., Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2325. Comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in Room 209, Building 306, BARC-E., Beltsville, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard C. Payne, Acting Chief, Seed Regulatory and Testing Branch, Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, Room 209, Building 306, BARC-E., Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2325. Telephone 301/504-9430, FAX 301/504-5454.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose

A proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 1998 (63 FR 55964). The purpose of the proposed rule is to designate seeds of species listed in the FNWA as noxious and prohibit the shipment of agricultural and vegetable seeds containing them, to add two kinds to the list of those subject to FSA, to update the seed testing regulations, to update the seed certification regulations, and to correct several minor errors in the regulations.

Reason for Granting the Extension

The American Seed Trade Association (ASTA), a national trade organization representing nearly 800 seed companies, that will be affected by the proposal, has requested a 45-day extension of the comment period. ASTA had requested the extension to address concerns raised by ASTA members. Several ASTA committees and the ASTA Board of Directors will be meeting in late January. The meetings will provide ASTA an opportunity to consider the proposed regulations and prepare comments.

After careful consideration of the request submitted to the Agency, AMS has decided to grant an extension of the comment period for an additional 45 days or until February 4, 1999. AMS believes this 45-day extension making a total comment period of 105 days provides a sufficient period of time for all interested persons to review the proposed rule and submit comments. Accordingly, AMS is extending the comment period on the proposed rule until February 4, 1999.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1592.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

Barry L. Carpenter,

Deputy Administrator, Livestock and Seed Program.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 70

Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material; Request For Public Comments on Rulemaking Activities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Request for public input on rule development.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is making available, through the use of the Internet, draft rule language and associated guidance documents governing Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material and requesting public comment. The Commission has directed the staff to continue public discussion of all relevant documents with stakeholders, including use of the Internet, and submit a revised proposed rulemaking package for Commission approval in June 1999. After Commission approval, a proposed rule will be published for public comment.

DATES: Public input is solicited during development of the proposed rule package, but to be most helpful, should be received by dates that will be specified on the Internet site. Comments received after the dates specified will be considered for development of the proposed rule if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is only able to ensure consideration of comments received on or before the specified dates. If appropriate, late comments may be considered as part of the comments received during the formal public comment period on the proposed rule.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the draft rule language and associated documents can be obtained either electronically at the NRC Technical Conference Forum Website under the topic "Revised Requirements for the Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material (Part 70)" at <http://techconf.LLNL.gov/cgi-bin/topics> or from the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555; telephone 202-634-3273; fax 202-634-3343.

Comments may be posted electronically on the NRC Technical Conference Forum Website at <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/messages?dom—lic>. Comments

submitted electronically can also be viewed at that Website. Comments may also be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theodore S. Sherr, Andrew Persinko, or Barry T. Mendelsohn; Telephone (301) 415-7218, (301) 415-6522, or (301) 415-7270; Email TSS@NRC.GOV, AXP1@NRC.GOV, or BTM1@NRC.GOV; Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In a December 1, 1998 Staff Requirements Memorandum, the Commission disapproved publication of the staff's draft proposed rule. The Commission directed the staff to continue to discuss all relevant documents with stakeholders (NEI, Department of Energy, and others) in public, including use of the Internet, and submit a revised proposed rulemaking package to the Commission for approval six months from December 1, 1998. In the process of developing a revised draft proposed rule package, the NRC staff will periodically make interim drafts publicly available, as noted above, and seek comments on those drafts. When the Commission has approved a proposed rule, it will be published in the **Federal Register** for formal public comment.

To use the Website to view SECY-98-185, meeting transcripts, and letters from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and other commenters, select *dom lic Library* and then click on *NRC TECH CONF Text and Other Documents* to view the documents available in this library. Alternatively, you can direct your browser to go directly to: http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/library?source=*&library=dom lic lib&file=*.

The transcripts of previous meetings and letters from the NEI on chemical safety regulation and other issues are near the end of the library of documents and can be reached by scrolling down past all of the Standard Review Plan sections, which are listed individually.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 18th day of December, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Elizabeth Q. Ten Eyck,

Director, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-ASO-20]

Proposed Establishment of Class D Airspace; Lawrenceville, GA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to establish Class D airspace at Lawrenceville, GA. An automated weather observing system has been installed in the Gwinnett County-Briscoe Field Airport Traffic Control Tower, which transmits required weather observations. Therefore, the airport now meets the criteria for Class D airspace. The Class D airspace will consist of that airspace extending from the surface to and including 3,600 feet MSL within a 4.6-mile radius of the Lawrenceville/Gwinnett County-Briscoe Field Airport.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 98-ASO-20, Manager, Airspace Branch, ASO-520, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel for Southern Region, Room 550, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337, telephone (404) 305-5627.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy B. Shelton, Manager, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320; telephone (404) 305-5627.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views or arguments, as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify the airspace docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the

FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 98-ASO-20." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Office of the Regional Counsel for Southern Region, Room 550, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Available of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Manager, Airspace Branch, ASO-520, Air Traffic Division, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs should also request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A which describes the application procedure.

The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 71) to establish Class D airspace at Lawrenceville, GA. An automated weather observing system has been installed in the Gwinnett County-Briscoe Field Airport Traffic Control Tower, which transmits the required weather observations. Therefore, the airport now meets the criteria for Class D airspace. Class D airspace designations for airports are published in Paragraph 5000 of FAA Order 7400.9F, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore, (1) is not a "significant