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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 1, 2, and 3

[Docket No. 95-099-1]

Dogs and Cats in Commercial Pet Trade; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is hosting two public meetings to gather information on the current Animal Welfare Act regulations and standards that apply to the care of dogs and cats in the commercial pet trade. In line with our commitment to ensure appropriate care for animals regulated under the Animal Welfare Act, we are reviewing these regulations and standards and are seeking recommendations and opinions from the affected industries and concerned public to determine whether revisions are necessary.

DATES: Each meeting will be held on two consecutive half days—from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on the first day and from 8 a.m. until noon on the second day. The first meeting will be held in Kansas City, MO, February 21 and 22, 1996. The second meeting will be held in St. Louis, MO, February 23 and 24, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held at the following locations:

1. Kansas City, MO: Kansas City Convention Center, Bartle Hall, 301 W. 13th Street, Kansas City, MO. Telephone 1-800-821-7060 or (816) 871-3700. Parking at the Convention Center (between Central Street and Broadway) is approximately \$6 per day. Participants should enter the meeting areas (2200 Series) through Lobby 200 on the first floor of Bartle Hall. Members of the public requiring lodging reservations in Kansas City can contact the Kansas City Marriott Hotel-

Downtown, 200 W. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105. Telephone 1-800-548-4782 or (816) 421-6800.

2. St. Louis, MO: Regal Riverfront Hotel, 200 South 4th Street, St. Louis, MO, Telephone 1-800-325-7353 or (314) 241-9500, Fax (314) 421-3555.

For hotel reservations at either location, request lodging for "USDA Public Meeting."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Stephen Smith, Animal Health Technician, Animal Care Staff, REAC, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-4972.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) (7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for regulating the care provided to certain animals, including dogs and cats in the commercial pet trade. APHIS believes the AWA regulations and standards pertaining to such dogs and cats may need to be updated. APHIS officials are reviewing the pertinent AWA regulations and standards.

In conducting this review, the agency is seeking recommendations and opinions regarding the housing, care, handling, and transportation of dogs and cats in the commercial pet trade. APHIS officials have decided to hold three meetings to gather input from the public, animal protection organizations, and members of affected industries, such as dealers, research facilities, and commercial animal transporters. The locations of the meetings were selected based on the high concentrations of licensed animal dealers operating within close proximity. We also anticipate holding a meeting in the Washington, DC, area. Notice of this meeting will be given in a future Federal Register notice.

The meetings will include four workshops facilitated by trained APHIS facilitators: (1) Space requirements for primary enclosures, including room for exercise; (2) sanitation, materials, flooring, and construction of primary enclosures; (3) veterinary care and breeding frequency; and (4) transportation by land and by air. In these workshops, group participation will be used to develop recommendations within specific topic areas. After the workshops have concluded, each workshop group will

report its recommendations to the entire meeting.

APHIS will consider these recommendations in developing any revisions to the current AWA regulations and standards. The Agency will initiate rulemaking for any changes deemed appropriate.

Participants should attend the same workshop for the entire meeting. Registration for workshop sessions will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the first day of each meeting, with the general session beginning at 1 p.m. Meeting participants should select a first and second choice for workshop attendance because of space availability.

Done in Washington, DC, this 8th day of February 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 95-NM-59-AD]

Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F28 Mark 0100 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Fokker Model F28 Mark 0100 series airplanes. This proposal would require inspections to detect cracking of the Hi-lok bolt holes in the main hinge fittings of the horizontal stabilizer, and repair, if necessary. The proposed AD also would require modification of the main hinge fitting, modification or replacement of rib connecting angles, and modification of ribs. This proposal is prompted by a report that cracking was found in the main hinge fittings of the horizontal stabilizer during fatigue testing. The cracking was a result of higher-than-anticipated loads induced during operation of the thrust reverser. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent