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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Research Service

#### 7 CFR Part 9

#### Award of Fellowships to Applicants From Other American Republics

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action is being taken as part of the National Performance Review program to eliminate unnecessary regulations and improve those that remain. This final rule removes obsolete regulations pertaining to award of fellowships to applicants from other American Republics by the Agricultural Research Service.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 18, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Darrell F. Cole, Assistant Deputy Administrator, National Program Staff, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Bldg. 005, Room 120, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, MD 20705, (301) 504-5861.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This rule has been determined not to be significant for the purpose of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget. Also, this rule will not cause a significant economic impact or other substantial effect on small entities and, therefore, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, do not apply. This action is being taken as part of the National Performance Review program to eliminate unnecessary regulations. Since this rule relates to internal agency management and removes obsolete recommendations which have not been used for many years, notice of proposed rulemaking and opportunity for public comment are not required, and this rule

may take effect 30 days after publication.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 9

Agriculture, Scholarships and fellowships, Type of fellowships, qualifications, award of fellowships, allowances and expenses, duration of fellowships, official notification, and definitions.

#### PART 9—[REMOVED AND RESERVED]

Accordingly, 7 CFR Part 9 is removed and reserved.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 12th day of August 1996.

Floyd P. Horn,

*Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 96-NM-181-AD; Amendment 39-9713; AD 96-17-05]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB SF340A and SAAB 340B Series Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Saab Model SAAB SF340A and SAAB 340B series airplanes. This action requires the installation of a mechanical flight idle stop on the control quadrant of the flight compartment. This action also requires a revision of the Airplane Flight Manual to ensure the use of certain operating procedures after the mechanical flight idle stop is installed. Additionally, this action provides an optional terminating action for the requirements of this AD. This amendment is prompted by a report indicating that the means of protection against the selection of the "beta" range of propeller operation during flight has been reduced on certain modified control quadrants.

Additionally, there have been reports indicating that power levers on the control quadrant have been moved aft of the flight idle position during flight due to improper usage of the mechanical beta stop. The actions specified in this AD are intended to prevent such movement of the power lever(s) during flight, which could result in propeller overspeed, engine damage, and loss of power to one or both engines.

**DATES:** Effective September 3, 1996.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of September 3, 1996.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before October 18, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 96-NM-181-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from SAAB Aircraft AF, SAAB Aircraft Product Support, S-581.88, Linkping, Sweden. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth E. Harder, Aerospace Engineer, Standardization Branch, ANM-113, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (206) 227-1721; fax (206) 227-1149.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA has received a report from an operator of a Model SAAB 340B series airplane indicating that, during training, the flightcrew noticed a reduction in the protection associated with movement of the power levers aft of the flight idle position during flight. Moving the power lever settings aft of the flight idle position (or "below flight idle") places the airplane in the "beta" range of operation. "Beta" is the range of propeller operation intended for use only during taxi, ground idle, or reverse operations. If "beta" range is selected, either intentionally or inadvertently, during flight, it could result in propeller