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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 340

[Docket No. 99-025-1]

Regulatory Requirements for Genetically Engineered Organisms; Customer Service Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will hold a meeting to discuss the current and future status of the regulatory requirements pertaining to the introduction of genetically engineered organisms and products. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be operated as a customer service workshop. We request that interested persons register and submit agenda items two weeks before the meeting date.

PLACE, DATES, AND TIME OF MEETING: The meeting will be held in the Conference Center at the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD, on Tuesday, May 11, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday, May 12, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the agenda, contact Dr. Sivramiah Shantharam, Biotechnology and Biological Analysis, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-4882; e-mail: shanthu.shantharam@usda.gov. To register for the meeting and to submit suggested agenda items, contact Ms. Kay Peterson at (301) 734-4885; fax: (301) 734-8910; e-mail: k.peterson@usda.gov. Information is also available on the Internet at the APHIS World Wide Web site: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotech>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 7 CFR part 340,

“Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which Are Plant Pests or Which There Is Reason to Believe Are Plant Pests,” regulate, among other things, the introduction (importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment) of organisms and products altered or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests. Such genetically engineered organisms and products are considered “regulated articles.” Before introducing a regulated article, a person is required under § 340.0 of the regulations to either notify the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in accordance with § 340.3 or obtain a permit in accordance with § 340.4. The regulations in § 340.6 provide that any person may submit a petition to APHIS seeking a determination that an article should not be regulated under 7 CFR part 340 and allow the extension of a previously issued determination of nonregulated status to certain additional regulated articles.

To provide an opportunity for a general discussion of the requirements for the preparation of notifications, permits, petitions, and requests for extensions of determinations of nonregulated status, APHIS has scheduled a workshop to be held in Riverdale, MD, on May 11 and 12, 1999. Additional items for consideration include the status of a pilot program designed to reduce the paperwork burden for the regulated public, proposals to simplify the existing regulations, and the movement of commodities containing genetically engineered organisms in international trade.

The tentative agenda for the meeting is as follows: Day 1, morning—notifications and permits; afternoon—petitions and extensions; Day 2, morning—international harmonization.

To register, submit your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address to the person indicated under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. We request that you register and submit suggested agenda items by April 28, 1999.

Done in Washington, DC, this 29th day of March 1999.

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Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 98-ANE-62-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Aircraft Engines CF34 Series Turbofan Engines

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 General Electric Aircraft Engines CF34 series turbofan engines. This proposal would establish new life limits for certain high pressure compressor (HPC) spools, Part Number (P/N) 6078T56P01, stage 9 HPC disks, P/N 6087T01P03 or 6087T01P04, and rear HPC spools, P/N 5087T46P01 or 5087T46P02. This proposal is prompted by a cyclic life analysis using increased stress levels resulting from manufacturing discrepancies. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent HPC spool and disk cracking, which could result in an uncontained engine failure and damage to the aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 98-ANE-62-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: “9-ad-engineprop@faa.gov”. Comments sent via the Internet must contain the docket number in the subject line. Comments may be inspected at this location between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.,