

of disposition of the request shall delay removal or relieve the alien from strict compliance with any outstanding notice to surrender for deportation or removal.

(b) Denial by the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Executive Associate Commissioner Field Operations, regional director, or district director of a request for a stay is not appealable, but such denial shall not preclude an immigration judge or the Board from granting a stay in connection with a motion to reopen or a motion to reconsider as provided in 8 CFR part 3.

(c) The Service shall take all reasonable steps to comply with a stay granted by an immigration judge or the Board. However, such a stay shall cease to have effect if granted (or communicated) after the alien has been placed aboard an aircraft or other conveyance for removal and the normal boarding has been completed.

Dated: June 23, 2000.

**Janet Reno,**

*Attorney General.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

#### 9 CFR Parts 317, 318, 319, 381

[Docket No. 97-036R]

#### Other Consumer Protection (OCP) Activities—Reopening of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is reopening the comment period for the advanced notice of proposed rulemaking "Other Consumer Protection (OCP) Activities" for 60 days. This action responds to a request to allow additional time for comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 29, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit one original and two copies of written comments to: FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket # 97-036R, Room 102, Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. All comments received in response to this notice will be considered part of the public record and will be available for viewing in the FSIS Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and

4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. FSIS has made a technical paper available in the FSIS Docket Room and on the FSIS homepage ([www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Daniel Engeljohn, Director, Regulations Development and Analysis Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC 20250-3700, at (202) 720-5627, fax number (202) 690-0486.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 17, 2000, FSIS published the advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) "Other Consumer Protection (OCP) Activities" (65 FR 14486). FSIS published this ANPR to request comments on the need and desirability of revising its approach to verifying that meat and poultry products are not misbranded, economically adulterated, or otherwise unacceptable for reasons that do not necessarily raise food safety or public health concerns. In the ANPR, FSIS referred to these program activities as "other consumer protection" (OCP) activities. The ANPR defined and described FSIS' OCP activities and discussed the Agency's need for revised regulations and verification and enforcement procedures.

FSIS has received a request to extend the comment period for an additional 180 days because of the large scope of the ANPR. FSIS agrees that the ANPR addresses many issues and wants to receive as much input as possible. However, because this is an ANPR, and any further actions by the Agency will be issued in a notice and comment proposed rulemaking, FSIS is reopening the comment period for 60 days. After the comment period closes, FSIS, intends to proceed with development of various OCP notice and comment proposed rulemakings.

**Additional Public Notification**

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of this **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/

stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-5704.

Done at Washington, DC on: June 22, 2000.

**Thomas J. Billy,**

*Administrator.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Parts 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 50, 61, 70, 72, and 76

[Docket No. PRM-30-63]

#### Natural Resources Defense Council; Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Petition for rulemaking; Notice of receipt.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received and requests public comment on a petition for rulemaking filed by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). The petition has been docketed by the Commission and has been assigned Docket No. PRM-30-63. The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations to require that an individual report illegal payments to regulators if the individual has knowledge or evidence of the illegal payments. The petitioner requests that an individual who fails to make such a report not be issued a license or allowed to retain a license.

**DATES:** Submit comments by September 13, 2000. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except as to comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications staff.

Deliver comments to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm on Federal workdays.

For a copy of the petition, write to David L. Meyer, Chief, Rules and

Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>. This site provides the capability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905 (e-mail: [CAG@nrc.gov](mailto:CAG@nrc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David L. Meyer, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone: 301-415-7162 or Toll-free: 1-800-368-5642 or E-mail: [DLM1@NRC.GOV](mailto:DLM1@NRC.GOV).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On May 3, 2000, the NRC docketed an April 20, 2000, letter from Thomas B. Cochran, Ph.D., Director, Nuclear Program, Wade Green Chair for Nuclear Policy, NRDC, to the Honorable Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, as a petition for rulemaking under 10 CFR 2.802. In this letter, Dr. Cochran requested that the NRC issue regulations under the provisions of 10 CFR 2.206 that would require an individual to report illegal payments to regulators if the individual has knowledge or evidence of the illegal payments. The petitioner requests that an individual who fails to make such a report not be issued a license or allowed to retain a license. The § 2.206 process is applicable to actions that would suspend, modify, or revoke a license. Requests to add, amend, or remove a regulation are processed under 10 CFR 2.802. Therefore, Dr. Cochran's request was docketed under the procedures applicable to petitions for rulemaking contained in § 2.802.

**The Petition**

The petitioner references a letter from the NRC to an individual indicating that the NRC will take no further action on its Demand for Information dated July 12, 1999 (EA 99-180). The Demand for Information sought information that would allow the NRC to determine whether it needed to take any action concerning the individual or the licensee for which the individual was president. The matter in question concerned payments made by the individual to an official of an Agreement State regulatory body that was responsible for issuing licensees

and overseeing activities related to the individual's license.

The petitioner characterizes this letter as indicating the Commission's apparent satisfaction with mere assurances from the individual that the individual will act with the candor and integrity that is required of NRC licensees despite what the petitioner states are the individual's unlawful actions and failure to notify Federal or State officials of the potentially criminal activities of a regulator.

The petitioner states that the NRC's action does little to quell his concerns about safeguarding the nuclear regulatory process to prevent a recurrence of this type of action. The petitioner asserts that the only reasonable response to the admitted participation of the individual in a blatantly corrupt scheme with a top nuclear official in an Agreement State would have been to bar the individual from any further involvement in NRC-licensed activities for life. The petitioner also states that the least the NRC could have done following what the petitioner characterized as a protracted process would be to provide a fully reasoned justification for its decision to allow the individual to return to his position in running a licensed company.

**The Requested Action**

The petitioner is concerned that the reinstatement of the individual establishes an extremely dangerous precedent from a regulatory perspective. Therefore, the petitioner requests that the NRC promulgate the following as an NRC regulation:

No licensee (sic) shall be issued to, or retained by, any person who, or any organization whose principal owner, officer, or senior manager, has engaged in, or has knowledge or evidence pertaining to, but fails to promptly report that knowledge or evidence to the NRC, bribery of, or extortion by, any Federal, State or other regulatory official involved in the review or approval of, or continuing oversight over, the license activities, or license applications; or any person who, or any organization whose principal owner, officer, or senior manager, has acted in any manner that flagrantly undermines the integrity of the regulatory process of the NRC or that of an Agreement State.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of June, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Annette Vietti-Cook,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. 2000-NM-202-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

**Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers Model SD3-60 SHERPA Series Airplanes**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes the superseding of an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to all Short Brothers Model SD3-60 SHERPA series airplanes, that currently requires a one-time visual inspection to determine the part number of the power control cable assemblies and pulleys of the engine controls; and replacement of the power control cable assemblies and pulleys (as applicable) with new parts, if necessary. This action would require accomplishment of the inspection and replacement in accordance with revised procedures. This proposal is prompted by issuance of mandatory continuing airworthiness information by a foreign civil airworthiness authority. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent breakage of the power control cable assemblies due to the inflexible construction of the cable, which could result in loss of engine power and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by July 31, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-NM-202-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: [9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov](mailto:9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov). Comments sent via the Internet must contain "Docket No. 2000-NM-202-AD" in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Short Brothers, Airworthiness & Engineering Quality, P.O. Box 241,