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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Parts 919 and 970

RIN 3206–AK30

Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing a final rule to redesignate part 970 of title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations as part 919. OPM intends to use part 970 in the near future as the location for new regulations issued jointly by the Department of Homeland Security and OPM, which will establish a new human resources management system within DHS.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 23, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In determining the organization of regulatory parts in title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations, OPM generally assigns part numbers so that they link to corresponding statutory sections of title 5, United States Code. For example, the leave statutes in 5 U.S.C. chapter 63 are regulated in 5 CFR part 630. As part of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–296, November 25, 2002), Congress added a new chapter 97 to title 5, United States Code. Section 9701 of chapter 97 provides OPM and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) with authority to jointly issue regulations establishing a new human resources management system for DHS employees. OPM has determined that, consistent with its general approach in assigning regulatory part numbers, part 970 should be reserved for the joint DHS/OPM regulations issued under 5 U.S.C. 9701. OPM expects those regulations to be issued early in 2004.

Currently, OPM has existing regulations in part 970 that relate to a Governmentwide system for debarment and suspension of certain persons with respect to participation in transactions under Federal nonprocurement programs. With the issuance of this final rule, these debarment and suspension regulations will be relocated to part 919.

Because the redesignation of part 970 does not involve rulemaking, the redesignation changes are final and become effective immediately.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 919

Administrative practice and procedure, Grant programs, Loan programs.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

■ Accordingly, for the reasons stated in the preamble, OPM amends 5 CFR chapter I as follows:

PART 970—[REDESIGNATED AS PART 919]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 970 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sec. 2455, Pub.L. 103–355, 108 Stat.3327; E.O. 12549, 3 CFR, 1986 Comp., p. 189; E.O. 12689, 3 CFR, 1989 Comp., p. 235.

■ 2. Part 970 is redesignated as part 919.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002–NM–125–AD; Amendment 39–13387; AD 2003–25–04]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A319, A320, and A321 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment supersedes an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Airbus Model A319, A320, and A321 series airplanes, that currently requires modifying the fuel pipe couplings and installing bonding leads in specified locations within the fuel tank. This amendment continues to require the modification and installation, but adds new modifications of the bonding leads for certain airplanes. This amendment also changes the applicability of the existing AD. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent ignition sources and consequent fire/explosion in the fuel tank. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Effective January 27, 2004. The incorporation by reference of certain publications, as listed in the regulations, is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of January 27, 2004.

The incorporation by reference of a certain other publication, as listed in the regulations, was approved previously by the Director of the Federal Register as of August 28, 2000 (65 FR 45513, July 24, 2000).

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Airbus Industrie, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France. This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, Rules Docket, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) by superseding AD 2000–14–15, amendment 39–11825 (65 FR 45513, July 24, 2000), which is applicable to certain Airbus Model A319, A320, and A321 series airplanes, was published in the **Federal Register** on September 9, 2003 (68 FR 53061). The action proposed to require modifying the fuel pipe couplings and installing bonding leads in specified locations within the fuel tank. The action also adds new