

requirements included in this proposed rule have been submitted for approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Please send written comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for APHIS, Washington, DC 20503. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. APHIS-2009-0086. Please send a copy of your comments to: (1) Docket No. APHIS-2009-0086, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238, and (2) Clearance Officer, OCIO, USDA, Room 404-W, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this proposed rule.

APHIS is proposing to amend the regulations concerning the importation of fruits and vegetables to allow for the importation of fresh shepherd's purse with roots from the Republic of Korea into the United States under a combination of mitigations to reduce the risk of introducing a variety of pests. As a condition of entry, fresh shepherd's purse would have to be produced in accordance with a systems approach that would include requirements for importation of commercial consignments, pest-free place of production, and inspection for quarantine pests by the national plant protection organization (NPPO) of the Republic of Korea.

Implementing this rule would require the completion of a phytosanitary certificate, inspections, and recordkeeping. We are soliciting comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our proposed information collection and recordkeeping requirements. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our agency's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, (such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.).

*Estimate of burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.53928 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Importers; national plant protection organization of the Republic of Korea.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 30.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 9.333.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 280.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 151 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2908.

#### E-Government Act Compliance

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is committed to compliance with the E-Government Act to promote the use of the Internet and other information technologies, to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes. For information pertinent to E-Government Act compliance related to this proposed rule, please contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2908.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 319

Coffee, Cotton, Fruits, Imports, Logs, Nursery stock, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rice, Vegetables.

Accordingly, we propose to amend 7 CFR part 319 as follows:

#### PART 319—FOREIGN QUARANTINE NOTICES

1. The authority citation for part 319 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 450, 7701-7772, and 7781-7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

2. A new § 319.56-51 is added to read as follows:

#### § 319.56-51 Shepherd's purse with roots from the Republic of Korea.

Shepherd's purse (*Capsella bursa-pastoris* (L.) Medick) with roots from the Republic of Korea may be imported only under the following conditions:

(a) The shepherd's purse with roots must be grown in a pest-free place of production that is registered with the

national plant protection organization (NPPO) of the Republic of Korea. Fields must be certified free of the quarantine nematodes *Hemicyclophora koreana*, *Paratylenchus pandus*, *Rotylenchus orientalis*, and *Rotylenchus pini* by sampling and microscopic inspection of the samples by the NPPO of the Republic of Korea. The sampling and inspection protocol must be preapproved by APHIS.

(b) The shepherd's purse with roots must be free from soil.

(c) The shepherd's purse with roots must be imported in commercial shipments only.

(d) Each consignment of shepherd's purse with roots must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate of inspection issued by the NPPO of the Republic of Korea stating that the shipment has been inspected and found free of quarantine pests with an additional declaration stating that the shepherd's purse with roots has been produced and inspected in accordance with the requirements of 7 CFR 319.56-51.

Done in Washington, DC, this 5th day of October 2010.

**Gregory Parham,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Parts 117 and 121

[Docket No. FAA-2009-1093; Notice No. 10-11]

RIN 2120-AJ58

#### Flightcrew Member Duty and Rest Requirements

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of procedures for submission of clarifying questions.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA published a proposed rule on September 14, 2010, to amend its existing flight, duty and rest regulations applicable to certificate holders and their flightcrew members. The FAA has received requests from stakeholders to provide a forum during the comment period where they can pose clarifying questions and receive answers to them. In response to these requests, the FAA is issuing this notice, which includes the procedures for handling clarifying questions to the proposed rule.

**DATES:** You must submit your clarifying questions in writing using the procedures outlined below by October 15, 2010. The FAA anticipates responding to these submissions by October 22, 2010. Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before November 15, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** See the "Procedures for Filing Clarifying Requests" section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** See the "Procedures for Filing Clarifying Requests" section of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On September 14, 2010, the FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled "Flightcrew Member Duty and Rest Requirements" (75 FR 55852). The proposed regulation recognizes the growing similarities between the types of operations and the universality of factors that lead to fatigue in most individuals. Fatigue threatens aviation safety because it increases the risk of pilot error that could lead to an accident. The new requirements, if adopted, would eliminate the current distinctions between domestic, flag and supplemental operations. The proposal provides different requirements based on the time of day, whether an individual is acclimated to a new time zone, and the likelihood of being able to sleep under different circumstances. The comment period closes November 15, 2010.

Since the docket opened, the FAA has received numerous requests for technical clarification of the proposed rulemaking. The FAA believes that it makes sense to provide additional clarity where commenters believe the draft regulatory text is unclear or omits pertinent information. For example, one commenter noted that there is a cross-reference to the existing flight crewmember regulations in the regulations governing flight and duty time for flight attendants. By dropping all of the part 121 flight crewmember flight and duty regulations, that cross-reference would no longer make sense, and it would be unclear whether the provision still had any validity.

To the extent possible, the FAA believes there is value in providing greater technical clarity while the comment period is still open. This clarity will allow interested parties to focus on the policy implications of the proposal without spending undue amounts of time trying to figure out how the rule, if implemented, would be implemented or interact with other

regulatory requirements. The FAA also believes that there should be a cut-off for consideration of these technical issues so that commenters know with certainty how these issues are resolved before they finalize their comments.

Accordingly, the FAA requests that all requests for clarification be submitted to the docket no later than October 15, 2010. The FAA anticipates responding to requests that are truly clarifying in nature by October 22, 2010, a full three weeks before the close of the comment period. To the extent a request raises policy considerations that are more appropriately resolved after the public has been given a full opportunity to comment, the FAA anticipates addressing those comments in a final rule.

**Procedures for Filing Clarifying Requests**

The below procedures are not a substitute for filing substantive questions and comments to the proposed rule. The procedures for submitting those types of comments are discussed in the NPRM. Commenters should follow those procedures to file their substantive questions and comments by November 15, 2010.

If you wish to submit a request to the FAA for clarification of the NPRM (Docket Number FAA-2009-1093) before the comment period closes, you must send your request using the below method by October 15, 2010.

1. Post your request on the Federal eRulemaking Portal. To access this electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter Docket Number FAA 2009-1093, and follow the online instructions for sending your request electronically.

2. In addition to sending your request to the electronic docket, send a copy via e-mail to the subject matter expert as noted below.

- *Technical Clarifications:* Dale E. Roberts, Air Transportation Division, Flight Standards Service, Federal Aviation Administration; e-mail [dale.e.roberts@faa.gov](mailto:dale.e.roberts@faa.gov).

- *Legal Clarifications:* Rebecca MacPherson, Office of the Chief Counsel, Regulations Division, Federal Aviation Administration; e-mail [rebecca.macpherson@faa.gov](mailto:rebecca.macpherson@faa.gov).

- *Cost/Benefit Clarifications:* Peter Ivory, Office of Aviation Policy & Plans, Federal Aviation Administration; e-mail [peter.ivory@faa.gov](mailto:peter.ivory@faa.gov).

The FAA will reply to requests for clarification to the NPRM if submitted by October 15, 2010. We will respond directly to you and post the response in the docket established for this

rulemaking. We anticipate providing our response by October 22, 2010.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 6, 2010.

**Pamela Hamilton-Powell,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**20 CFR Parts 404, 405, and 416**

[Docket No. SSA-2007-0053]

**Compassionate Allowances for Cardiovascular Disease and Multiple Organ Transplants, Office of the Commissioner, Hearing**

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration.

**ACTION:** Announcement of public hearing.

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**SUMMARY:** We are considering ways to quickly identify diseases and other serious medical conditions that obviously meet the definition of disability under the Social Security Act (Act) and can be identified with minimal objective medical information. We are calling this method "Compassionate Allowances." In December 2007, April 2008, November 2008, July 2009, and November 2009, we held Compassionate Allowance public hearings. These hearings concerned rare diseases, cancers, traumatic brain injury and stroke, early-onset Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and schizophrenia, respectively. This hearing is the sixth in the series. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain your views about the advisability and possible methods of identifying and implementing compassionate allowances for both adults and children with cardiovascular diseases and multiple organ transplants. We plan to address other medical conditions at subsequent hearings.

**DATES:** This hearing will be held on November 9, 2010, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST), in Baltimore, MD. The hearing will be held on the campus of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in the University Center Ballroom. The university's address is 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250. While the public is welcome to attend the hearing, only invited witnesses will present testimony. You may also watch the proceedings live via Webcast beginning at 9 a.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST). You may access the Webcast line for the hearing on the Social Security Administration Web site