

and replace it with a reference to the Extra Long Staple Cotton National Average Loan Rate determined by FSA. The Daily Spot Cotton Quotation is a price published daily, whereas the Extra Long Staple Cotton National Average Loan Rate is a price published annually. Because the Daily Spot Cotton Quotation values change daily, this method was time-consuming, cumbersome, and burdensome for cotton producers and loss adjusters. For this reason, FCIC is proposing to utilize the Extra Long Staple Cotton National Average Loan Rate for quality adjustment purposes. This same change was made to the Upland Cotton Crop Insurance Provisions beginning with the 2011 crop year. This change makes the Extra Long Staple and Upland Cotton Crop Provisions consistent.

FCIC also proposes to change the percentage of Price B from 75 percent to 85 percent in sections 10(d) and 10(d)(3). This does not change the existing terms of the policy because the change was already implemented in the Special Provisions. FCIC is proposing to move the provision to the Crop Provisions because the change is being implemented in all areas where ELS cotton is available.

FCIC proposes to remove in section 10(f) all references to the Daily Spot Cotton Quotation and replace it with a reference to the Upland Cotton National Average Loan Rate and the Extra Long Staple Cotton National Average Loan Rate determined by FSA. FCIC also proposes to remove the language regarding the price quotations contained in the Daily Spot Cotton Quotations published on the date the last bale from the unit is classed and the language regarding price quotations being unavailable. The Daily Spot Cotton Quotation is a price published daily, whereas the Extra Long Staple Cotton National Average Loan Rate is a price published annually. Therefore, it is not necessary to include information regarding specific dates upon which it will be based.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 457

Crop insurance, Extra long staple cotton, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Proposed Rule

Accordingly, as set forth in the preamble, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation proposes to amend 7 CFR part 457 effective for the 2012 and succeeding crop years to read as follows:

PART 457—COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 457 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1506(1), 1506(o).

2. Amend § 457.105 as follows:

a. Amend the introductory text by removing “1998” and adding “2012” in its place;

b. Remove the undesignated paragraph immediately preceding section 1.

c. Amend section 10 by:

i. Revising section 10(d); and

ii. Revising section 10(f).

The revisions read as follows:

§ 457.105 Extra long staple cotton crop insurance provisions.

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10. Settlement of Claim.

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(d) Mature ELS cotton production may be adjusted for quality when production has been damaged by insured causes. Such production to count will be reduced if Price A is less than 85 percent of Price B.

(1) Price B is defined as the Extra Long Staple Cotton National Average Loan Rate determined by FSA, or as specified in the Special Provisions.

(2) Price A is defined as the loan value per pound for the bale determined in accordance with the FSA Schedule of Premiums and Discounts for the applicable crop year, or as specified in the Special Provisions.

(3) If eligible for quality adjustment, the amount of production to be counted will be determined by multiplying the number of pounds of such production by the factor derived from dividing Price A by 85 percent of Price B.

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(f) Any AUP cotton harvested or appraised from acreage originally planted to ELS cotton in the same growing season will be reduced by the factor obtained by dividing the price per pound for AUP cotton by the price per pound for ELS cotton. The prices used for AUP and ELS cotton will be calculated using the Upland Cotton National Average Loan Rate and the Extra Long Staple Cotton National Average Loan Rate determined by FSA, or as specified in the Special Provisions.

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Signed in Washington, DC, on November 15, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 431

[Docket No. EERE-2010-BT-STD-0037]

RIN 1904-AC39

Energy Efficiency Program for Consumer Products: Public Meeting and Availability of the Framework Document for Automatic Commercial Ice-Makers

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and availability of the framework document.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is initiating a rulemaking and data collection process to consider amended energy conservation standards for automatic commercial ice-makers. DOE will hold a public meeting to discuss and receive comments on its planned analytical approach and issues it will address in this rulemaking proceeding. DOE welcomes written comments and relevant data from the public on any subject within the scope of this rulemaking. To inform interested parties and to facilitate this process, DOE has prepared a framework document that details the analytical approach and identifies several issues on which DOE is particularly interested in receiving comments.

DATES: DOE will hold a public meeting on Thursday, December 16, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Washington, DC. Additionally, DOE plans to conduct the public meeting via webinar. Registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants will be published on the following Web site <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/782074929>. Participants are responsible for ensuring that their systems are compatible with the webinar software.

DOE must receive requests to speak at the public meeting before 4 p.m., Thursday, December 2, 2010. DOE must receive an electronic copy of the statement with the name and, if appropriate, the organization of the presenter to be given at the public meeting before 4 p.m., Thursday, December 9, 2010. DOE will accept written comments, data, and information regarding the framework document before and after the public meeting, but no later than January 18, 2011. Comments submitted after the above date may not be considered. DOE encourages all written comments, data, and information to be submitted in electronic form.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 8E-089, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Please note that foreign nationals planning to participate in the public meeting are subject to advance security screening procedures. If a foreign national wishes to participate in the public meeting, please inform DOE of this fact as soon as possible by contacting Ms. Brenda Edwards at (202) 586-2945 so that the necessary procedures can be completed.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments electronically by the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail to the following address:* ACIM-2010-STD-0037@ee.doe.gov. Include docket number EERE-2010-BT-STD-0037 and/or RIN 1904-AC39 in the subject line of the message. All comments should clearly identify the name, address, and, if appropriate, organization of the commenter.

Alternatively, interested parties may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2J, Framework Document for Automatic Commercial Ice-Making Equipment, Docket No. EERE-2010-BT-STD-0037 and/or RIN 1904-AC39, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Please submit one signed paper original.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Sixth Floor, 950 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Please submit one signed paper original.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents, a copy of the transcript of the public meeting, or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Alternatively, interested parties may go to the U.S. Department of Energy, Resource Room of the Building Technologies Program, Sixth Floor, 950 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024, (202) 586-2945, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Please call Ms. Brenda Edwards first at the above telephone number for additional information regarding visiting the Resource Room.

A copy of the framework document and a link to the docket web page are available at: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/commercial/automatic_ice_making_equipment.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Charles Llenza, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies, EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-2192. E-mail: Charles_Llenza@ee.doe.gov.

Mr. Ari Altman, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, GC-71, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 287-6307. E-mail: Ari.Altman@hq.doe.gov.

For information on how to submit or review public comments and on how to participate in the public meeting, contact Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Program, EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone (202) 586-2945. E-mail: Brenda.Edwards@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III, Part C of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), Public Law 94-163 (42 U.S.C. 6311-6317, as codified), added by Public Law 95-619, Title IV, § 441(a), established the Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment, a program covering certain industrial equipment, which includes the automatic commercial ice-makers that are the focus of this notice.¹

Section 136(d) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT 2005), Public Law 109-58, amended EPCA to prescribe energy conservation standards for some automatic commercial ice-makers. (42 U.S.C. 6313(d)(1)) A summary of these standards can be found in section 1.3 of the framework document. The EPACT 2005 amendments (42 U.S.C. 6313(d)(2)) also authorize DOE to issue standards for types of automatic commercial ice makers that are not covered by 42 U.S.C. 6313(d)(1). In addition, not later than January 1, 2015, with respect to the standards at 42 U.S.C. 6313(d)(1), and not later than 5 years after the effective date of any standards issued by DOE under 42 U.S.C. 6313(d)(2), DOE is to issue a final rule to determine whether amending the applicable standards is technologically feasible and economically justified. (42 U.S.C. 6313(d)(3)(A)) Any final rule issued by the Secretary establishing a new or amended standard shall provide that the new or amended standard applies to products manufactured on or after the date that is 3 years after the standard is

published, unless the Secretary determines by rule that 3 years is inadequate, in which case the standard shall apply to products manufactured on or after a date no later than 5 years after the date on which the final rule is published. Any new or amended standard issued by the Secretary under 42 U.S.C. 6313(d) shall be set at the maximum level that is technically feasible and economically justified. This framework document is being published as a first step toward meeting these statutory requirements.

The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (section 310 of EISA 2007; Pub. L. 110-140) requires quantification of standby and off mode energy consumption in energy conservation standards for consumer products. (42 U.S.C. 6295) The section which establishes energy conservation standards for commercial and industrial equipment, section 342, was not similarly amended to include requirements for addressing standby and off mode equipment. Therefore, standby and off modes will not be considered for automatic commercial ice-makers.

To initiate this rulemaking process, DOE has prepared a framework document to explain the relevant issues, analyses, and processes it anticipates using to determine whether to amend the standards, as well as for the development of any amended standards. The focus of the public meeting will be to discuss the analyses presented and issues identified in the framework document. At the public meeting, DOE will make presentations, invite discussion on the rulemaking process as it applies to automatic commercial ice-making equipment, and solicit comments, data, and information from participants and other interested parties.

DOE is planning to conduct in-depth technical analyses in the following areas: (1) Engineering; (2) energy-use characterization; (3) product price; (4) life-cycle cost and payback period; (5) national impact analysis; (6) manufacturer impact analysis; (7) utility impact analysis; (8) employment impact analysis; (9) environmental assessment; and (10) regulatory impact analysis. DOE will also conduct several other analyses that support those previously listed, including the market and technology assessment, the screening analysis (which contributes to the engineering analysis), and the shipments analysis (which contributes to the national impact analysis).

DOE encourages those who wish to participate in the public meeting to obtain the framework document and to be prepared to discuss its contents. A

¹ For editorial reasons, upon codification in the U.S. Code, Part C was re-designated Part A-1.

copy of the framework document is available at: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/commercial/automatic_ice_making_equipment.html.

Public meeting participants need not limit their comments to the issues identified in the framework document. DOE is also interested in comments on other relevant issues that participants believe would affect energy conservation standards for this equipment, applicable test procedures, or the preliminary determination of the scope of coverage. DOE invites all interested parties, whether or not they participate in the public meeting, to submit in writing by January 18, 2011, comments and information on matters addressed in the framework document and on other matters relevant to DOE's consideration of amended standards for automatic commercial ice-makers.

The public meeting will be conducted in an informal, facilitated, conference style. There shall be no discussion of proprietary information, costs or prices, market shares, or other commercial matters regulated by U.S. antitrust laws. A court reporter will record the proceedings of the public meeting, after which a transcript will be available for purchase from the court reporter and placed on the DOE Web site at: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/commercial/automatic_ice_making_equipment.html.

After the public meeting and the close of the comment period on the framework document, DOE will begin conducting the analyses as discussed in the framework document and at the public meeting, and reviewing the public comments.

DOE considers public participation to be a very important part of the process for determining whether to amend energy conservation standards, as well as for setting those amended standards. DOE actively encourages the participation and interaction of the public during the comment period in each stage of the rulemaking process. Beginning with the framework document, and during each subsequent public meeting and comment period, interactions with and among members of the public provide a balanced discussion of the issues to assist DOE in the standards rulemaking process. Accordingly, anyone who wishes to participate in the public meeting, receive meeting materials, or be added to the DOE mailing list to receive future notices and information about this rulemaking should contact Ms. Brenda Edwards at (202) 586-2945, or via e-mail at Brenda.Edwards@ee.doe.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 25

[Docket No. FAA-2010-0310; Notice No. 10-17]

RIN 2120-AJ72

Harmonization of Various Airworthiness Standards for Transport Category Airplanes—Flight Rules

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to amend various airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes. This action would harmonize the requirements for takeoff speeds, static lateral-directional stability, speed increase and recovery characteristics, and the stall warning margin for the landing configuration in icing conditions with the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) certification standards. When airplanes are type certified to both sets of standards, differences between the standards can result in additional costs to manufacturers and operators. Adopting this proposal would harmonize regulatory differences for the items noted above between United States (U.S.) and EASA airworthiness standards.

DATES: Send your comments on or before February 17, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2010-0310 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between

9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202-493-2251.

For more information on the rulemaking process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

Privacy: We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket web site, anyone can find and read the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

Docket: To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket, or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical questions concerning this proposed rule contact Don Stimson, FAA, Airplane & Flight Crew Interface Branch, ANM-111, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, WA 98057-3356; telephone (425) 227-1129; facsimile (425) 227-1149, e-mail Don.Stimson@faa.gov.

For legal questions about this proposed rule, contact Doug Anderson, FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel (ANM-7), 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 227-2166; facsimile (425) 227-1007; e-mail Douglas.Anderson@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Later in this preamble, under the Additional Information section, we discuss how you can comment on this proposal and how we will handle your comments. Included in this discussion is related information about the docket, privacy, and the handling of proprietary or confidential business information. We also discuss how you can get a copy of this proposal and related rulemaking documents. Appendix 1 of this NPRM defines terms used in this proposal.