Proposed Rules

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 430


RIN 1904–AC65


ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On April 8, 2013, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNOPR) for test procedures for showerheads, faucets, water closets, urinals and commercial prerinse spray valves in the Federal Register. This document announces an extension of the public comment period for submitting comments on the SNOPR or any other aspect of this test procedure rulemaking. The comment period is extended to June 7, 2013.

DATES: DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this rulemaking received no later than June 7, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Any comments submitted must identify the SNOPR for test procedures for showerheads, faucets, water closets, urinals and commercial prerinse spray valves and provide docket number EERE–2011–BT–TP–0061 and/or Regulation Identification Number (RIN) 1904–AC65, by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• Email: PlumbingPrds-2011–TP–0061@ee.doe.gov. Include the docket number EERE–2011–BT–TP–0061 and/or RIN 1904–AC65 in the subject line of the message.

• Mail: Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE–2J, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585–0121. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (CD), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies. [Please note that comments and CDs sent by mail are often delayed and may be damaged by mail screening processes.]

• Hand Delivery/Courier: Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 950 L’Enfant Plaza, SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone (202) 586–2945. If possible, please submit all items on CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

Docket: The docket is available for review at www.regulations.gov, including Federal Register notices, framework documents, public meeting attendee lists and transcripts, comments, and other supporting documents/materials. All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. However, not all documents listed in the index may be publicly available, such as information that is exempt from public disclosure.


This Web page contains links to the interim technical support document and other supporting materials and information for this rulemaking on the regulations.gov site. The regulations.gov Web page contains instructions on how to access all documents in the docket, including public comments.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 8, 2013, DOE published a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNOPR) in the Federal Register (78 FR 20832) to propose amendments to its May 2012 notice of proposed rulemaking related to test procedures for showerheads, faucets, water closets, urinals, and commercial prerinse spray valves. The notice provided for the submission of comments by May 8, 2013. Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) has requested a 30-day extension of the comment period, stating that it needs additional time to fully evaluate the amendments proposed in the SNOPR with all of its members. DOE has determined that an extension of the public comment period is appropriate based on the foregoing reason and is hereby extending the comment period. DOE will consider any comments received by midnight on June 7, 2013, and deems any comments received by that time to be timely submitted.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 1, 2013.

Kathleen B. Hogan,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

12 CFR Part 652

RIN 3052–AC83

Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Funding and Fiscal Affairs; Farmer Mac Liquidity Management

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) Board reopens the comment period for 30 days on the proposed rule that would amend its liquidity management regulations for the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac). Reopening the comment period will afford interested parties a new opportunity to comment on the proposed liquidity regulations.
DATES: Please send your comments to us on or before June 7, 2013.

ADDRESSES: We offer a variety of methods for you to submit comments on this proposed rule. For accuracy and efficiency reasons, commenters are encouraged to submit comments by email or through the Agency’s Web site. As facsimiles (fax) are difficult for us to process and achieve compliance with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, we are no longer accepting comments submitted by fax. Regardless of the method you use, please do not submit your comment multiple times via different methods. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

• Email: Send us an email at reg-comm@fca.gov.
• FCA Web site: http://www.fca.gov. Select “Public Commenters,” then “Public Comments,” and follow the directions for “Submitting a Comment.”
• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
• Mail: Laurie A. Rea, Director, Office of Secondary Market Oversight, Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, VA 22102–5000. You may review copies of all comments we receive at our office in McLean, Virginia, or on our Web site at http://www.fca.gov. Once you are in the Web site, select “Public Commenters,” then “Public Comments,” and follow the directions for “Reading Submitted Public Comments.” We will show your comments as submitted, but for technical reasons we may omit items such as logos and special characters. Identifying information that you provide, such as phone numbers and addresses, will be publicly available. However, we will attempt to remove email addresses to help reduce Internet spam.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph T. Connor, Associate Director for Policy and Analysis, Office of Secondary Market Oversight, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, VA 22102–5090, (703) 883–4280, TTY (703) 883–4434;
Or
Richard Katz, Senior Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, VA 22102–5090, (703) 883–4020, TTY (703) 883–4020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 18, 2011, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking to revise Farmer Mac’s non-program investment and liquidity requirements.1 The 60-day comment period ended on January 17, 2012. The proposed rulemaking covered several topics. The FCA decided to finalize several of the proposed regulations separately in different phases of this rulemaking.2 This phase of the rulemaking focuses on Farmer Mac’s liquidity by addressing four definitions in §652.5,3 liquidity management in §652.35, and the liquidity reserve and the supplemental liquidity buffer in §652.40.

We received a letter dated April 17, 2013 from Farmer Mac that asked us to reopen the comment period for 30 days on proposed §652.40. Farmer Mac informed us that after the final investment management rule became effective, it “commenced an evaluation and rebalancing of its investment portfolio in the context of the proposed liquidity requirements” set forth in proposed §652.40. Farmer Mac believes that this evaluation process exposed possible concerns regarding the liquidity requirements in the proposed regulation, which in its opinion, may merit further consideration by the FCA before a final rule is enacted.

In response to this request, we are reopening the comment period for all of the above-referenced liquidity regulations for an additional 30 days. Based on the circumstances that Farmer Mac identified in its April 17, 2013 letter, reopening the comment period ensures the transparency and fairness of the rulemaking process in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act. In addition, because the proposed rule would increase Farmer Mac’s minimum liquidity reserve requirement from 60 days to 90 days, FCA believes it is important to receive thorough comment on the impact of the proposal. The FCA invites all interested parties to provide additional comments about proposed §§652.35 and 652.40, and the four liquidity-related definitions in proposed §652.5.

Dated: May 1, 2013.

Dale L. Aultman,
Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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1 On November 5, 2012, the FCA enacted final regulations governing investment management at Farmer Mac. This final rule amended §§652.10, 652.15, 652.25, 652.30, and 652.45. See 77 FR 66375. In a later phase of this rulemaking, we plan to enact a final rule pertaining to eligible investments that Farmer Mac may purchase and hold.

2 The four definitions pertaining to liquidity are “Cash,” “Contingency Funding Plan,” “Liquidity Maturity Management Plan,” and “Liquidity reserve.”

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39
[Notice of proposed rulemaking to revise] 
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AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES; EUROCOPTER FRANCE HELICOPTERS

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for Eurocopter France (Eurocopter) Model EC 155B, EC 155B1, SA–365N, SA–365N1, AS–365N2, AS 365 N3, and SA–366G1 helicopters. This proposed AD would require inspecting the collective pitch lever for correct locking and unlocking conditions. This proposed AD is prompted by two separate reports of inadvertent collective pitch lever locking and unlocking. The proposed actions are intended to detect an incorrectly adjusted collective pitch lever, which could result in loss of control of the helicopter.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by July 8, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Docket: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

• Fax: 202–493–2251.

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

• Hand Delivery: Deliver to the “Mail” address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Examining the AD Docket
You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov or in person at the Docket Operations Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this proposed AD, the economic evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The address for the Docket Operations Office (telephone 800–647–5527) is in the “AD Docket” section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

2 On November 5, 2012, the FCA enacted final regulations governing investment management at Farmer Mac. This final rule amended §§652.10, 652.15, 652.25, 652.30, and 652.45. See 77 FR 66375. In a later phase of this rulemaking, we plan to enact a final rule pertaining to eligible investments that Farmer Mac may purchase and hold.

1 76 FR 71798 (Nov. 18, 2011).