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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

7 CFR Part 1

[Docket No. USDA-2021-0009]

RIN 0503-AA74

Production or Disclosure of Official Information in Legal Proceedings

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: On February 28, 2022, the U.S. Department of Agriculture published a direct final rule. The direct final rule notified the public of our intention to revise our regulations regarding the production or disclosure of official information in legal proceedings (referred to as *Touhy* regulations). We did not receive any substantive written adverse comments in response to the direct final rule.

DATES: The effective date of the direct final rule published February 28, 2022, at 87 FR 10925 is confirmed as April 29, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 28, 2022, the U.S. Department of Agriculture published a direct final rule. (87 FR 10925) The direct final rule notified the public of our intention to revise our regulations regarding the production or disclosure of official information in legal proceedings (referred to as *Touhy* regulations).

In the direct final rule, we stated that if we received no written adverse comments or written notice of intent to submit adverse comments within 30 days of publication of the direct final rule, the direct final rule would become

effective 60 days following its publication.

During the comment period, we received three comments, two of which were submitted by the same commenter. These three comments suggested that the amended regulations had the potential to obstruct justice and therefore should be withdrawn. However, the comments provided no basis for that assertion or any details that would allow us to understand the commenters' rationale. Therefore, we have determined that the regulations should become effective as stated in the direct final rule.

Accordingly, we are confirming that the direct final rule published February 28, 2022, will become effective on April 29, 2022.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301, unless otherwise noted.

David Grahn,

Principal Deputy General Counsel, United States Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2022-0022; Project Identifier AD-2020-01264-A; Amendment 39-22033; AD 2022-09-13]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Piper Aircraft, Inc. Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Piper Aircraft, Inc. (Piper) Model PA-34-200 airplanes. This AD was prompted by the determination that the life limit for alternate bolts that attach the drag link to the nose gear were not listed as airworthiness limitations. This AD requires establishing a life limit for these bolts. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective May 31, 2022.

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ADDRESSES: For service information identified in this final rule, contact Piper Aircraft, Inc., 2926 Piper Drive, Vero Beach, FL 32960; phone: (772) 299-2141; website: <https://www.piper.com>. You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2022-0022; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Caplan, Aviation Safety Engineer, Atlanta ACO Branch, FAA, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; phone: (404) 474-5507; email: frederick.n.caplan@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain serial-numbered Piper Model PA-34-200 airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on February 3, 2022 (87 FR 6089; corrected February 16, 2022, 87 FR 8752). The NPRM was prompted by a notification from Piper that prior revisions of the airworthiness limitations section (ALS) for certain Piper Model PA-34-200 airplanes did not contain a life limit for bolt part number (P/N) 693-215 (standard P/N NAS6207-50D). Bolt P/N 693-215 (NAS6207-50D) is an alternate part for P/N 400-274 (standard P/N AN7-35). These bolts attach the drag link to the nose gear trunnion on Piper Model PA-34-200 airplanes. Piper did not include an ALS revision for the P/N 693-215 (standard P/N NAS6207-50D) bolt to establish the same life limit as the P/N 400-274 (AN7-35). If bolt P/N 693-215 (standard P/N NAS6207-