

## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 843

[Docket ID: OPM–2023–0008]

RIN 3206–AO55

#### Federal Employees' Retirement System; Present Value Conversion Factors for Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees; Correction

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel  
Management.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects the RIN in a proposed rule that was published in the **Federal Register** on July 14, 2023, regarding the Present Value Conversion Factors for Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees in the Federal Employees' Retirement System.

**DATES:** This correction is effective on September 27, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of July 14, 2023, in FR Doc. 2023–14983, on page 45100 in the document heading, the RIN is corrected to read “3206–AO55.”

Dated: September 21, 2023.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

### 9 CFR Part 93

[Docket No. APHIS–2022–0014]

#### Importation of Live Dogs for Resale From Regions Where African Swine Fever Exists or Is Reasonably Believed to Exist

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health  
Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are proposing to amend the regulations to establish requirements regarding the importation of live dogs for resale, whether through retail or wholesale channels or fee-based adoption, from regions where African swine fever (ASF) exists or is reasonably believed to exist. These regulations are necessary because dogs imported from

ASF-affected countries for resale purposes, along with bedding, represent a potential risk for the introduction of ASF into the United States. This action would address that risk.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before November 27, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Enter APHIS–2022–0014 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2022–0014, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Under the Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA, 7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture may prohibit or restrict the importation or entry of any animal, article, or means of conveyance if the Secretary determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the introduction into or dissemination within the United States of any pest or disease of livestock.

Pursuant to this authority, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) administers the regulations in 9 CFR part 93. The regulations in part 93 govern the importation of live animals into the United States, and place restrictions on the importation of certain species or types of animals in order to address the risk that the animals present of introducing or disseminating diseases or pests of livestock.

The regulations in part 93 currently include requirements regarding the importation of live swine in order to address the risk that the swine may

present of introducing African swine fever (ASF) into the United States; § 93.505 requires swine imported into the United States to be accompanied by a certificate attesting that the region of origin of the swine is free of ASF. ASF is a highly contagious disease of wild and domestic swine that can spread rapidly in swine populations with extremely high rates of morbidity and mortality.

APHIS monitors possible pathways of introduction of ASF into the United States and has identified dogs imported from ASF-affected countries for resale purposes, along with their bedding, as a potential pathway for introduction of ASF into the United States. Dogs for resale includes any transfer of ownership or control of an imported dog of less than 6 months of age to another person, for more than de minimis consideration (this includes such transactions as retail sale, wholesale, and fee-based adoption). Accordingly, on August 2, 2021, APHIS issued a Federal Order (DA–2021–01),<sup>1</sup> effective on August 16, 2021, imposing several requirements on the importation of dogs for resale from regions where ASF exists or is reasonably believed to exist. The Federal Order requires:

- The U.S. importer must obtain an APHIS Animal Care import permit for dog(s) intended for resale and satisfy all import requirements.

- The dog(s) imported for resale must also meet all of the following APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) import requirements:

- The dog(s) and their shipping crate/container must be free of dirt, wood shavings, hay, straw, or any other organic/natural bedding material.

- All bedding that accompanies the dog(s) during transit must be properly disposed of at the post-entry point(s) of concentration in a way that prevents the introduction or spread of ASF.

- Disposal methods may include incineration; or disinfecting the bedding with an APHIS-approved disinfectant, placing the bedding in a leakproof bag, sealing the bag, disinfecting the bag exterior with an APHIS-approved disinfectant, inserting the disinfected bag into another leakproof bag, sealing that bag, disinfecting the bag exterior with the same disinfectant product, and disposing of the bag in a landfill in accordance with all State and local regulations.

- Dog(s) must have an International Standards Organization (ISO) compliant microchip implanted, and the microchip number must be verified

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/downloads/vs-federal-order-asf.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/downloads/vs-federal-order-asf.pdf).