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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. 98-040-2]

Witchweed; Regulated Areas

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the list of suppressive areas under the witchweed quarantine and regulations by removing areas from 12 counties in North Carolina and 3 counties in South Carolina. The interim rule was necessary to relieve unnecessary restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from these areas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interim rule was effective on June 4, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ronald P. Milberg, Operations Officer, Operational Support, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 134, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective June 4, 1998, and published in the **Federal Register** on June 10, 1998 (63 FR 31601-31604, Docket No. 98-040-1), we amended § 301.80-2a of the witchweed quarantine and regulations by removing areas in Blanden, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Greene, Lenoir, Pender, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, and Wayne Counties, NC, and areas in Dillon, Horry, and Marion Counties, SC, from the list of suppressive areas.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before August 10, 1998. We did not receive any

comments. Therefore, for the reasons given in the interim rule, we are adopting the interim rule as a final rule.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 12372 and 12988, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived the review process required by Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 301

Agricultural commodities, Incorporation by reference, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

PART 301—DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICES

Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 7 CFR 301 and that was published at 63 FR 31601-31604 on June 10, 1998.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 147a, 150bb, 150dd, 150ee, 150ff, 161, 162, and 164-167; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(c).

Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of September, 1998.

Joan M. Arnoldi,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 95-NM-109-AD; Amendment 39-10803; AD 98-20-36]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B2 and B4 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment supersedes an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Airbus Model A300 B2 and B4 series airplanes, that currently requires inspections for cracks of the fuselage, wings, and vertical

stabilizer structures; and repairs or modifications, if necessary. That AD was prompted by reports of cracking in several areas of the fuselage, wings, and vertical stabilizer structure due to fatigue-related stress. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent such fatigue-related cracking, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the fuselage, wing, and vertical stabilizer. This action provides for a new optional terminating action, for certain airplanes, and expands the applicability of the existing AD to include additional airplanes.

DATES: Effective November 5, 1998.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of November 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Airbus, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France. This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, Rules Docket, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) by superseding AD 86-19-02, amendment 39-5396 (51 FR 29910, August 21, 1986), applicable to certain Airbus Model A300 B2 and B4 series airplanes, was published in the **Federal Register** on April 29, 1996 (61 FR 18700). The action proposed to continue to require inspections for cracks of the fuselage, wings, and vertical stabilizer structures; and repairs or modifications, if necessary. For certain airplanes, the action also proposed to provide for a new optional replacement action, which would constitute terminating action for certain repetitive inspection requirements. The actions also proposed to expand the applicability of the existing AD to include additional airplanes.