

not later than 180 days after enactment of the subsection.

Comment: The reinsured company stated that FCIC may not make its rule retroactive. Retroactive rule making requires specific statutory authority. By its retroactive rule making, the FCIC clouds every determination it made for the past four years.

Response: The fact that reinsured companies can seek interpretation of provisions that previously existed does not mean that the rule is retroactive. This rule is intended to provide the mechanism for FCIC to consider requests for interpretation and this mechanism was not given a retroactive effect. Since Congress has mandated FCIC to provide such interpretation, there can be no avoidance of the consequences of their issuance on previous decisions, regardless of when such decisions were made. To limit requests to the interpretation of only new statutory or regulatory provisions would essentially render Section 533 of the 1998 Research Act ineffective.

Comment: The reinsured company states that § 400.768(g) is confusing. The suggestion was made that the subsection should be divided into two subsections, with the first, subsection (g), applicable to reinsured companies and should state "All final agency determinations that are not appealable to the National Appeals Division (NAD) are considered matters of general applicability." The second sentence of the current subsection (g) should be designated subsection (h) and identified as applicable to participants other than "a private insurance company with a reinsurance agreement with FCIC or their agents, loss adjusters, employees or contractors."

Response: There is nothing in this subsection that affects the jurisdiction of NAD and NAD has no authority to hear disputes between reinsured companies and FCIC. Therefore, by its very terms, the provision is limited to persons other than reinsured companies. Therefore, no change has been made.

Comment: The reinsured company states the word "person" in § 400.768(g) is not defined and it should be limited to policyholders and applicants for crop insurance.

Response: It is unnecessary since the NAD regulations are only applicable to participants as defined in 7 CFR part 11. Therefore, no change has been made. Section 400.765(b) has been revised by FCIC to clarify the applicable regulations for which a final agency determination will be provided.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 400

Administrative practice and procedure.

Final Rule

Accordingly, as set forth in the preamble, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation is adopting the interim rule amending 7 CFR part 400 which was published at 63 FR 70312 in the **Federal Register** of December 21, 1998 as final with the following changes:

PART 400—GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Subpart X—Interpretations of Statutory and Regulatory Provisions

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 400 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1506(l), 1506(p).

2. Revise § 400.765(b) to read as follows:

§ 400.765 Basis and applicability.

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(b) Requesters may seek interpretations of those provisions of the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder that are in effect for the crop year in which the request under this subpart is being made and the three previous crop years.

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§ 400.767 [Amended]

3. Amend § 400.767(a)(1), to remove the word "faximile" and to add the word "facsimile".

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 7, 1999.

Kenneth D. Ackerman,
Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight

12 CFR Part 1730

RIN 2550-AA07

Debt Collection

AGENCY: Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, HUD.

ACTION: Final regulation.

SUMMARY: The Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight is adopting the interim regulation that was published at 64 FR 34968 on June 30, 1999, as final

without change. The final regulation sets forth procedures for use by OFHEO in collecting debts owed to the Federal Government. The Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, as amended by the Debt Collection Act of 1982 and the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, requires agencies to issue a regulation on their debt collection procedures. The final regulation includes procedures for collection of debts through salary offset, administrative offset, and tax refund offset.

DATES: This final regulation is effective October 18, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Isabella W. Sammons, Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; or Gail Palestine, Financial Management Officer, Office of Finance and Administration, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, 1700 G Street, NW., Fourth Floor, Washington, DC 20552, telephone (202) 414-3800 (not a toll-free number). The toll-free telephone number for the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf is (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) published an interim regulation at 64 FR 34968 on June 30, 1999, that implemented the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, as amended by the Debt Collection Act of 1982 and the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996. OFHEO requested comments on the interim regulation, but did not receive any. Accordingly, the interim regulation, which amended Chapter XVII of title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations by adding part 1730, is adopted as a final regulation without change.

Dated: September 9, 1999.

Mark A. Kinsey,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-33]

Amendment to Class E Airspace; North Platte, NE

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document confirms the effective date of a direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at North Platte, NE.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 64 FR 38824 is effective on 0901 UTC, November 4, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Randolph, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520C, Federal Aviation Administration, 601, East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 426-3408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct final rule with a request for comments in the **Federal Register** on July 20, 1999 (64 FR 38824). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a non-controversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on November 4, 1999. No adverse comments were received, and thus this document confirms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

Issued in Kansas City, MO on September 7, 1999.

Richard L. Day,
Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division, Central Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-35]

Amendment to Class E Airspace; Lawrence, KS

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document confirms the effective date of a direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at Lawrence, KS.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 64 FR 39008 is effective on 0901 UTC, November 4, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Randolph, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520C, Federal Aviation Administration, 601 East 12th

Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 426-3408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct final rule with a request for comments in the **Federal Register** on July 21, 1999 (64 FR 39008). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a non-controversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on November 4, 1999. No adverse comments were received, and thus this document confirms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

Issued in Kansas City, MO on September 3, 1999.

Richard L. Day,
Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division, Central Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

15 CFR Parts 742

[Docket No. 990902243-9243-01]

RIN 0694-AB92

Exports and Reexports for Syrian Civilian Passenger Aircraft Safety of Flight

AGENCY: Bureau of Export Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Export Administration is amending the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) by revising the license review policy for the export and reexport of certain aircraft parts and components to ensure safety of flight for civil passenger aircraft. License applications for the export and reexport of aircraft parts and components for Syrian civil passenger aircraft will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis with a presumption of approval.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This rule is effective September 16, 1999.

Comment Dates: Comments on this rule must be received on or before November 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this rule should be sent to Kirsten Mortimer,

Regulatory Policy Division, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, PO Box 273, Washington, DC 20044.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James A. Lewis, Director, Office of Strategic and Foreign Policy Controls, Bureau of Export Administration, Telephone: (202) 482-4196.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All aircraft, helicopters, engines and related spare parts and components require a license for export or reexport to Syria. A license review policy of general denial applies to such exports. However, as part of the U.S.

Government's commitment to safety of civil aviation, BXA, in consultation with other agencies, has licensed the export and reexport of certain aircraft parts and components to Syria for the safe operation of Syrian-owned civil passenger aircraft. BXA is revising § 742.9(b)(1)(iv) of the EAR to reflect the policy of approval for aircraft parts necessary to ensure the airworthiness of commercial passenger aircraft and the safety of civil aviation. BXA will review license applications for Syrian civil passenger aircraft in commercial service on a case-by-case basis, with a presumption of approval. BXA maintains the general policy of denial for the export or reexport of aircraft parts and components to Syria destined to non-civil end-uses and/or end-users.

Although the Export Administration Act (EAA) expired on August 20, 1994, the President invoked the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and continued in effect, the Export Administration Regulations and, to the extent permitted by law, the provisions of the EAA in Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994, as extended by the President's notices of August 15, 1995 (60 FR 42767), August 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527), August 13, 1997 (62 FR 43629), August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121), and August 10, 1999 (64 FR 44101, August 13, 1999).

Rulemaking Requirements

1. This interim rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information, subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. This rule involves a collection of information approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0694-0088, "Multi-Purpose