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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 58

[DA-88-119]

Grading and Inspection, General Specifications for Approved Dairy Plants and Standards for Grades of Dairy Products; Revision of United States Standards for Grades of Butter

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document revises the United States Standards for Grades of Butter. The standards have been revised to minimize the impact of the "short" body defect in the grading process. The revision takes into consideration the changes in production technology and marketing practices. Modern commercial packaging equipment tends to rework bulk butter in such a way that any existing "short" body defect in the butter is either eliminated or greatly minimized when packaged for the commercial market.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 31, 1989.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roland S. Golden, USDA/AMS/Dairy Division, Dairy Standardization Section, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2750-S, Washington, DC 20090-6456, (202) 447-7473.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12291 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1 and has been classified as a "non-major" rule under criteria contained therein.

The Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service has determined that this final rule will not have a significant

economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because it concerns a voluntary standard and the revision does not increase costs to those utilizing the standard.

In addition, the Agency's Dairy Standardization Section conducted a review of the United States Standards for Grades of Butter. The objective of the review was to obtain both current and historical information relating to the impact of the "short" body defect in the butter grading process. "Short" body relates to the brittleness of butter and is influenced by processing techniques.

The review involved the collection and evaluation of information from the Agency's Dairy Grading Section and from the American Butter Institute, which represents the butter industry. It was determined from this information that modern commercial packaging equipment is able to rework butter in such a way that any "short" body defect in the butter is eliminated or greatly minimized when the butter is converted into retail packages.

Because of this, less importance should be given to the "short" body defect when grading butter. Formerly, the standards required that butter possessing a "definite short" body defect would receive the next lower grade. However, with the present packaging technology, such downgrading is inappropriate since the defect no longer exists when the butter is packaged for consumers. Therefore, the U.S. Standards for Grades of Butter are revised to minimize the impact of the "short" body defect. Also, the definition of "short" body characteristics is amended to add a definition for "pronounced short."

Changes Adopted in the Final Rule

This document makes the following changes in the United States Standards for Grades of Butter:

1. Deletes the "1/2" disrating for "slight short."
2. Changes the "1" disrating for "definite short" to a "1/2" disrating.
3. Provides for a "1" disrating for "pronounced short."
4. Adds a definition for "pronounced short" in the "Explanation of Terms" section.

USDA grade standards are voluntary standards that are developed to assist

the orderly marketing process. Dairy plants are free to choose whether or not to use these grade standards. USDA grade standards for dairy products have been developed to identify the degree of quality in the various products. Quality in general refers to usefulness, desirability, and value of the product—its marketability as a commodity. When butter is officially graded, the USDA regulations governing the grading of manufactured or processed dairy products would be in effect. These regulations also require that fees and charges be assessed for grading services provided by USDA.

Response to Industry Comment

A rulemaking document proposing the changes outlined above was published in the Federal Register on March 7, 1989 (54 FR 9452). A 30-day comment period was provided so that interested persons could submit comments on the proposed changes.

The Agency received one comment from an individual representing a farmer-owned cooperative. This commenter stated that the butter manufacturers would benefit from the proposed change and that consumers thus would benefit from the savings in manufacturing costs. However, this individual also suggested that the "short" body defect should be deleted completely from the standards.

The Agency believes that while a "short" body defect usually is greatly reduced by modern packaging equipment, a pronounced "short" body defect would not be sufficiently reduced by reworking. It is the experience of the Agency that this degree of the "short" body defect in butter could cause product losses to the packaging company due to the breaking and splitting of the bulk butter during the repackaging process. This loss would mean extra costs to the packagers and eventually to the consumer. Consequently, the pronounced short defect should affect the final grade of the butter, as provided by this final rule.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 58

Food grades and standards, Dairy products.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR Part 58 is amended as follows:

PART 58—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR Part 58 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sections. 202-208, 60 Stat. 1087, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627 unless otherwise noted.

2. In § 58.2627, Table II is revised to read as follows:

§ 58.2627 Specifications for U.S. grades of butter.

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TABLE II—CHARACTERISTICS AND DISRATINGS IN BODY, COLOR, AND SALT

Characteristics	Disratings		
	S	D	P
Body:			
Short.....		1/2	1
Crumbly.....	1/2	1	
Gummy.....	1/2	1	
Leaky.....	1/2	1	2
Mealy or grainy.....	1/2	1	
Weak.....	1/2	1	
Sticky.....	1/2	1	
Ragged boring.....	1	2	
Color:			
Wavy.....	1/2	1	
Mottled.....	1	2	
Streaked.....	1	2	
Color specks.....	1	2	
Salt:			
Sharp.....	1/2	1	
Gritty.....	1	2	

S—Slight; D—Definite; P—Pronounced

3. Section 58.2635(b)(6) is revised to read as follows:

§ 58.2635 Explanation of terms.

* * *

(b) * * *

(6) *Short*. The texture is short-grained, lacks plasticity and tends toward brittleness. The intensity is described as "slight" when the butter lacks pliability and tends to be brittle; "definite" when sharp and distinct breaks form as pressure is applied against the butter plug; and "pronounced" when sharp and distinct breaks form in the butter surface when the trier is inserted, or when segments of the butter plug separate along fracture lines.

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Signed at Washington, DC, on July 27, 1989.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 7

[RIN 3150-AD25]

Advisory Committees; Policies and Procedures; Correction

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects a final rule published on June 27, 1989 (54 FR 26947), that defines the policies and procedures to be followed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the establishment, utilization, and termination of advisory committees. The action is necessary to correct a paragraph that was inadvertently mislabeled and an incorrect cross-reference.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael T. Lesar, Acting Chief, Rules Review Section, Regulatory Publications Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Telephone: 301-492-7758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of June 27, 1989, in the left-hand column of page 26951, make the following correction:

PART 7—[Corrected]

1. In § 7.10, the second paragraph designated as paragraph (b) is correctly designated as paragraph (c). In addition, the introductory text of the correctly designated paragraph (c) is revised to read as follows:

§ 7.10 The NRC Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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(c) For purposes of paragraph (b) of this section, the term "records" includes (but is not limited to):

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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 26th day of July 1989.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Donnie H. Grimsley,

Director, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Parts 207, 220, 221, and 224

Regulations G, T, U and X; Securities Credit Transactions; List of Marginable OTC Stocks

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Final rule; determination of applicability of regulations.

SUMMARY: The List of Marginable OTC Stocks is comprised of stocks traded over-the-counter (OTC) that have been determined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to be subject to the margin requirements under certain Federal Reserve regulations. The List is published four times a year by the Board as a guide for lenders subject to the regulations and the general public. This document sets forth additions to or deletions from the previously published List which was effective May 8, 1989, and will serve to give notice to the public about the changed status of certain stocks.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 1989.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Wolfrum, Securities Regulation Analyst, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, (202) 452-2781. For the hearing impaired only, Earnestine Hill or Dorothea Thompson, Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) (202) 452-3544, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Set forth below are stocks representing additions to or deletions from the Board's List of Marginable OTC Stocks. This supersedes the last List which was effective May 8, 1989. Additions and deletions for the List were published on April 24, 1989 (54 FR 16357). A copy of the complete List incorporating these additions and deletions is available from the Federal Reserve Banks.

The List of Marginable OTC Stocks includes those stocks that meet the criteria in Regulations G, T and U (12 CFR Parts 207, 220 and 221, respectively). This determination also affects the applicability of Regulation X (12 CFR Part 224). These stocks have the degree of national investor interest, the depth and breadth of market, and the availability of information respecting the stock and its issuer to warrant regulation in the same fashion as exchange-traded securities. The List also includes any stock designated

under a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rule as qualified for trading in the national market system (NMS security). Additional OTC stocks may be designated as NMS securities in the interim between the Board's quarterly publications. They will become automatically marginable at broker-dealers upon the effective date of their NMS designation. The names of these stocks are available at the Board and the SEC and will be incorporated into the Board's next quarterly List.

The requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553 with respect to notice and public participation were not followed in connection with the issuance of this amendment due to the objective character of the criteria for inclusion and continued inclusion on the List specified in 12 CFR 207.6 (a) and (b), 220.17 (a) and (b), and 221.7 (a) and (b). No additional useful information would be gained by public participation. The full requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553 with respect to deferred effective date have not been followed in connection with the issuance of this amendment because the Board finds that it is in the public interest to facilitate investment and credit decisions based in whole or in part upon the composition of this List as soon as possible. The Board has responded to a request by the public and allowed a two-week delay before the List is effective.

List of Subjects

12 CFR Part 207

Banks, Banking, Credit, Federal Reserve System, Margin, Margin requirements, National Market System (NMS Security), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Securities.

12 CFR Part 220

Banks, Banking, Brokers, Credit, Federal Reserve System, Margin, Margin requirements, Investments, National Market System (NMS Security), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Securities.

12 CFR Part 221

Banks, Banking, Credit, Federal Reserve System, Margin, Margin requirements, National Market System (NMS Security), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Securities.

12 CFR Part 224

Banks, Banking, Borrowers, Credit, Federal Reserve System, Margin, Margin requirements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Securities.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority of sections 7 and 23 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78g and 78w), and in accordance

with 12 CFR 207.2(k) and 207.6(c) (Regulation G), 12 CFR §§ 220.2(s) and 220.17(c) (Regulation T), and 12 CFR 221.2(j) and 221.7(c) (Regulation U), there is set forth below a listing of deletions from and additions to the Board's List of Marginable OTC Stocks:

Deletions From List

Stocks Removed For Failing Continued Listing Requirements

American Carriers, Inc.
No par common
American Continental Corporation
\$.01 par common
\$.100 par exchangeable preferred
American Insured Mortgage Investors '84
Depository units of limited partnership interest
Animed, Inc.
\$.01 par common
Applied Data Communications, Inc.
\$.01 par common
Aris Corporation
\$.01 par common
ASK Corporation
No par common
Associated Companies, Inc.
No par common
Avant-Garde Computing, Inc.
No par common
BI Incorporated
No par common
Big Bear, Inc.
\$.01 par common
Bio-Technology General Corp.
\$.01 par common
Biomerica Inc.
\$.04 par common
Bombay Palace Restaurants, Inc.
\$.01 par common
BSD Medical Corporation—Delaware
\$.01 par common
Butler National Corporation
\$.10 par common
Candela Laser Corporation
\$.01 par common
Carolyn Mines, Ltd.
Class A, no par common
Celina Financial Corporation
Class A, \$.50 par common
Chaparral Resources, Inc.
\$.10 par common
Charlotte Charles, Inc.
\$.10 par common
Charter-Crellin, Inc.
\$.01 par common
Chemex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Warrants (expire 05-29-89)
Class 1, warrants (expire 05-20-90)
Circle Express, Inc.
No par common
CMS Advertising, Inc.
\$.01 par common
Colorocs Corporation
Class D, warrants (expire 05-04-89)

Comcast Corporation
5½% convertible subordinated debentures
Commonwealth Mortgage Company, Inc.
\$.10 par common
Comp-U-Check, Inc.
\$.10 par common
Costco Wholesale Corporation
7¼% convertible subordinated debentures
Crescott, Inc.
\$.001 par common
De Tomaso Industries, Inc.
\$.25 par common
Dest Corporation
\$.01 par common
Digitech, Inc.
\$.10 par common
Eagle Telephonics, Inc.
\$.01 par common
Electro-Catheter Corporation
\$.10 par common
EMS Systems, Ltd.
No par common
Energy Conversion Devices, Inc.
\$.01 par common
Exovir, Inc.
\$.01 par common
Farm House Foods Corporation
\$.05 par common
Great Southern Federal Savings Bank (Georgia)
\$.100 par common
GTS Corporation
\$.01 par common
Haber, Inc.
\$.01 par common
Voting, \$.200 par cumulative convertible preferred
Harvard Group, PLC
American Depository Receipts for ordinary shares (par value 2p)
Health Images, Inc.
Series A, \$.01 par cumulative convertible preferred
Integrated Resources American Insured Mortgage Investors '85
Depository units of limited partnership interest
Kaypro Corporation
No par common
Kenilworth Systems Corporation
\$.01 par common
Kimbark Oil & Gas Company
\$.10 par common
Kings Road Entertainment, Inc.
\$.01 par common
Kreiser Manufacturing Corporation
\$.50 par common
Lund Enterprises, Inc.
Warrants (expire 04-30-91)
Margaux, Inc.
\$.01 par common
Maxicare Health Plans, Inc.
No par common
7% convertible subordinated debentures
Municipal Development Corporation
\$.01 par common
National Business Systems, Inc.

No par common	\$1.00 par common	Property Trust of America
New Visions Entertainment Corporation	Brandywine Savings & Loan Association (Pennsylvania)	\$1.00 par shares of beneficial interest
\$0.001 par common	\$1.00 par common	Rowe Furniture Corporation
Series A, par cumulative convertible preferred	Brinkman Instruments, Inc.	\$1.00 par common
Nucorp, Inc.	\$0.01 par common	Servico, Inc.
Warrants (expire 10-31-89)	Brintec Corporation	\$1.00 par common
OCG Technology, Inc.	\$0.01 par common	Sound Warehouse, Inc.
\$1.00 par common	Cadnetix Corp.	\$0.01 par common
Olson Industries, Inc.	\$0.01 par common	Stocker & Yale, Inc.
\$3.00 par common	Cherokee Group, The	\$1.00 par common
Paper Corporation of America	No par common	Stotler Group Inc.
Series B, \$0.01 par preferred stock	Colonial American Bankshares Corporation	\$1.00 par common
Ragen Corporation	\$5.00 par common	Superior Electric Company, The
\$1.25 par common	Component Technology Corp.	\$1.00 par common
Regina Company, Inc., The	\$0.01 par common	TCF Financial Corporation
\$0.0001 par common	Conversion Industries, Inc.	\$0.01 par common
Reliable Life Insurance Company, Inc.	No par common	Thrifty Rent-a-Car System, Inc.
Class A, \$1.00 par common	CPI Corporation	\$0.05 par common
Ridgewood Properties, Inc.	\$0.40 par common	Timberjack Corporation
\$0.01 par common	Criterion Group, Inc.	\$0.01 par common
Royal Business Group, Inc.	Class A, \$0.01 par common	Total System Services, Inc.
\$1.00 par common	Enseco Incorporated	\$1.00 par common
RTI, Inc.	\$0.01 par common	United Artists Communications, Inc.
\$0.01 par common	Envirodyne Industries, Inc.	\$0.01 par common
Sahlen & Associates, Inc.	\$0.10 par common	Universal Furniture Limited
\$0.001 par common	Excelan, Inc.	\$0.01 par ordinary shares
Scherer, R.P. Corporation	\$0.01 par common	Vitronics Corporation
\$1.00 par convertible preferred	Falstaff Brewing Corporation	\$0.01 par common
Scribe Systems, Inc.	\$1.00 par common	Waxman Industries, Inc.
\$0.01 par common	General Ceramics, Inc.	No par common
Southland Financial Corporation	\$1.00 par common	
\$1.00 par common	Holmes, D.H. Company, Limited	Additions to the List
Staar Surgical Company	\$2.50 par common	Akzo, N.V.
\$0.01 par common	HWC Distribution Corp.	American Depository Receipts
Status Game Corporation	\$0.01 par common	Alameda Bancorporation
\$0.01 par common	Irwin Magnetic Systems, Inc.	\$2.50 par common
Sun State Savings and Loan Association (Arizona)	\$0.001 par common	America First Financial Fund 1987—A
\$1.00 par common	ISC Systems Corporation	Limited Partnership
Total Health Systems, Inc.	No par common	Beneficial unit certificates,
\$0.01 par common	Itel Corporation	representing limited partnership
TS Industries, Inc.	\$1.00 par common	interest
\$0.02 par common	Class B, Series C, \$1.00 par convertible preferred	Bank Maryland Corp.
United Building Services Corporation of Delaware	Kemper Corporation	\$0.05 par common
\$0.01 par common	\$5.00 par common	Biogen, Inc.
United States Antimony Corporation	Krueger, W.A. Company	\$0.01 par convertible exchangeable
\$0.01 par common	\$0.20 par common	preferred
Vicon Fiber Optics Corporation	Land of Lincoln Savings and Loan	Bytex Corporation
\$0.10 par common	\$1.00 par common	\$1.00 par common
Vipont Pharmaceutical, Inc.	Mayfair Industries, Inc.	CCAIR, Inc.
Warrants (expire 06-25-89)	\$0.01 par common	\$0.01 par common
	MBS Textbook Exchange, Inc.	Cell Technology, Inc.
<i>Stocks Removed for Listing on a National Securities Exchange or Being Involved in an Acquisition</i>	\$0.01 par common	\$0.01 par common
American Income Life Insurance Company	National FSI, Inc.	Warrants (expire 08-27-92)
\$1.00 par common	\$0.01 par common	Chemdesign Corporation
Apollo Computer, Inc.	Network Equipment Technologies, Inc.	\$0.01 par common
\$0.02 par common	\$0.01 par common	Chempower, Inc.
7¼% convertible subordinated debentures	Pacific Western Bancshares	\$1.00 par common
Bank of Redlands	No par common	Cirrus Logic, Inc.
\$1.25 par common	Plant Genetics, Inc.	No par common
Berry Petroleum Company	\$0.01 par common	Columbia Pictures Entertainment, Inc.
Class A, \$0.01 par common	Poly-Tech, Inc.	Warrants (expire 06-01-92)
Blockbuster Entertainment Corp.	No par common	Comptronix Corporation
	Polymer International Corp.	\$0.01 par common
	\$0.01 par common	Conservative Savings Bank (Nebraska)
	Princeville Corp.	\$0.01 par common
	\$0.20 par common	Consilium, Inc.
		No par common
		Cooker Restaurant Corporation

No par common
 CRH, PLC
 American Depository Receipts
 Duty Free International, Inc.
 \$.01 par common
 Dyncorp
 Class A, 17% redeemable preferred
 Eastchester Financial Corporation
 \$.01 par common
 Fidelity Federal Savings Bank (Virginia)
 \$.00 par common
 First Financial Management Corp.
 7% convertible subordinated
 debentures
 First Merchants Corporation
 No par common
 First Western Bancorp, Inc.
 (Pennsylvania)
 \$.50 par common
 Fleet Aerospace, Inc.
 \$.01 par common
 Foothill Independent Bancorp
 No par common
 Goal Systems International, Inc.
 No par common
 Handex Environmental Recovery, Inc.
 \$.01 par common
 Independent Bankgroup, Inc. (Vermont)
 \$.10 par common
 James Madison Limited
 \$.10 par common
 Kentucky Medical Insurance Company
 Class A, \$.20 par common
 Lifeline Healthcare Group, Ltd.
 \$.10 par common
 Miniscribe Corporation
 7½% convertible subordinated
 debentures
 Mission-Valley Bancorp (California)
 No par common
 Nationwide Cellular Service, Inc.
 \$.01 par common
 Warrants (expire 05-04-92)
 New Milford Bank & Trust Company,
 The (Connecticut)
 \$.50 par common
 Pioneer Federal Savings Bank
 (Washington)
 \$.10 par common
 POP Radio Corporation
 \$.01 par common
 Providence and Worcester Railroad
 Company
 \$.50 par common
 Rexhall Industries, Inc.
 No par common
 Robert Half International, Inc.
 7¼% convertible subordinated
 debentures
 Schultz Sav-O Stores, Inc.
 \$.05 par common
 Severson Environmental Services, Inc.
 \$.10 par common
 Staples, Inc.
 \$.0006 par common
 Symantec Corporation
 \$.01 par common
 Syntec, Inc.
 \$.01 par common

Tele-Communications, Inc.
 Rights (expire 01-31-95)
 Tocar, Inc.
 Units (expire 12-31-94)
 Tseng Labs, Inc.
 \$.005 par common
 United Artists Entertainment Company
 Class A, \$.001 par common
 Class B, \$.001 par common
 Unitog Company
 \$.01 par common
 UNR Industries, Inc.
 Warrants (expire 05-31-95)
 Xsirius Scientific, Inc.
 \$.01 par common
 Yankee Energy System, Inc.
 \$.50 par common
 By order of the Board of Governors of
 the Federal Reserve System, acting by
 its Staff Director of the Division of
 Banking Supervision and Regulation
 pursuant to delegated authority (12 CFR
 265.2(c)(18)), July 28, 1989.
 William W. Wiles,
Secretary of the Board.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 89-NM-23-AD; Amdt. 39-6287]

Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9 and C-9 (Military) Series, Including Model DC-9-80 Series and Model MD-88 Airplanes, Equipped With a Ventral Aft Pressure Bulkhead

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment supersedes an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to all McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9 and C-9 (Military) series, including Model DC-9-80 series and Model MD-88 airplanes, which currently requires optically aided visual inspections for airplanes with a ventral aft pressure bulkhead, and repair or replacement, as necessary, of the aft pressure bulkhead attach tee. This amendment revises the current optically aided visual inspection program for airplanes equipped with a ventral aft pressure bulkhead, to require a repetitive high frequency eddy current inspection of the attach tee from the aft side of the bulkhead; and deletes the option for low frequency eddy current inspection from the forward side of the aft pressure bulkhead. This amendment is prompted by a recent report of a crack

in the aft pressure bulkhead attach tee. If this condition is not corrected, bulkhead attach tee cracks may develop, which could result in rapid depressurization of the fuselage in flight and cause severe structural damage to the airplane.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 7, 1989.

ADDRESSES: The applicable service information may be obtained from McDonnell Douglas Corporation, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90846, Attention: Director of Publications, C1-L00 (54-60). This information may be examined at the FAA, Northwest Mountain Region, 17900 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, Washington, or 3229 East Spring Street, Long Beach, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael N. Asahara, DC9/MD80 Program Manager, Airframe Branch, ANM-122L, FAA, Northwest Mountain Region, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3229 East Spring Street, Long Beach California 90806-2425; telephone (213) 988-5321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend Part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations by superseding AD 88-13-09, Amendment 39-5954 (53 FR 21411; June 8, 1988), applicable to Model DC-9 and C-9 (Military) series, including Model DC-9-80 series and Model MD-88 airplanes, to require optically aided visual inspections, and repair or replacement, as necessary, of the aft pressure bulkhead attach tee, was published in the Federal Register on April 12, 1989 (54 FR 14658).

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. Due consideration has been given to the comments received.

Three commenters stated that the proposed rule should not be adopted because the manufacturer is currently developing an optional low frequency eddy current inspection technique from the forward side of the bulkhead. They requested that the proposed rule await release of final service information to provide the operators with a procedure to inspect and repair the attach tees. The FAA disagrees. The FAA is aware that the manufacturer is developing a new nondestructive inspection technique. When this technique has been fully developed and approved, the FAA may consider revising this AD to incorporate the new nondestructive inspection technique. In consideration of the safety implications of the addressed unsafe conditions, however, the FAA considers that it would be inappropriate to delay the issuance of this final rule