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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. 00-077-2]

Asian Longhorned Beetle; Addition to Quarantined Areas

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the Asian longhorned beetle regulations by expanding the quarantined areas in the city of New York and in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, NY. As a result the interim rule, the interstate movement of regulated articles from those areas is restricted. The interim rule was necessary to prevent the artificial spread of the Asian longhorned beetle to noninfested areas of the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interim rule became effective on September 6, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael B. Stefan, Staff Officer, Invasive Species and Pest Management Staff, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 134, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-7338.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective September 6, 2000, and published in the **Federal Register** on September 12, 2000 (65 FR 54943-54945, Docket No. 00-077-1), we amended the Asian longhorned beetle regulations contained in 7 CFR 301.51-1 through 301.51-9 by adding new areas in the city of New York and in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, NY, to the list of quarantined areas in § 301.51-3. That

action restricted the interstate movement of regulated articles from those areas.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before November 13, 2000. 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 Orders 12866, 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.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule affirms an interim rule that amended the Asian longhorned beetle regulations by expanding the quarantined areas in the city of New York and in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, NY. As a result of that action, the interstate movement of regulated articles from those areas is restricted.

The following analysis addresses the economic effects of the interim rule on small entities, as required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The small businesses potentially affected by the interim rule are nurseries, arborists, tree removal services, and firewood dealers located within the quarantined areas. The actual number of such businesses in the quarantined areas added by the interim rule is unknown. However, we anticipate that the number of such businesses is small since the newly quarantined areas are urban and suburban communities as opposed to rural farm areas.

It is further estimated that the number and value of regulated articles that would, upon inspection, be determined to be infested, and therefore denied a certificate or a limited permit for movement, is small. Current data from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Asian longhorned beetle project being conducted in Amityville, NY, support this conclusion.

Finally, the regulations allow businesses to chemically treat, fumigate, or process by chipping or burning all regulated articles before they are presented for APHIS inspection. It is likely that, given their low value relative to the cost of treatment, most regulated

articles would not undergo such treatment.

Under these circumstances, the Administrator of APHIS has determined that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 301

Agricultural commodities, 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 part 301 and that was published at 65 FR 54943-54945 on September 12, 2000.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 166, 7711, 7712, 7714, 7731, 7735, 7751, 7752, 7753, and 7754; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Section 301.75-15 also issued under Sec. 204, Title II, Pub. L. 106-113, 113 Stat. 1501A-293; sections 301.75-15 and 301.75-16 also issued under Sec. 203, Title II, Pub. L. 106-224, 114 Stat. 400 (7 U.S.C. 1421 note).

Done in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of August 2001.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Parts 202, 205, 213, 226, and 230

[Regulations B, E, M, Z, and DD; Docket Nos. R-1040, R-1041, R-1042, R-1043, and R-1044]

Equal Credit Opportunity; Electronic Fund Transfers; Consumer Leasing; Truth in Lending; Truth in Savings

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Interim final rules; lifting mandatory compliance date.

SUMMARY: On March 30, and April 4, 2001, the Board published interim final rules to establish uniform standards for using electronic communication to deliver disclosures required under five

consumer protection regulations: B (Equal Credit Opportunity), E (Electronic Fund Transfers), M (Consumer Leasing), Z (Truth in Lending), and DD (Truth in Savings). The Board established October 1, 2001 as the mandatory compliance date for the interim final rules. To address commenters' concerns, the Board is considering adjustments to the rules to provide additional flexibility. Therefore, the Board is lifting the mandatory compliance date for the interim rules. Once permanent final rules are issued, the Board expects to afford institutions a reasonable period of time to comply with those rules.

DATES: The October 1, 2001, mandatory compliance date for the interim final rules published at 66 FR 17322 and 17329 (March 30, 2001) and at 66 FR 17779, 17786 and 17795 (April 4, 2001) is lifted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Stein or Ky Tran-Trong, Attorneys; Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, at (202) 452-2412 or (202) 452-3667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Lifting the Mandatory Compliance Date for the Interim Rules

Financial institutions and others covered by the Board's consumer disclosure rules are currently permitted to provide electronic disclosures if they obtain consumers' consent consistent with the requirements of the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (the E-Sign Act), which became effective on October 1, 2000. On March 30 and April 4, 2001, the Board published interim final rules to provide guidance on how the E-Sign Act applies to the consumer financial services and fair lending laws and regulations administered by the Board. The Board established October 1, 2001 as the date for mandatory compliance with the interim final rules. See 66 FR 17779 (Regulation B, Equal Credit Opportunity); 66 FR 17786 (Regulation E, Electronic Fund Transfers); 66 FR 17322 (Regulation M, Consumer Leasing); 66 FR 17329 (Regulation Z, Truth in Lending); 66 FR 17795 (Regulation DD, Truth in Savings).

The interim rules give guidance on the timing and delivery of electronic disclosures. Disclosures can be provided by e-mail or can be made available at another location such as an institution's web site. If a disclosure—such as an account statement or a notice of a change in account terms—is provided at a web site, an institution must notify the consumer of the disclosure's availability by e-mail. In addition, the disclosure

must remain available on the web site for 90 days.

A number of commenters on the interim final rules noted that there are operational issues raised by the interim rules' requirement that institutions alert consumers by e-mail when electronic disclosures are made available at another location, such as a web site. They also noted that the October 1, 2001, compliance deadline does not afford them adequate time for making the needed changes.

Some institutions have been offering electronic disclosures for several years under Regulations E and DD, based on interim rules issued by the Board in 1998 and 1999 respectively. See 63 FR 14528; 64 FR 49846. Others have been permitted to give electronic disclosures under Regulations B, M, and Z since the E-Sign Act took effect last year. Many of these institutions have not used e-mail to alert consumers to disclosures posted at their web sites.

Based on the comments, the Board is considering adjustments to the rules to provide additional flexibility. Therefore, the Board is lifting the mandatory compliance date for the interim rules. Institutions may continue to provide electronic disclosures under their existing policies and practices, or may follow the interim rules, until the Board issues permanent rules. Once permanent final rules are issued, the Board expects to afford institutions a reasonable period of time to comply with those rules.

II. Withdrawal of 1998 and 1999 Interim Rules Unaffected

In 1998 and 1999, the Board adopted interim rules under Regulations E and DD respectively, to allow the electronic delivery of certain disclosures, if the consumer agrees. The 1998 and 1999 interim rules did not specify the manner or form of consumer's consent to electronic disclosures.

Effective October 1, 2000, the E-Sign Act permits institutions to provide disclosures to consumers using electronic communications, if the institution complies with the requirements of section 101(c) of that act. The Board's 2001 interim final rules set forth the general rule that institutions subject to Regulations E and DD may provide disclosures electronically only if the institution complies with section 101(c) of the E-Sign Act. Accordingly, the Board's 2001 interim rules provided that the 1998 and 1999 interim rules were withdrawn. The Board's action lifting the mandatory compliance date for the 2001 interim rules has no effect on the withdrawal of the 1998 and 1999 interim rules.

III. Foreign Language Disclosures

To provide consistency among the regulations, the interim final rules also included revisions to Regulations B (§ 202.4(b)), E (§ 205.4(a)(2)), and Z (§ 226.27) that permit disclosures in languages other than English as long as disclosures in English are also available upon request. The Board's action lifting the mandatory compliance date for the 2001 interim rules has no effect on these provisions.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 2, 2001.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2000-NM-314-AD; Amendment 39-12370; AD 2001-16-02]

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Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, -200B, -200F, -200C, -100B, -300, -100B SUD, -400, -400D, -400F, and 747SR Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Boeing Model 747 series airplanes, that requires repetitive inspections to find cracking of the frame web, strap, inner chords, and inner chord angle of the forward edge frame of the number 5 main entry door cutout, and repair, if necessary. These actions are necessary to find and fix such cracking, which could result in severing of the frame, inability of the edge frame to react door stop loads, and consequent rapid depressurization of the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Effective September 12, 2001.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of September 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207. This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA),