loins sliced and packaged at the facility for importation into the United States will be sliced and packaged only in accordance with this section.

(vii) The operator of the slicing/packaging facility must be current, in accordance with the terms of the cooperative service agreement signed with APHIS, in paying all costs for an APHIS representative to inspect the establishment, including travel, salary, subsistence, administrative overhead, and other incidental expenses.

(viii) The slicing/packaging facility must allow the unannounced entry into the establishment of APHIS representatives, or other persons authorized by the Administrator, for the purpose of inspecting the establishment and records of the establishment.

(ix) Workers at the slicing/packaging facility who handle pork or pork products in the facility must shower and put on a full set of clean clothes, or wait 24 hours after handling pork or pork products that are not eligible for importation into the United States, before handling dry-cured hams, pork shoulders, or pork loins in the slicing/packaging facility that are intended for importation into the United States.

(x) Pork products intended for importation into the United States may not be in the slicing/packaging facility at the same time as pork products not intended for exportation to the United States.

(2) *Slicing and packaging and labeling procedures.*

(i) A full-time salaried veterinarian employed by the national government of the country of origin must inspect each lot of whole dry-cured hams, pork shoulders, and pork loins at the slicing/packaging facility, before slicing is begun, and must certify in English that it is eligible for importation into the United States in accordance with this section; and

(ii) Either a full-time salaried veterinarian employed by the national government of the country of origin, or, if the national government of the country of origin recognizes a local consortium as responsible for product quality, a representative of that local consortium, must certify in English that he or she personally supervised the entire process of slicing and packaging each lot of dry-cured hams, pork shoulders, and pork loins at the slicing/packaging facility; that each lot of dry-cured hams, pork shoulders, and pork loins was sliced and packaged in accordance with the requirements of this paragraph; and that the sliced and packaged pork ham, shoulder, or loin is the same dry-cured ham, pork shoulder, or pork loin certified under paragraph (p)(2)(i).

(iii) The sliced and packaged dry-cured pork ham, pork shoulder, or pork loin must be labeled with the date that processing of the meat under paragraph (i) of this section began, and with the date the meat was sliced and packaged.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0579–0015)

Done in Washington, DC, this 8th day of April 1997.

Donald W. Luchsinger,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

12 CFR Part 361

RIN 3064–AB95

Minority and Women Outreach Program—Contracting; and Individuals With Disabilities Outreach Program

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The FDIC proposes for public comment amendments to its regulations to provide that the FDIC certify the eligibility of businesses and law firms for the minority and women's contracting program. The formal certification procedure, similar to what the former Resolution Trust Corporation had in place, would replace the current self-certification of minority and women owned businesses and law firms. This amendment will also establish an outreach program for individuals with disabilities.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Jerry L. Langley, Executive Secretary, FDIC, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429. Comments may be hand-delivered to Room 400, 1776 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429 on business days between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. [FAX number: (202)898–3838; Internet: comments@fdic.gov]. Comments will be available for inspection and photocopying at the FDIC's Reading Room, room 7118, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary A. Terrell, Associate Director, Office of Diversity and Economic Opportunity, (202) 416–4322; Pamela H. Peters, Senior Attorney, Office of Diversity and Economic Opportunity, (202) 416–4325; or Gladys Gallagher, Counsel, Legal Division, (202) 898–3833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

Consistent with this proposed rule, the FDIC proposes to modify a collection of information already approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), ''Forms Relating to FDIC Outside Counsel Services Contracting,'' OMB Clearance No. 3064–0122, by adding a new form, ''Minority and Women-Owned Law Firm Certification Form'' and a supporting documentation requirement. This collection of information revision has been submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer Alexander Hunt, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503, with copies of such documents sent to Steven F. Hanft, Assistant Executive Secretary (Regulatory Analysis), FDIC, Room F–400, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429. OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. This does not affect the deadline for the public to comment to the FDIC on the proposed regulation. A copy of a draft Minority and Women-Owned Law Firm Certification Form may be obtained, free of charge, by contacting Mary A. Terrell, at the address identified above.

The regulatory basis for the Minority and Women-Owned Law Firm

Certification Form is found in § 361.7(a)(2) of this proposed rule. A law firm that desires to be designated as a minority and/or women-owned law firm will be required to complete the certification and submit it to the FDIC's Office of Diversity and Economic Opportunity. In addition, such a law firm will be required to submit documentation supporting its minority or women-owned status. The information collected will be used by the FDIC as part of the certification process for law firms wishing to participate in the FDIC's minority and women-owned law firms outreach program.

The estimated annual reporting burden for the collection of information requirement in this rule is summarized as follows:

Number of Respondents: 400.

Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Frequency of Response: Once every two years.

Total Annual Responses: 200

Hours per Response: ½ hour for the certification form and 1½ hours to obtain the supporting documents.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 400

As noted above, this PRA notice and request for comment pertains to an already approved collection of information, ''Forms Relating to FDIC Outside Counsel Services Contracting'', OMB Clearance No. 3063–0122. On January 10, 1997, the FDIC published a notice and request for comment in 62 FR 1455 proposing a different change to the same collection of information. The earlier notice pertained to the addition to the collection of information of a Form 1600/05 and a Form 5200/01 in which law firms, their employees, agents and subcontractors who provide services for the FDIC make representations and certifications regarding their integrity, fitness and conflicts of interest required by 12 CFR Part 366 and authorize the release of information about themselves for verification purposes. The determination to be made pursuant to the Minority and Women-Owned Law Firm Certification Form for which the FDIC is currently requesting comment is unrelated to the determination to be made pursuant to Forms 1600/05 and 5200/01 for which the earlier comment was sought.

It is noted that in another collection of information already approved by OMB, ''Acquisition Services Information Requirements'', OMB Control No. 364–0072, the FDIC requests information about minority and women-owned status of businesses that provide the FDIC services other than legal services. No changes are being proposed in that collection at this time.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Board of Directors hereby certifies that the proposed regulation does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). This proposed regulation affects only those business and legal contractors who wish to provide services to the FDIC under its minority- and women-owned businesses contracting program.

The proposed formal certification program will require businesses and law firms who wish to participate in the program to complete an application and submit those documents and records which they maintain during the normal course of business. Such efforts will not require trained personnel or special equipment and should not have significant economic impact on participating businesses and law firms. Therefore, the provisions of the Act relating to an initial and final regulatory analysis (5 U.S.C. 603 and 604) do not apply here.

Background

1. Certification of Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses and Law Firms

Section 1216(c) of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA), Pub. L. 101–73, 103 Stat. 183, required that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) prescribe regulations to establish and oversee a minority outreach program to ensure inclusion, to the maximum extent possible, of minorities and women, and entities owned by minorities and women, including financial institutions, investment banking firms, underwriters, accountants, and providers of legal services, in all contracts entered into by the agency. According to FIRREA, minorities are defined as Asian American, Black American, Hispanic American and Native American.

The FDIC's Minority and Women Outreach Program-Contracting policy was published in the **Federal Register** at 57 FR 15004 on April 24, 1992. The FDIC currently requires businesses and law firms to either ''self-certify'' their minority or women ownership status, or submit a valid minority- and women-owned business (MWOB) certification received from a federal agency, designated state or authorized local agency. Based on this ''self-certification'' of their ownership status, MWOBs and MWOLFs have the opportunity to participate in the FDIC's minority and women contracting program.

On October 27, 1995, pursuant to the requirements of section 6 of the RTC Completion Act, Pub. L. 103–204 (December 17, 1993), the FDIC/RTC Transition Task Force (Transition Task Force) examined and presented Best Practices and Management Reform Recommendations (Best Practice Recommendations) on the operational differences and RTC management reforms related to minority and women's programs. The Transition Task Force examined the FDIC's and the RTC's certification process for MWOBs and MWOLFs, and recommended that the FDIC adopt a MWOB/MWOLF certification program similar to the RTC's which included a detailed document review and, when appropriate, on-site visits to verify a firm's MWOB/MWOLF status.

By replacing the ''self-certification'' program with a formal program, the FDIC is exercising its discretion and taking the necessary action to ensure that the minority and women contracting program benefits those for whom it has been designed.

The proposed amendment to the existing regulation is broad by design and is intended to announce that the FDIC has adopted a formal certification program. Detailed certification procedures will be incorporated into an FDIC directive that will further delineate the functions of various divisions and offices in the certification process. These procedures will require that MWOBs and MWOLFs complete the required business or legal registration/application package. MWOBs and MWOLFs will also be required to submit documentation, including but not limited to, articles of incorporation, bylaws, partnership and/or joint venture agreements, organizational charts, and lists of boards of directors showing minority and women ownership designations, to the ODEO.

In lieu of the accompanying documents, MWOBs and MWOLFs may submit current formal certifications from other federal agencies. However, the FDIC shall at all times reserve the right to request any information that is deemed necessary to certify the status of a firm.

Upon receipt of these documents, the ODEO will review the documents submitted. When appropriate, the ODEO may conduct on-site verifications based upon a contract award, legal engagement, or accumulated fees of

$50,000 or greater. Finally, the certification process and directive will also include an appeals process for those firms who have been denied MWOB/MWOLF status.

All businesses that have ''self-certified'' their MWOB status shall submit the required certification documents prior to responding to Requests for Proposals or during the contracting process. Law firms that have previously ''self-certified'' their MWOLF status shall submit the required certification documents at the time they apply for, or renew, their FDIC Legal Services Agreement. Certification for law firms and businesses will remain valid for a two-year period.

The establishment of the MWOB and MWOLF certification program will help foster and preserve the integrity of the FDIC's business and legal contracting activities. Additionally, the formal certification program will also serve to discourage fraudulent representations by businesses and law firms seeking to provide goods or services, or enter into contracts to provide goods or services, including legal services, to the FDIC in all of its capacities. The FDIC invites comment on whether the proposed rule, or some other alterative, would better achieve these objectives.

2. Individuals With Disabilities Outreach Program

Under section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 (RCDRIA), 12 U.S.C. 4803, each federal banking agency is required to streamline and modify its regulations and policies in order to improve efficiency, reduce unnecessary costs, remove inconsistencies and outmoded and duplicative requirements, and to work jointly with other federal banking agencies to make uniform all regulations implementing common statutory or supervisory policies.

In response to the RCDRIA, the FDIC and the other federal banking agencies are working to ensure that the regulations mandated by FIRREA concerning minority and women outreach programs are uniform and consistent. The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) have established outreach components to their contracting programs that include individuals with disabilities. The FDIC believes that establishing an outreach program for firms owned by individuals with disabilities complies with applicable law and also satisfies the RCDRIA uniformity requirements even though the FDIC outreach program for firms owned by individuals with disabilities is not identical to those established by the OTS and OCC.

This subpart does not treat individuals with disabilities as minorities, since FIRREA defines minorities as Asian American, Black American, Hispanic American, and Native American. However, the FDIC has authority pursuant to Section 9 (Third) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish an outreach program for firms owned and controlled by individuals with disabilities. The outreach program for individuals with disabilities is set forth in subpart B of part 361.

List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 361

Government contracts, Individuals with disabilities, Lawyers, Legal services, Minority businesses, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Women.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation proposes to amend part 361 of chapter III of title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 361—MINORITY AND WOMEN OUTREACH PROGRAM-CONTRACTING AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES OUTREACH PROGRAM

1. Part 361 is amended by revising the part heading as set forth above.

2. The authority citation for part 361 is removed.

2a. Part 361 is amended by designating §§ 361.1 through 361.11 as subpart A and adding the subpart heading to read as follows:

Subpart A—Minority and Women Outreach Program—Contracting

3. The authority citation for subpart A is added to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1833e.

4. Section 361.7 is revised to read as follows:

§ 361.7 Minority and women owned business (MWOB) and minority and women owned law firms (MWOLF) certification.

(a)(1) Each firm requesting minority and/or women-owned business or law firm (MWOB/MWOLF) status must undergo a formal certification process to be determined and conducted by the FDIC.

(2) Each firm requesting designation as a minority and/or women-owned business or law firm must submit an application and requested certification documents, in accordance with procedures established by the FDIC, which demonstrates that the firm meets the criteria established in § 361.3(a). Upon receipt of a completed application, the FDIC will determine the eligibility of the firm for MWOB/MWOLF status.

(3) In lieu of the certification documents requested in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, the FDIC may accept a current federal agency's certification of a firm as a MWOB/MWOLF. However, the FDIC shall at all times reserve the right to request any information necessary to certify the status of a firm.

(b) All matters relating to MWOB/MWOLF status will be addressed by the FDIC Office of Diversity and Economic Opportunity, located at 801 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20434.

5. A new subpart B, consisting of § 361.20, is added to part 361 to read as follows:

Subpart B—Individuals With Disabilities Outreach Program

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361.20 Outreach program for individuals with disabilities.

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Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1819(Tenth).

§ 361.20 Outreach program for individuals with disabilities.

(a) Purpose. This program has been established to ensure that persons with disabilities and firms owned by persons with disabilities are afforded the opportunity to participate in the FDIC's outreach activities. For purposes of this subpart, ''outreach'' shall mean those information and training activities designed to make firms aware of the FDIC's contracting opportunities.

(b) *Definition of individual with disabilities.* In administering this subpart, the FDIC may, in its sole discretion, use the definition of the term *individual with a disability* as found in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 701 et seq., for outreach purposes. The FDIC is not subject to the Rehabilitation Act and its amendments, and merely looks to this definition in the Rehabilitation Act, because the definition is commonly understood and applied.

(c) *Outreach activities.* The outreach activities that the FDIC may undertake under this subpart include:

(1) The identification of business entities owned by individuals with disabilities who can provide goods and services to the FDIC;

(2) Distribution of information concerning third party contracting

opportunities directly and through trade associations representing business entities owned by individuals with disabilities;

(3) Participation in conventions, seminars and professional meetings attended predominately by individuals with disabilities; and

(4) Conducting seminars, meetings, workshops and other various activities to promote the inclusion of individuals with disabilities and the firms they own.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 25th day of March, 1997.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Deputy Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 92–CE–46–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Jetstream Aircraft Limited Jetstream Models 3101 and 3201 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) that would apply to certain Jetstream Aircraft Limited (JAL) Jetstream Models 3101 and 3201 airplanes that have kit JK 2496 and modification JM 7537 installed. The proposed action would require installing magnetic latching relays on the ignition system. Reports of the auto-ignition system becoming disabled when switching from ground power to the airplane's internal power prompted the proposed action. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent loss of the airplane's internal power connection to the auto-ignition system, which could cause loss of engine power and possible loss of the airplane.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 92–CE–46–AD, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. Comments may be inspected at this location between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted.

Service information that applies to the proposed AD may be obtained from Jetstream Aircraft Limited, Prestwick Airport, Ayrshire, KA9 2RW, Scotland; telephone (0292) 79888; facsimile (0292) 79703. This information also may be examined at the Rules Docket at the address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tom Rodriguez, Program Officer, Brussels Aircraft Certification Division, FAA, Europe, Africa, and Middle East Office, c/o American Embassy, B–1000 Brussels, Belgium; telephone (322) 508.2715; facsimile (322) 230.6899.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this notice must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: ''Comments to Docket No. 92–CE–46–AD.'' The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 92–CE–46–AD, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Events Leading to the Proposed Action

The Civil Airworthiness Authority (CAA), which is the airworthiness authority for the United Kingdom (UK), recently notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain JAL Jetstream Models 3101 and 3201 airplanes, serial numbers 693 through 870, that have kit JK 2496 and modification JM 7537 installed. The CAA reports that the auto-ignition arming relays are disarming when the battery master switch is moved from ground power (GND) to off (OFF) to internal power (INT). These conditions, if not detected, could result in interruption of power supply to the auto-ignition system, disabling the re-start of the engine, leading to loss of power.

Related Service Information

JAL has issued Jetstream Service Bulletin No. 74–JM 7693A, Original Issue dated May 17, 1990; Revision No. 3 dated January 28, 1993, which specifies procedures for installing magnetic latching relays in the airplane's ignition system.

The CAA classified this service bulletin as mandatory in order to ensure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in the United Kingdom.

FAA's Determination

These airplane models are manufactured in the United Kingdom and are type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of section 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the CAA has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above.

The FAA has examined the findings of the CAA, reviewed all available information, including the service information referenced above; and determined that AD action is necessary for products of this type design that are certificated for operation in the United States.

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop in other JAL Jetstream Models 3101 and 3201 airplanes of the same type design that have kit JK 2496 and Modification JM 7537 installed, registered in the United States, the proposed AD would require installing magnetically latching relays with wiring changes. Accomplishment of the proposed installation would be in accordance with Jetstream Service Bulletin No. 74–JM 7693A, Original Issue dated May 17, 1990; Revision No. 3 dated January 28, 1993.