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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 212

RIN 3206–AJ75

Competitive Service and Competitive Status

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is proposing a plain language rewrite of its regulations on the definitions of competitive service and competitive status as part of a broader review of OPM's regulations. The purpose of the revision is to make these definitions consistent with law and civil service rules.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send, deliver or fax comments to Ellen Tunstall, Deputy Associate Director for Talent and Capacity Policy, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Room 6551, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415–9700; e-mail *employ@opm.gov;* fax: 202–606–2329.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karen Jacobs on (202) 606–0960, by TDD on is (202) 418–3134, by fax on (202) 606–2329, or by e-mail at *kkjacobs@opm.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are revising the format of Part 212 and eliminating subparts that merely restate the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 2102 and Civil Service Rules 1.2 and 1.3 of this chapter. The purpose of these revisions is not to make substantive changes but, rather, to make the definitions in this part consistent with the definitions found in statute and in the civil service rules of this chapter.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that these regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities (including small businesses, small organizational units, and small governmental jurisdictions) because the regulations apply only to appointment procedures for certain employees in Federal agencies.

E.O. 12866, Regulatory Review

This rule has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with Executive Order 1866.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Parts 212

Government employees.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

Accordingly, OPM proposes to revise 5 CFR part 212 as follows:

PART 212—COMPETITIVE SERVICE AND COMPETITIVE STATUS

Sec.
212.101 Definitions.
212.102 Effect of competitive status on a position.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 1302, 3301, 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR, 1954–1958 Comp. p. 218.

§ 212.101 Definitions.

In this chapter:

Competitive service has the meaning given that term by section 2102 of title 5, United States Code, and sections 1.2 and 1.3 of this chapter.

Competitive status has the meaning given that term by section 1.3 of this chapter.

Competitive position has the meaning given that term by section 1.3 of this chapter.

§ 212.102 Effect of competitive status on a position.

An employee shall be considered as being in the competitive service when the employee meets the conditions established by section 1.3 of this chapter.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001–NE–13–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211–22B, RB211–524, and RB211–535 Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM); reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice revises an earlier proposed airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to (RR) RB211–535E4 series turbofan engines. That proposal would have required disassembling and inspecting all the engine mounts for cracks, refurbishing the engine mounts, and replacing the front mount thrust link spherical bearing. That proposal was prompted by reports of corrosion and fatigue cracks in the mount pins, the spherical bearings, and the support links and their respective spherical bearings. This action revises the proposed rule by expanding the applicability from RB211–535E4 series turbofan engines to include RB211–22B, RB211–524, and RB211–535 series turbofan engines, and by requiring the installation of a front engine mount housing and link support assembly that has a serialized, life limited spherical bearing installed. This action also revises the proposed rule by eliminating the requirements for disassembling and inspecting all the engine mounts for cracks, and refurbishing the engine mounts. The actions specified by this proposed AD are intended to prevent failure of the front engine mount housing and link support assembly due to cracks, that could result in loss of the engine.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001–NE–13–AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803–5299. Comments may be inspected at this location, by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4:30