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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
7 CFR Part 319
[Docket No. APHIS–2012–0001]
RIN 0579–AD67
Chrysanthemum White Rust
Regulatory Status and Restrictions

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are soliciting public comment on whether and how we should amend our process for responding to domestic chrysanthemum white rust (CWR) outbreaks and the importation of plant material that is a host of CWR. Domestically, CWR host plants must be surveyed and, if found to be infected with CWR, must undergo quarantine, destruction, treatment, or other sanitation measures called for in our National Management Plan. The importation of CWR host plants for planting from a number of countries and localities is currently prohibited to prevent the introduction of CWR into the United States. In addition, importation of cut flowers of CWR host plants from countries where CWR is known to occur is currently restricted. We are reevaluating our current regulatory strategy in order to improve the effectiveness and economic efficiency of our programs. After evaluating public comment on the issues presented in this document, we will determine whether to propose changes to our existing regulations.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before October 2, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0001 or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lynn Evans-Goldner, National Program Manager, Emergency and Domestic Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 160, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–2286.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Puccinia horiana P. Henn. is a filamentous rust fungus and obligate parasite that is the causal agent of chrysanthemum white rust (CWR), an economically important disease in both field-grown and greenhouse-grown chrysanthemum plants, as well as cut flower production. APHIS considers P. horiana a quarantine pest. Reports of CWR occurrences within the United States trigger eradication protocols in accordance with the CWR National Management Plan for Eradication.¹ Currently, the regulations in 7 CFR 319.37–2(a) prohibit the entry into the United States of plants for planting that are hosts of CWR from all countries where CWR is known to occur, unless imported under the specific conditions of a departmental permit in 7 CFR 319.372(c). Under 7 CFR 319.37–5(c), importations of CWR host plants for planting imported from all other countries are required to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with an additional declaration stating that the plants and place of production have been inspected and found free of the causal agent of CWR. Under § 319.37–7, imported host material that meets the conditions of § 319.37–5(c) must be grown under the conditions of a postentry quarantine growing agreement at an approved location for 6 months and be inspected by an inspector prior to being released from quarantine.

The regulations in 7 CFR 319.74 restrict the entry into the United States of cut flowers of CWR host plants from countries where CWR is known to occur. Consignments of cut flowers of CWR host plants imported from these countries must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with an additional declaration stating that the place of production and the consignment have been inspected and found free of the causal agent of CWR.

Despite these regulations, detections of CWR within the United States continue to occur, leading to costly eradication measures that must be undertaken by both Federal and State agencies. In addition, many stakeholders no longer consider the causal agent of CWR to be a pest of quarantine significance due to its limited host range, its frequent detection within the United States, and the availability of treatment/control measures within countries where it is present, and have expressed interest in revisiting the regulatory status of CWR. For these reasons, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is considering potential changes to our domestic CWR eradication program and the CWR import regulations in an effort to improve the effectiveness and economic efficiency of our programs.

We are publishing this advance notice of proposed rulemaking in order to request public comment as we reconsider our regulatory strategy for CWR. We are currently considering four options for the future of the CWR program. The options under consideration are:

1. Continuing to manage CWR as a quarantine pest with the objective of continuing to eradicate new infestations. This option would maintain the current status of CWR with no changes to the program.

2. Revising the current regulations to designate CWR as a regulated non-quarantine pest. A regulated non-quarantine pest is a pest whose presence in plants for planting affects the intended use of those plants with an

We welcome comments on these options, particularly on the advantages and disadvantages of each option and the commenter’s preferred option. If none of the options under consideration seem appropriate, we encourage the submission of new options or suggestions that we may have overlooked, as well as comments on the advantages of these new options or suggestions.

This action has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 150dd, 150ee, 150ff, 151–167; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(c).

Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of July.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We propose to supersede an existing airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to all The Boeing Company Model 777–200, -200LR, -300, and -300ER series airplanes. The existing AD currently requires repetitive inspections for cracking of the elevator actuator fittings. Since we issued that AD, the manufacturer has developed a modification that was approved as an optional terminating action to the currently required repetitive inspections. We have been advised that the modification procedures include certain incorrect torque values. This proposed AD would require, for previously modified airplanes, repetitive inspections for movement of the fittings or fastener heads, and eventual replacement of certain bolts (including related investigative and corrective actions if necessary). For all airplanes, this replacement, with corrected torque values, would terminate the requirements of the AD. This proposed AD would also remove certain airplanes from the applicability. We are proposing this AD to detect and correct a cracked actuator fitting or incorrectly installed bolts to the actuator fitting, which could lead to the elevator becoming detached and unrestrained, and a consequent unacceptable flutter condition and loss of control of the airplane.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by September 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
• Fax: 202–493–2251.
• Hand Delivery: Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Data & Services Management, P. O. Box 3707, MC 2H–65, Seattle, WA 98124–2207; telephone 206–544–5000, extension 1; fax 206–766–5680; Internet https://www.myboeingfleet.com. You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov; or in person at the Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Office (phone: 800–647–5527) is in the ADDRESSES section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: