

percent of the association's capital and surplus.

(d) All Farmers' notes in which an association invests shall have at least one or a combination of the following credit enhancements:

(1) The selling entity must endorse these Farmers' notes with full recourse;

(2) A guarantee by a creditworthy third party covers the full principal amount of the Farmers' note;

(3) Acceptable insurance covers the principal amount of each Farmers' note;

(4) The selling entity or a third party maintains a reserve of cash or marketable securities in an amount that equals or exceeds 10 percent of the principal amount of each Farmers' note;

(5) The selling entity or a third party holds a subordinated interest that equals or exceeds 10 percent of the principal amount of each Farmers' note; or

(6) The entire principal amount of the Farmers' notes is covered by a combination of credit enhancements listed in this section.

Subpart H—Capital Adequacy

9. Amend § 615.5210 by adding new paragraphs (f)(2)(ii)(M) and (N); (f)(2)(iii)(C); and (f)(2)(iv)(E) and (F) to read as follows:

§ 615.5210 Computation of the permanent capital ratio.

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(M) Claims on other financing institutions provided that:

(1) The other financing institution qualifies as an OECD bank or it is owned and controlled by an OECD bank that guarantees the claim, or

(2) The other financing institution has a rating in one of the highest three investment-grade rating categories from a NRSRO or the claim is guaranteed by a parent company with such a rating, and

(3) The other financing institution has endorsed all obligations it pledges to its funding Farm Credit bank with full recourse.

(N) Investments in Farmers' notes that:

(1) Provide the Farm Credit System direct lender association full recourse against a seller or has other acceptable credit enhancements specified in § 615.5172(d), and

(2) Are guaranteed by an OECD bank or other institution that qualifies for a 20-percent risk weight under this section, or

(3) Are sold by entities that:

(i) Are rated in one of the highest three investment-grade rating categories

from a NRSRO or the investment is guaranteed by a parent company with such a rating. If the entity has more than one NRSRO rating the lowest rating shall apply.

(ii) Maintain capital to total assets of at least 9 percent.

(iii) * * *

(C) Claims on other financing institutions that:

(1) Are not covered by the provisions of paragraph (f)(2)(ii)(M) of this section, but otherwise meet similar capital, risk identification and control, and operational standards, or

(2) Carry an investment-grade or higher NRSRO rating, and

(3) The other financing institution has endorsed all obligations to its Farm Credit funding bank with full recourse.

(D) Investments in Farmers' notes that:

(1) Provide the Farm Credit System direct lender association full recourse against a seller or has other acceptable credit enhancements specified in § 615.5172(d), and

(2) The seller is not covered by the provisions of paragraph N (20-percent risk weight), but otherwise meets similar capital, risk identification and control, and operational standards, or

(3) The credit provider carries an investment-grade or higher NRSRO rating.

(iv) * * *

(E) Claims on other financing institutions that do not otherwise qualify for a lower risk weight category under this section.

(F) Investments in Farmers' notes that do not otherwise qualify for a lower risk weight under this section.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002-NM-173-AD]

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Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-400, -400D, and -400F Series Airplanes Equipped With General Electric (GE) or Pratt & Whitney (P&W) Series Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Boeing Model 747-400, -400D, and -400F series airplanes; equipped with GE or P&W series engines. This proposal would require modifications and functional tests of the wiring of the wire integration unit and the air supply control test unit (ASCTU) of the engine bleed air distribution system. This action is necessary to prevent inadvertent commanded shutdown of the engine bleed air distribution systems due to an erroneous ASCTU command. Such a shutdown could cause depressurization of the airplane and subsequent ice build-up on the engine inlets during descent, which could result in ingestion of ice into the engine(s) and consequent loss of thrust on one or more engines. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2002-NM-173-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted via fax to (425) 227-1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: 9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain "Docket No. 2002-NM-173-AD" in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 or 2000 or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

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