

governing the collection of a debt by salary offset.

Subpart H—Cooperation With the Internal Revenue Service

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 61; 31 U.S.C. 3720A; 1 TFRM 4055.50.

§ 3.90 Reporting discharged debts to the Internal Revenue Service.

When USDA discharges a debt, whether for the full value or less, it will report the discharge to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in accordance with current IRS instructions.

Signed at Washington, DC on December 20, 2007.

Charles F. Conner,

Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 72

RIN 3150-AI23

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM 100 Revision 4, Confirmation of Effective Date

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Direct final rule: Confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is confirming the effective date of January 8, 2008, for the direct final rule that was published in the **Federal Register** on October 25, 2007 (72 FR 60543). This direct final rule amended the NRC's regulations to revise the HI-STORM 100 cask system listing to include Amendment No. 4 to Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1014.

DATES: Effective Date: The effective date of January 8, 2008, is confirmed for this direct final rule.

ADDRESSES: Documents related to this rulemaking, including any comments received, may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jayne M. McCausland, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-6219, e-mail jmm2@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 25, 2007 (72 FR 60543), the

NRC published a direct final rule amending its regulations at 10 CFR 72.214 to revise the HI-STORM 100 cask system listing within the "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks" to include Amendment No. 4 to CoC No. 1014. This amendment modifies the CoC by adding site-specific options to permit use of a modified HI-STORM 100 cask system at the Indian Point Unit 1 (IP1) Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation. These options include the shortening of the HI-STORM 100S Version B, Multi-Purpose Canister (MPC)-32 and MPC-32F, and the HI-TRAC 100D Canister to accommodate site-specific restrictions. Additional changes address the Technical Specification (TS) definition of transport operations and associated language in the safety analysis report; the soluble boron requirements for Array/Class 14x14E IP1 fuel; the helium gas backfill requirements for Array/Class 14x14E IP1 fuel; the addition of a fifth damaged fuel container design under the TS definition for damaged fuel container; addition of separate burnup, cooling time, and decay heat limits for Array/Class 14x14 IP1 fuel for loading in an MPC-32 and MPC-32F; addition of antimony-beryllium secondary sources as approved contents; the loading of all IP1 fuel assemblies in damaged fuel containers; the preclusion of loading of IP1 fuel debris in the MPC-32 or MPC-32F; the reduction of the maximum enrichment for Array/Class 14x14E IP1 fuel from 5.0 to 4.5 weight percent uranium-235; changes to licensing drawings to differentiate the IP1 MPC-32 and MPC-32F from the previously approved MPC-32 and MPC-32F; and other editorial changes, including replacing all references to U.S. Tool and Die with Holtec Manufacturing Division. In the direct final rule, NRC stated that if no significant adverse comments were received, the direct final rule would become final on January 8, 2008. The NRC did not receive any comments on the direct final rule. Therefore, this rule will become effective as scheduled.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of December, 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michael T. Lesar,

Chief, Rulemaking, Directives and Editing Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

12 CFR Parts 558, 563, 564, 567, and 574

[OTS No. 2007-0025]

Technical Amendments

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision, Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) is amending its regulations to incorporate a number of technical and conforming amendments. They include clarifications and corrections of typographical errors.

DATES: Effective Date: January 2, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra E. Evans, Legal Information Assistant (Regulations), (202) 906-6076, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS is amending its regulations to incorporate a number of technical and conforming amendments. OTS is making the following miscellaneous changes:

- *Sections 558.1 and 558.2—Procedure upon taking possession; notice of appointment.* OTS's regulations at 12 CFR 558.1 provides that when OTS appoints a conservator or receiver, the conservator or receiver shall, upon taking possession of the institution: (1) Give notice of the appointment to any officer or employee of the institution who appears to be in charge at the institution's principal office, and (2) serve a copy of the order of appointment upon the savings association or an existing conservator or receiver by leaving a copy of the order at the principal office or by handing a copy of the order to specified persons. This final rule modifies §§ 558.1 and 558.2 to increase administrative flexibility by providing that the Director of OTS will designate those persons or entities that will give notice and make service. In addition, reference to service on prior receivers is eliminated because the OTS may appoint only the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as a receiver of a savings association.

- *Section 563.43—Loans by savings associations to their executive officers, directors and principal shareholders.* The final rule revises the introductory paragraph to remove the reference to subparts A and B of the Federal Reserve Board's Regulation O (12 CFR Part 215) as Regulation O is no longer divided

into subparts. The introductory paragraph is also revised to remove the reference to § 215.13 since that section no longer exists.

- *Section 564.8—Appraisal policies and practices of savings associations and subsidiaries.* The incorrect reference to § 563.172 in paragraph (a) “Introduction” is removed.

- *Section 567.5—Components of capital.* Section 567.5(b)(1)(iv), which refers to net worth certificates, and section 567.5(b)(1)(v), which refers to income capital certificates, are obsolete and are removed. All of these certificates have been redeemed and no longer exist.

- *Section 567.12—Intangible assets, servicing assets, and credit-enhancing interest-only strips.* The practice of grandfathering core deposit intangibles (CDIs) is no longer relevant because all CDIs were fully amortized as of 2002. Therefore, § 567.12(g) is removed.

- *Section 574.2(c)(3)—Definitions.* The cross-reference to § 563b.2(a)(39) is corrected by replacing it with a cross-reference to § 563b.25.

Administrative Procedure Act; Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994

OTS finds that there is good cause to dispense with prior notice and comment on this final rule and with the 30-day delay of effective date mandated by the Administrative Procedure Act.¹ OTS believes that these procedures are unnecessary and contrary to the public interest because the rule merely makes changes to agency procedures and technical changes to existing provisions. Because the amendments in the rule are not substantive, these changes will not affect savings associations.

Section 302 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 provides that regulations that impose additional reporting, disclosure, or other new requirements may not take effect before the first day of the quarter following publication.² This section does not apply because this final rule imposes no additional requirements and makes only technical changes to existing regulations.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Pursuant to section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act,³ the OTS Director certifies that this technical corrections regulation will not have a

significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Executive Order 12866

OTS has determined that this rule is not a “significant regulatory action” for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

OTS has determined that the requirements of this final rule will not result in expenditures by State, local, and tribal governments, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year. Accordingly, a budgetary impact statement is not required under section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

List of Subjects

12 CFR Part 558

Savings associations.

12 CFR Part 563

Accounting, Administrative practice and procedure, Advertising, Conflict of interests, Crime, Currency, Holding companies, Investments, Mortgages, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Savings associations, Securities, Surety bonds.

12 CFR Part 564

Mortgages, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Savings associations.

12 CFR Part 567

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Savings associations.

12 CFR Part 574

Administrative practice and procedure, Holding companies, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Savings associations, Securities.

■ Accordingly, the Office of Thrift Supervision amends title 12, chapter V of the Code of Federal Regulations, as set forth below.

PART 558—POSSESSION BY CONSERVATORS AND RECEIVERS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 558 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1462, 1462a 1463, 1464, 1467a.

■ 2. Amend § 558.1 by removing paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) and redesignating paragraphs (b)(3) through (b)(7) as paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(5).

■ 3. Revise § 558.2 to read as follows:

§ 558.2 Notice of appointment.

(a) When the Director of OTS issues an order for the appointment of a conservator or receiver, the Director will designate the persons or entities whose employees or agents must, before the conservator or receiver takes possession of the savings association:

(1) Give notice of the appointment to any officer or employee who is present in and appears to be in charge at the principal office of the savings association as determined by OTS.

(2) Serve a copy of the order for the appointment upon the savings association or upon the conservator by:

(i) Leaving a certified copy of the order of appointment at the principal office of the savings association as determined by OTS; or

(ii) Handing a certified copy of the order of appointment to the previous conservator of the savings association, or to the officer or employee of the savings association, or to the previous conservator who is present in and appears to be in charge at the principal office of the savings association as determined by OTS.

(3) File with the Secretary of OTS a statement that includes the date and time that notice of the appointment was given and service of the order of appointment was made.

(b) If the Director of OTS appoints a conservator or receiver under this part, OTS will immediately file a notice of the appointment for publication in the **Federal Register**.

PART 563—SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS—OPERATIONS

■ 4. The authority citation for part 563 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 375b, 1462, 1462a, 1463, 1464, 1467a, 1468, 1817, 1820, 1828, 1831o, 3806; 31 U.S.C. 5318; 42 U.S.C. 4106.

§ 563.43 [Amended]

■ 5. Amend the introductory paragraph of § 563.43 by removing “12 CFR Part 215, subparts A and B of the Federal Reserve Board’s Regulation O, with the exception of 12 CFR 215.13,” and adding “the Federal Reserve Board’s Regulation O (12 CFR Part 215),” in its place.

PART 564—APPRAISALS

■ 6. The authority citation for Part 564 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1462, 1462a, 1463, 1464, 1828(m), 3331 *et seq.*

§ 564.8 [Amended]

■ 7. Amend § 564.8(a) by removing “§§ 563.170 and 563.172 of this part”

¹ 5 U.S.C. 553.

² Pub. L. 103–325, 12 U.S.C. 4802.

³ Pub. L. 96–354, 5 U.S.C. 601.

and adding “§ 563.170 of this chapter” in its place.

PART 567—CAPITAL

■ 8. The authority citation for Part 567 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1462, 1462a, 1463, 1464, 1467a, 1828 (note).

§ 567.5 [Amended]

■ 9. Amend § 567.5 by removing paragraphs (b)(1)(iv) and (v) and redesignating paragraphs (b)(1)(vi) and (vii) as paragraphs (b)(1)(iv) and (v).

§ 567.12 [Amended]

■ 10. Amend § 567.12 by removing paragraph (g) and redesignating paragraph (h) as paragraph (g).

PART 574—ACQUISITION OF CONTROL OF SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS

■ 11. The authority citation for Part 574 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1467a, 1817, 1831i.

§ 574.2 [Amended]

■ 12. Amend § 574.2(c)(3) by removing “§ 563b.2(a)(39)” and adding “§ 563b.25 of this chapter” in its place.

Dated: December 19, 2007.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

John M. Reich,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 23

[Docket No. CE285; Special Conditions No. 23-225-SC]

Special Conditions: AmSafe Aviation; Inflatable Restraints Installation; Approved Model List of Normal and Utility Category Airplanes, and Agricultural Airplanes Certificated in the Normal/Utility/Restricted Category

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final special conditions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: These special conditions are issued for AmSafe Aviation for a list of approved models. These airplanes, as modified by AmSafe Aviation, will have novel and unusual design features associated with the lap belt or shoulder harness portion of the safety belt, which contains an integrated airbag device.

The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate and appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the airworthiness standards.

DATES: The effective date of these special conditions is December 26, 2007. Comments must be received on or before February 1, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Mail two copies of your comments on these special conditions to: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Regional Counsel, ACE-7, Attention: Rules Docket, Docket No. CE285, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, or you may deliver two copies to the Regional Counsel at the above address. Mark your comments: Docket No. CE285. You may inspect comments in the Rules Docket weekdays, except Federal holidays, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bob Stegeman, Federal Aviation Administration, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, ACE-111, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri, 816-329-4140, fax 816-329-4090, e-mail Robert.Stegeman@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA has determined that notice and opportunity for prior public comment hereon are impracticable because these procedures would significantly delay issuance of the approval design and thus delivery of the affected aircraft. In addition, the substance of these special conditions has been subject to the public comment process in several prior instances with no substantive comments received. The FAA therefore finds that good cause exists for making these special conditions effective upon issuance.

Comments Invited

We invite interested persons to participate in the making of these proposed special conditions by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Identify the regulatory docket or notice number and submit the comments in duplicate to the address specified above. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the special conditions, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the Administrator. The special conditions may be changed in light of the

comments received. All comments received will be available in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this rulemaking will be filed in the docket. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this notice must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: “Comments to CE285.” The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Background

On March 8, 2007, AmSafe Aviation, 1043 North 47th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85043, applied for a supplemental type certificate for the installation of inflatable restraints in additional airplane models included herein that were certificated prior to the dynamic seat rule specified in 14 CFR part 23, § 23.562 and in agricultural airplanes.

AmSafe Aviation has previously applied for and obtained an Approved Model List (AML) Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) for the installation of Inflatable Two-, Three-, Four- or Five-Point Restraint Safety Belts with an Integrated Airbag Device in airplanes certificated in the Part 23 Normal/Utility categories.

The current AML STC does not allow airbags in agricultural aircraft. However, AmSafe recently provided the FAA data showing the installation of inflatable restraints in agricultural airplanes would have a positive safety effect. This special condition amends the existing AML STC to include additional normal category aircraft and to allow airbag installation in agricultural aircraft.

The inflatable restraint system is either a two-, three-, four-, or five-point safety belt restraint system consisting of a shoulder harness and a lap belt with an inflatable airbag attached to either the lap belt or the shoulder harness. The inflatable portion of the restraint system will rely on sensors to electronically activate the inflator for deployment. The inflatable restraint system will be made available on the pilot, co-pilot, and passenger seats of these airplanes.

If an emergency landing occurs, the airbag will inflate and provide a protective cushion between the occupant's head and structure within the airplane. This will reduce the potential for head and torso injury. The inflatable restraint behaves in a manner that is similar to an automotive airbag. However, in this case, the airbag is integrated into the lap or shoulder belt.