

to the private sector. UMRA generally requires agencies to consider alternatives and adopt the more cost effective or least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule. This rule contains no Federal mandates, as defined in Title II of UMRA, for State, local, and Tribal governments or private sector. Therefore, this rule is not subject to the requirements of sections 202 and 205 of UMRA.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the rule does not change the approved information collection approved under OMB control number 0560–0238, General Program Administration.

#### E-Government Act Compliance

FSA is committed to complying with the E-Government Act, to promote the use of the internet and other information technologies to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services and other purposes.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 761

Accounting, Loan programs—agriculture, Rural areas.

For reasons discussed above, FSA amends 7 CFR chapter VII as follows:

#### PART 761—FARM LOAN PROGRAMS; GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

■ 1. The authority citation for part 761 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301 and 7 U.S.C. 1989.

■ 2. Revise § 761.1(b) to read as follows:

##### § 761.1 Introduction.

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(b) The Deputy Administrator:  
 (1) Delegates to each State Executive Director within the State Executive Director's jurisdiction the authority, and in the absence of the State Executive Director, the person acting in that position, to act for, on behalf of, and in the name of the United States of America or the Farm Service Agency to do and perform acts necessary in connection with making and guaranteeing loans, such as, but not limited to, making advances, servicing loans and other indebtedness, and obtaining, servicing, and enforcing or releasing security and other instruments related to the loan. For actions that do not result in a loss to the Farm Service Agency, a State Executive Director may redelegate authorities received under this paragraph to a Farm Loan Chief, Farm Loan Specialist, District Director,

Farm Loan Manager, or Senior Farm Loan Officer, Farm Loan Officer, Loan Analyst, Loan Resolution Specialist, or Program Technician.

(2) May establish procedures for further redelegation or limitation of authority.

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**Steven J. Peterson,**

*Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Institute of Food and Agriculture

#### 7 CFR Part 3434

RIN 0524–AA39

#### Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACU) Certification Process

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment to NIFA regulations updates the list of institutions that are granted Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACU) certification by the Secretary and are eligible for HSACU programs for the period starting October 1, 2017, and ending September 30, 2018.

**DATES:** This rule is effective March 19, 2018 and applicable October 1, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joanna Moore; Senior Policy Specialist; National Institute of Food and Agriculture; U.S. Department of Agriculture; STOP 2272; 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–2272; Voice: 202–690–6011; Fax: 202–401–7752; Email: [jmoore@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:jmoore@nifa.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### HSACU Institutions for Fiscal Year 2018

This rule makes changes to the existing list of institutions in appendix B of 7 CFR part 3434. The list of institutions is amended to reflect the institutions that are granted HSACU certification by the Secretary and are eligible for HSACU programs for the period starting October 1, 2017, and ending September 30, 2018.

##### Certification Process

As stated in 7 CFR 3434.4, an institution must meet the following criteria to receive HSACU certification:

(1) Be a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), (2) offer agriculture-related degrees, (3) not appear on the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS), (4) be accredited, and (5) award at least 15% of agriculture-related degrees to Hispanic students over the two most recent academic years.

NIFA obtained the latest report from the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics that lists all HSIs and the degrees conferred by these institutions (completion data) during the 2015–16 academic year. NIFA used this report to identify HSIs that conferred a degree in an instructional program that appears in appendix A of 7 CFR part 3434 and to confirm that over the 2014–15 and 2015–16 academic years at least 15% of the degrees in agriculture-related fields were awarded to Hispanic students. NIFA further confirmed that these institutions were nationally accredited and were not on the exclusions listing in the System for Award Management (<https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#11>).

The updated list of HSACUs is based on (1) completions data from 2014–15 and 2015–16, and (2) enrollment data from Fall 2016. NIFA identified 147 institutions that met the eligibility criteria to receive HSACU certification for FY 2018 (October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018).

#### Declaration of Intent To Opt Out of HSACU Designation and Apply for Non Land-Grant College of Agriculture (NLGCA) Designation

As set forth in Section 7101 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113–79), which amends 7 U.S.C. 3103, an institution that is eligible to be designated as an HSACU may notify the Secretary of its intent not to be considered an HSACU. Institutions that opt out of HSACU designation will have the option to apply for designation as a Non-Land Grant College of Agriculture (NLGCA) institution. To opt out of designation as an HSACU, an authorized official at the institution must submit a declaration of intent not to be considered an HSACU to NIFA by email at [NLGCA.status@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:NLGCA.status@nifa.usda.gov). In accordance with Section 7101, a declaration by an institution not to be considered an HSACU shall remain in effect until September 30, 2018. To be eligible for NLGCA designation, institutions must be public colleges or universities offering baccalaureate or higher degrees in the study of food and agricultural sciences, as defined in 7 U.S.C. 3103. An online form to request NLGCA designation is available at <http://nifa.usda.gov/webform/request->

*non-land-grant-college-agriculture-designation.*

In FYs 2016 and 2017, one institution opted out of HSACU designation and received NLGCA designation, hence that institution is excluded from the FY 2018 HSACU list.

**Appeal Process**

As set forth in 7 CFR 3434.8, NIFA will permit HSI's that are not granted HSACU certification to submit an appeal within 30 days of the publication of this document.

**Classification**

This rule relates to internal agency management. Accordingly, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, notice of proposed rulemaking and opportunity for comment are not required, and this rule may be made effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. This rule also is exempt from the provisions of Executive Order 12866. This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, or the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, and thus is exempt from the provisions of those Acts. This rule contains no information collection or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 3434**

Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural research, education, extension, Hispanic-serving institutions, Federal assistance.

Accordingly, part 3434 of title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as set forth below:

**PART 3434—HISPANIC-SERVING AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

- 1. The authority citation for part 3434 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 3103.

- 2. Revise appendix B to read as follows:

**Appendix B to Part 3434—List of HSACU Institutions, 2017–2018**

The institutions listed in this appendix are granted HSACU certification by the Secretary and are eligible for HSACU programs for the period starting October 1, 2017, and ending September 30, 2018. Institutions are listed alphabetically under the state of the school's location, with the campus indicated where applicable.

**Arizona (6)**

Arizona Western College  
Central Arizona College  
Cochise County Community College  
Phoenix College  
Pima Community College  
University of Arizona

**California (63)**

Allan Hancock College  
Antioch University-Los Angeles  
Bakersfield College  
Cabrillo College  
California Baptist University  
California State University-San Bernardino  
California State University-Dominguez Hills  
California State University-Long Beach  
California State University-Los Angeles  
California State University-East Bay  
University of California-Irvine  
University of California-Riverside  
University of California-Santa Barbara  
University of California-Santa Cruz  
California Lutheran University  
Chaffey College  
Craft Hills College  
College of the Desert  
College of the Sequoias  
Cosumnes River College  
Cuesta College  
Cuyamaca College  
El Camino Community College District  
Foothill College  
Fresno Pacific University  
Fullerton College  
Golden West College  
Hartnell College  
Imperial Valley College  
Las Positas College  
Long Beach City College  
Los Angeles Pierce College  
Mendocino College  
Merced College  
Mills College  
MiraCosta College  
Modesto Junior College  
Mt. San Antonio College  
Mt. San Jacinto Community College District  
Napa Valley College  
National University  
Orange Coast College  
Pacific Union College  
Porterville College  
Reedley College  
Santa Ana College  
Santa Barbara City College  
Santa Monica College  
San Bernardino Valley College  
San Diego City College  
San Diego Mesa College  
San Diego State University  
San Jose State University  
Saint Mary's College of California  
Southwestern College  
University of California-Irvine  
University of California-Riverside  
University of California-Santa Cruz  
Victor Valley College  
West Hills College-Coalinga  
Whittier College  
Woodland Community College  
Yuba College

**Colorado (2)**

Aims Community College  
Community College of Denver

**Florida (5)**

Broward College  
Florida International University  
Miami Dade College  
Palm Beach State College  
Valencia College

**Illinois (1)**

Dominican University

**Kansas (3)**

Dodge City Community College  
Garden City Community College  
Seward County Community College and Area Technical School

**Massachusetts (1)**

Springfield Technical Community College

**Nevada (2)**

College of Southern Nevada  
Truckee Meadows Community College

**New Jersey (5)**

Essex County College  
Kern University  
Saint Peter's University

**New Mexico (10)**

Central New Mexico Community College  
Eastern New Mexico University-Main Campus  
Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Campus  
Mesalands Community College  
New Mexico Highlands University  
Northern New Mexico College  
Santa Fe Community College  
Western New Mexico University  
University of New Mexico—Los Alamos Campus  
University of New Mexico-Main Campus

**New York (5)**

CUNY City College  
CUNY Hunter College  
CUNY LaGuardia Community College  
Mercy College  
SUNY Westchester Community College

**Oregon (1)**

Chemeketa Community College

**Puerto Rico (15)**

Instituto Tecnológico de Puerto Rico-Recinto de Manatí  
Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Aguadilla  
Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Bayamon  
Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Metro  
Inter American University of Puerto Rico-San German  
Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Ponce  
Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico-Ponce  
Universidad Del Turabo  
Universidad Metropolitana  
University of Puerto Rico-Arecibo  
University of Puerto Rico-Humacao  
University of Puerto Rico-Utuado  
University of Puerto Rico-Medical Sciences  
University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras  
University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez

**Texas (24)**

Concordia University-Texas  
Houston Community College  
McLennan Community College  
Odessa College  
Palo Alto College  
Saint Edwards's University  
San Antonio College  
Southwest Texas Junior College  
South Plains College  
St. Mary's University  
Tarrant County College District  
Texas State Technical College  
Texas A & M International University  
Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi  
The University of Texas at El Paso  
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
The University of Texas at San Antonio  
The University of Texas at Brownsville  
University of Houston  
University of Houston-Clear Lake  
University of the Incarnate Word  
University of St. Thomas  
Western Texas College  
Wayland Baptist University

**Washington (4)**

Columbia Basin College  
Heritage University  
Wenatchee Valley College  
Yakima Valley Community College

Done in Washington, DC, this 8th day of March 2018.

**Sonny Ramaswamy,**

*Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. FAA-2017-0903; Product Identifier 2017-NM-074-AD; Amendment 39-19225; AD 2018-06-05]

RIN 2120-AA64

**Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain The Boeing Company Model 737-300 and -500 series airplanes. This AD was prompted by a report indicating that fatigue cracks were found in the lower wing skin of an airplane with winglets installed. This AD requires repetitive inspections for cracking of the lower wing skin, and repair if necessary. We are issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective April 23, 2018.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of April 23, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** For service information identified in this final rule, contact Aviation Partners Boeing, 2811 South 102nd St., Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98168; phone: 1-206-830-7699; fax: 1-206-767-3355; email: [leng@aviationpartners.com](mailto:leng@aviationpartners.com); internet: <http://www.aviationpartnersboeing.com>. You may view this service information at the FAA, Transport Standards Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195. It is also available on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2017-0903.

**Examining the AD Docket**

You may examine the AD docket on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2017-0903; 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 final rule, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The address for the Docket Office (phone: 800-647-5527) is Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lu Lu, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Section, FAA, Seattle ACO Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone and fax: 206-231-3525; email: [lu.lu@faa.gov](mailto:lu.lu@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Discussion**

We issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain The Boeing Company Model 737-300 and -500 series airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on October 6, 2017 (82 FR 46725). The NPRM was prompted by a report indicating that fatigue cracks were found in the lower wing skin of an airplane with winglets installed. The NPRM proposed to require repetitive inspections for cracking of the lower wing skin, and repair if necessary.

We are issuing this AD to detect and correct fatigue cracking of the lower wing skin common to the runout of stringer L-5. Such cracking could grow

and result in loss of structural integrity of the wing, and consequent reduced, or complete loss of, controllability of the airplane.

**Comments**

We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this final rule. The following presents the comments received on the NPRM and the FAA's response to each comment. Aviation Partners Boeing concurred with the proposed AD.

**Request for Manufacturer To Share Expense**

One commenter, Mary Lou Allen, requested that the airplane manufacturer share in the expense with the airplane's purchaser or owner, because of the high costs associated with supplemental type certificates. We infer that the commenter wants manufacturers to be required to help pay for compliance with the proposed AD.

We do not agree to this request. We provide estimates of the cost on U.S. operators for AD compliance, but do not determine who is responsible for payment. We are aware that airplane manufacturers and modifiers often have warranty agreements with owners and operators to cover some or all of the costs of modifications or repairs, but we do not participate in these agreements. We have not changed this AD in this regard.

**Conclusion**

We reviewed the relevant data, considered the comments received, and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting this final rule as proposed, except for minor editorial changes. We have determined that these minor changes:

- Are consistent with the intent that was proposed in the NPRM for correcting the unsafe condition; and
- Do not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed in the NPRM.

**Related Service Information Under 14 CFR Part 51**

We reviewed Aviation Partners Boeing Service Bulletin AP737C-57-002, dated April 5, 2017. The service information describes procedures for repetitive inspections for cracking of the lower wing skin, and repair if necessary. This service information is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.