

(ii) Debts arising under the tariff laws of the United States;

(iii) Any case where collection of a debt by salary offset is explicitly provided for or prohibited by another statute (e.g., travel advances in 5 U.S.C. 5705 and employee training expenses in 5 U.S.C. 4108); or

(iv) Any other debt excluded by the FCCS or 31 CFR part 285.

(3) *Compromise, suspension, or termination of collection actions.* This subpart does not preclude the compromise, suspension, or termination of collection actions, where appropriate, as provided in the FCCS (31 CFR 900.4) or the use of alternative dispute resolution methods if they are not inconsistent with agency-specific laws and regulations.

3. In § 550.1103, the definition of "FCCS" is revised to read as follows:

§ 550.1103 Definitions.

FCCS means the Federal Claims Collections Standards published in 31 CFR parts 900 through 904.

4. In § 550.1104, paragraphs (d)(3), (i), and (j) are revised to read as follows:

§ 550.1104 Agency regulations.

(d) * * *

(3) The frequency and amount of the intended deduction (stated as a fixed dollar amount or as a percentage of pay, not to exceed 15 percent of disposable pay except as provided in paragraph (i) of this section) and the intention to continue the deductions until the debt is paid in full or otherwise resolved;

(i) *Limitation on amount of deductions.* Prescribe the limitations on the amount of the deduction. Ordinarily, the size of installment deductions must bear a reasonable relationship to the size of the debt and the employee's ability to pay (see the FCCS). However, the amount deducted for any period may not exceed 15 percent of the disposable pay from which the deduction is made, unless the employee has agreed in writing to the deduction of a greater amount or a higher deduction has been ordered by a court under section 124 of Public Law 97-276 (96 Stat.1195).

(j) *Duration of deductions.* Prescribe the duration of deductions. Ordinarily, debts must be collected in one lump sum where possible. However, if the employee is financially unable to pay in one lump sum or the amount of the debt exceeds 15 percent of disposable pay (or

other applicable limitation as provided in paragraph (i) of this section) for an officially established pay interval, collection must be made in installments. Such installment deductions must be made over a period not greater than the anticipated period of active duty or employment, as the case may be, except as provided in paragraphs (l) and (m) of this section.

5. Section 550.1106 is revised to read as follows:

§ 550.1106 Time limit on collection of debts.

Agencies may initiate salary offset to collect a debt without time limitations on any debt outstanding after the Government's right to collect the debt first accrued. (See § 550.1108 for requirement when debts are delinquent over 180 days.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2011-0392; Directorate Identifier 2011-NE-12-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CT7-8, CT7-8A, CT7-8A1, CT7-8E, and CT7-8F5 Turboshift Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for the products listed above. This proposed AD would require the installation of an accessory gearbox (AGB) axis-A oil slinger nut to the axis-A shaft assembly. This proposed AD was prompted by four reports of unrecoverable engine stalls, during hover in a left-roll attitude. We are proposing this AD to prevent an unrecoverable engine stall, leading to a helicopter forced landing or accident.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by June 16, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments 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.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- *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 proposed AD, contact GE-Aviation, M/D Rm. 285, One Neumann Way, Cincinnati, OH 45215; telephone: 513-552-3272; e-mail: geaeaac@ge.com. You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 781-238-7125.

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:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include "Docket No. FAA-2011-0392; Directorate Identifier 2011-NE-12-AD" at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposed AD because of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact we receive about this proposed AD.

Discussion

We received four reports of General Electric Company (GE) CT7–8 series turboshaft helicopter engines experiencing unrecoverable engine stalls, during hover in a left-roll attitude. Investigation revealed that during a prolonged left roll, excessive return oil from the AGB may return to the A-sump and exceed the sump's scavenging capability. The sump then floods, leading to over-heated oil, which preheats the air entering the engine's compressor. This preheated air causes inlet thermal distortion. This condition, if not corrected, could result in an unrecoverable engine stall, leading to a helicopter forced landing or accident.

Relevant Service Information

We reviewed GE Aircraft Engines CT7–8 Turboshaft Engine Service Bulletin (SB) No. CT7–8 S/B 72–0033, dated February 11, 2011. The SB describes procedures for installing the AGB axis-A oil slinger nut to the axis-A shaft assembly.

FAA's Determination

We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all the relevant information and determined the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop in other engines of the same type design.

Proposed AD Requirements

This proposed AD would require the installation of an AGB axis-A oil slinger nut to the axis-A shaft assembly.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this proposed AD would affect 80 engines installed on helicopters of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it would take about one work-hour per engine to perform the actions required by this proposed AD, and that the average labor rate is \$85 per work-hour. Required parts would cost about \$700 per engine. Based on these figures, we estimate the total cost of the proposed AD to U.S. operators to be \$62,800.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in subtitle VII, part A, subpart III, section 44701: "General requirements." Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with

promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

We determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Is not a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979),
- (3) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (4) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

General Electric Company: Docket No. FAA–2011–0392; Directorate Identifier 2011–NE–12–AD.

Comments Due Date

- (a) We must receive comments by June 16, 2011.

Affected ADs

- (b) None.

Applicability

(c) This AD applies to the following General Electric Company (GE) turboshaft engines:

- (1) CT7–8, all engine serial numbers (S/Ns).
- (2) CT7–8A, engine S/Ns 947565 and below.
- (3) CT7–8A1, engine S/Ns 530017 and below.
- (4) CT7–8E, engine S/Ns 953068 and below, and S/Ns 953070 and 953072.
- (5) CT7–8F5, engine S/Ns 731005 and below, and S/Ns 731007, 731008, 817021, and 817022.

Unsafe Condition

(d) This AD was prompted by four reports of unrecoverable engine stalls, during hover in a left-roll attitude. We are issuing this AD to prevent an unrecoverable engine stall, leading to a helicopter forced landing or accident.

Compliance

(e) Comply with this AD at the next engine shop visit, the next 1,500-hour helicopter inspection, or before operation after next engine installation, whichever occurs first, unless already done.

Installation of Accessory Gearbox (AGB) Axis-A Oil Slinger Nut

(f) Install the AGB axis-A oil slinger nut to the axis-A shaft assembly. Use Accomplishment Instructions, paragraphs 3.A. through 3.C. of GE Aircraft Engines CT7–8 Turboshaft Engine Service Bulletin No. CT7–8 S/B 72–0033, dated February 11, 2011, to do the installation.

Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(g) The Manager, Engine Certification Office, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

Related Information

(h) For more information about this AD, contact Walter Meibaum, Aerospace Engineer, Engine & Propeller Directorate, FAA, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: 781–238–7119; fax: 781–238–7199; e-mail: walter.meibaum@faa.gov.

(i) For service information identified in this AD, contact GE-Aviation, M/D Rm. 285, One Neumann Way, Cincinnati, OH 45215; telephone: 513–552–3272; e-mail: geaeaoc@ge.com. You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 781–238–7125.

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