

Cost Impact

There are approximately 331 airplanes of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 285 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD, that it would take approximately 16 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Required parts would cost approximately \$2,368 per airplane. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$948,480, or \$3,328, per airplane.

The cost impact figure discussed above is based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the proposed requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this proposed AD were not adopted. The cost impact figures discussed in AD rulemaking actions represent only the time necessary to perform the specific actions actually required by the AD. These figures typically do not include incidental costs, such as the time required to gain access and close up, planning time, or time necessitated by other administrative actions.

Regulatory Impact

The regulations proposed herein 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. Therefore, it is determined that this proposal would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that 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); and (3) if promulgated, 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. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (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. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Learjet: Docket 2000–NM–128–AD.

Applicability: Model 55 series airplanes, serial numbers 55–003 through 55–147 inclusive, and Model 60 airplanes, serial numbers 60–002 through 60–189 inclusive; certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (b) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent bottoming of the valve components before contact of the brake valve lever with the stop, which could result in loss of all hydraulic fluid and consequent loss of normal braking; accomplish the following:

Replacement of Brake Valve Lever Stop Switch

(a) Within 300 flight hours or one year after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first, accomplish the actions specified in paragraph (a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3), as applicable.

(1) For Learjet Model 60 airplanes having serial numbers 60–002 through 60–093 inclusive, and 60–095 through 60–188 inclusive: Replace the existing brake valve lever stop switch with a new brake valve lever stop switch, and replace the brake valve adjustment screws with new improved screws, per Bombardier Service Bulletin 60–32–10, Revision 1, dated June 22, 2000.

(2) For Learjet Model 60 airplanes having serial number 60–094 or 60–189: Replace the brake valve adjustment screws with new improved screws, per Bombardier Service Bulletin 60–32–10, Revision 1, dated June 22, 2000.

(3) For Learjet Model 55 series airplanes having serial numbers 55–003 through 55–147 inclusive: Replace the existing brake valve lever stop with a new brake valve lever stop, and replace the brake valve adjustment screws with new improved screws, per Bombardier Service Bulletin 55–32–14, dated November 9, 1999.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(b) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Wichita ACO.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Wichita ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(c) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on March 12, 2001.

Vi L. Lipski,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2000–NM–262–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA), Model CN–235 Series Airplanes

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 CASA Model CN–235 series airplanes. This proposal would require modification of the rigging of the engine control cable assembly and replacement of either the entire engine control cable assembly or a segment of the control cables. This proposal is prompted by issuance of mandatory continuing airworthiness information issued by a foreign airworthiness authority. This

action is necessary to prevent fatigue of the engine control cables, leading to breakage of the cables, which could result in reduced controllability of the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-NM-262-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 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. 2000-NM-262-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 for Windows or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A., Getafe, Madrid, Spain. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Rodina, Aerospace Engineer, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 10601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2125; fax (425) 227-1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this action may be changed in light of the comments received.

Submit comments using the following format:

- Organize comments issue-by-issue. For example, discuss a request to change the compliance time and a request to change the service bulletin reference as two separate issues.

- For each issue, state what specific change to the proposed AD is being requested.

- Include justification (e.g., reasons or data) for each request.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this action must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 2000-NM-262-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-NM-262-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

Discussion

The Direccion General De Aviacion Civil (DGAC), which is the airworthiness authority for Spain, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain CASA Model CN-235 series airplanes. The DGAC reported the occurrence of three in-service incidents of the breakage of a segment of the engine control cable assembly of the power plant, due to incorrect rigging of the system. In two of these incidents, the broken cable was that of the power lever. In the other incident, the broken cable was that of the condition lever. This incorrect rigging, if not corrected, could result in fatigue of the engine control cables, leading to breakage of the cables, which could result in reduced controllability of the airplane.

Explanation of Relevant Service Information

The manufacturer has issued CASA COM 235-140, Revision 01, dated March 21, 2000, which appends a portion of the revised Aircraft Maintenance Manual to modify the rigging of the power levers and condition levers of the engine control stops to eliminate overload on the engine control cables. CASA COM 235-140 also recommends the replacement

of either the entire engine control cable assembly or only that segment of the control cable which has been found to be broken in the three incidents.

Accomplishment of the actions specified in CASA COM 235-140 is intended to adequately address the identified unsafe condition. The DGAC classified this document as mandatory and issued Spanish airworthiness directive 03/00, dated March 2000, in order to assure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in Spain.

FAA's Conclusions

This airplane model is manufactured in Spain and is type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of section 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the DGAC has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of the DGAC, reviewed all available information, and determined that AD action is necessary for products of this type design that are certificated for operation in the United States.

Explanation of Requirements of Proposed Rule

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other airplanes of the same type design registered in the United States, the proposed AD would require accomplishment of the actions specified in the service information described previously.

Cost Impact

The FAA estimates that 2 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD.

It would take approximately 8 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed modification of the rigging of the engine control cable assembly, at an average labor rate of \$60 per work hour. Based on these figures, the cost impact of modifying the rigging on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$960, or \$480 per airplane.

It would take approximately 47 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed replacement of either the engine control cable assembly or a segment of the control cables, at an average labor rate of \$60 per work hour. Required parts would cost approximately \$1,444 per airplane. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the proposed replacement on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$8,528, or \$4,264 per airplane.

The cost impact figures discussed above are based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the proposed requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this proposed AD were not adopted. The cost impact figures discussed in AD rulemaking actions represent only the time necessary to perform the specific actions actually required by the AD. These figures typically do not include incidental costs, such as the time required to gain access and close up, planning time, or time necessitated by other administrative actions.

Regulatory Impact

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For the reasons discussed above, I certify that 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); and (3) if promulgated, 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. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption ADDRESSES.

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The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (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. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA): Docket 2000–NM–262–AD.

Applicability: Model CN–235 series airplanes, serial numbers C001 to C074, certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (c) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent fatigue of the engine control system cables, which could lead to breakage of the engine control cables, which could result in reduced controllability of the airplane, accomplish the following:

Modification

(a) Within 15 days after the effective date of this AD: Rig the power lever and condition lever control stops, in accordance with CASA COM 235–140, Revision 01, dated March 21, 2000.

Replacement

(b) Prior to the accumulation of 12,000 total flight cycles or within 6 months after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later: Replace either the entire engine control cable assembly (part number 7–44728–12) with a new assembly or replace a segment of the control cable (part number 72830–20) with a new segment, in accordance with CASA COM 235–140, Revision 01, dated March 21, 2000.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(c) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the International Branch, ANM–116.

Special Flight Permits

(d) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in Spanish airworthiness directive 03/00, dated March 2000.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on March 12, 2001.

Vi L. Lipski,

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Aircraft Certification Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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14 CFR Part 39

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Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B2, A300 B4, A310, A319, A320, A321, A330, and A340 Series Airplanes; and Model A300 B4–600, A300 B4–600R, and A300 F4–600R (Collectively Called A300–600) Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes to supersede an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to all Airbus Model A300 B2, A300 B4, A310, A330, and A340 series airplanes; all Model A300 B4–600, A300 B4–600R, and A300 F4–600R (collectively called A300–600) series airplanes; and all A319, A320, A321 series airplanes. That AD requires repetitive checks of the alternate braking system, and replacement of the braking dual distribution valve (BDDV) if necessary. This action would require, for certain airplanes, inspecting and/or replacing the BDDV cover with an improved cover. For all other airplanes, this action would provide for optional termination of the repetitive checks. This action would also revise the applicability of the existing AD. This proposal is prompted by issuance of mandatory continuing airworthiness information by a foreign civil airworthiness authority. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent failure of the alternate braking system, which could result in the airplane overrunning the end of the runway during landing.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000–NM–267–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056.