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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

11 CFR Parts 100, 114, and 117

[Notice 2002-2]

The Internet and Federal Elections; Candidate-Related Materials on Web Sites of Individuals, Corporations and Labor Organizations

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Public Hearing.

SUMMARY: The Federal Election Commission is announcing a public hearing on proposed changes to its regulations to clarify the status of campaign-related Internet activity conducted by individuals, and of hyperlinks and endorsement press releases on Internet Web sites established by corporations and labor organizations.

DATES: The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2002. Requests to testify must be received on or before March 1, 2002. Persons requesting to testify also must submit written comments by March 1, 2002, if they have not previously filed written comments on the proposed rules.

ADDRESSES: Requests to testify and any accompanying comments should be addressed to Rosemary C. Smith, Assistant General Counsel, and must be submitted in either written or electronic form. Written comments should be sent to the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463. Faxed comments should be sent to (202) 219-3923, with printed copy follow-up to insure legibility. Electronic mail comments should be sent to internetnprm@fec.gov. Persons sending requests and comments by electronic mail must include their full name, electronic mail address and postal service address within the text of the request or comments. Commission hearings are held in the Commission's ninth floor meeting room, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosemary C. Smith, Assistant General

Counsel, or Richard T. Ewell, Staff Attorney, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463, (202) 694-1650 or (800) 424-9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 3, 2001, the Commission published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ["NPRM"] addressing three issues relating to the use of the Internet for campaign-related activity: (1) The application of the volunteer exemption in 2 U.S.C. 431(8)(B)(i) and (ii) to Internet activity by individuals; (2) The status of hyperlinks placed on corporate and labor organization Web sites; and (3) The status of corporate and labor organization press releases that announce candidate endorsements and are made available to the general public on the corporation or labor organization's Web site. 66 FR 50358, *et seq.* (Oct. 3, 2001). The comment period for the NPRM ended on December 3, 2001. Twenty-four comments were received by the Commission in response to the NPRM. Two commenters requested to testify at a public hearing if one is held.

After considering these requests and the other comments received to date in response to the NPRM, the Commission believes a public hearing would be helpful in considering the issues raised in the rulemaking. The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on March 20, 2002.

Dated: February 8, 2002.

David M. Mason,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-SW-52-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model EC120B Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for Eurocopter France (ECF) Model

EC120B helicopters. This proposal would require inspecting the attachment of the bolted assemblies of the cyclic pitch flight control torque tube (torque tube) for an appropriate locking device. If a bolted assembly is single-locked, the proposed AD would require, if necessary, tightening the self-locking nuts at certain intervals and modifying the torque tube after a certain time. This proposal is prompted by the discovery that some of the attachments of the torque tube were fastened with a single-locking device instead of the intended double-locking device. The actions specified by this proposed AD are intended to prevent separation of the cyclic pitch stick yokes from the torque tube, loss of cyclic control, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001-SW-52-AD, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137. You may also send comments electronically to the Rules Docket at the following address: 9-asw-adcomments@faa.gov. Comments may be inspected at the Office of the Regional Counsel between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Monschke, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, Rotorcraft Directorate, Rotorcraft Standards Staff, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0110, telephone (817) 222-5116, fax (817) 222-5961.

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 should 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 will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this document may be changed in light of the comments received.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic,