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List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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:

2001-12-14 Boeing: Amendment 39-12269. Docket 2000-NM-320-AD.

Applicability: Model 747-400 series airplanes, as listed in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-30A2078, Revision 1, dated November 16, 2000; 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 reduced power to the heating system of the pitot static probes, leading to ice accumulation on the pitot static probes, which could result in erroneous airspeed or altitude indications to the flight crew, and consequent reduced operational safety in all phases of flight, accomplish the following:

Inspection

(a) Within 15 months after the effective date of this AD, perform a special detailed

inspection to detect miswiring of diodes in the heating system of the pitot static probes by using a multimeter to verify continuity between certain relay sockets, absence of a diode between certain relay sockets, and diode orientation between certain relay sockets, per Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-30A2078, Revision 1, dated November 16, 2000. If any miswiring is found, prior to further flight, rewire per Boeing 747-400 Wiring Diagrams 30-31-11 and 30-31-21, as referenced in the service bulletin.

Note 2: Inspections accomplished prior to the effective date of this AD per Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-30A2078, dated August 24, 2000, are considered acceptable for compliance with the applicable action specified in this amendment.

Note 3: For the purposes of this AD, a special detailed inspection is defined as: "An intensive examination of a specific item(s), installation, or assembly to detect damage, failure, or irregularity. The examination is likely to make extensive use of specialized inspection techniques and/or equipment. Intricate cleaning and substantial access or disassembly procedures may be required."

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, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO.

Note 4: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle 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.

Incorporation by Reference

(d) Except as provided by paragraph (a) of this AD, The actions shall be done in accordance with Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-30A2078, Revision 1, dated November 16, 2000. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

Effective Date

(e) This amendment becomes effective on July 25, 2001.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 11, 2001.

Donald L. Riggins,

Acting 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-323-AD; Amendment 39-12270; AD 2001-12-15]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-90-30 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain McDonnell Douglas Model MD-90-30 series airplanes, that requires revising the wiring of the selective calling (SELCAL) system. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent inadvertent very high frequency transmissions and subsequent loss of radio communications for airplane and/or airport operations; and to prevent inadvertent high frequency transmissions and subsequent electrical shock to ground service personnel and/or damage to the airplane during fueling operations or fuel tank maintenance. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Effective July 25, 2001.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of July 25, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Aircraft Group, Long Beach Division, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90846, Attention: Data and Service Management, Dept. C1-L5A (D800-0024). This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, Rules Docket, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California; or at the Office of the Federal

Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George Mabuni, Aerospace Engineer, Systems and Equipment Branch, ANM-130L, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712-4137; telephone (562) 627-5341; fax (562) 627-5210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain McDonnell Douglas Model MD-90-30 series airplanes was published in the **Federal Register** on March 20, 2001 (66 FR 15664). That action proposed to require revising the wiring of the selective calling (SELCAL) system.

Comments

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. Due consideration has been given to the single comment received.

The commenter supports the proposed rule.

Conclusion

After careful review of the available data, including the comment noted above, the FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed.

Cost Impact

There are approximately 36 Model MD-90-30 series airplanes of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 21 airplanes of U.S. registry will be affected by this AD, that it will take approximately 2 work hours per airplane to accomplish the required actions, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Required parts will cost approximately \$22 per airplane. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$2,982, or \$142 per airplane.

The cost impact figure discussed above is based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this 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 adopted herein will 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 final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) 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 final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained from the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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:

2001-12-15 McDonnell Douglas:

Amendment 39-12270. Docket 2000-NM-323-AD.

Applicability: Model MD-90-30 series airplanes, as listed in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin MD90-23A018, Revision 01, dated August 10, 2000; 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 inadvertent very high frequency transmissions and subsequent loss of radio communications for airplane and/or airport operations; and to prevent inadvertent high frequency transmissions and subsequent electrical shock to ground service personnel and/or damage to the airplane during fueling operations or fuel tank maintenance, accomplish the following:

Revise Wiring

(a) Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD, revise the wiring of the selective calling (SELCAL) system (including installing up to five diodes and reidentifying existing wires with sleeving), per Boeing Alert Service Bulletin MD90-23A018, Revision 01, dated August 10, 2000.

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, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Los Angeles ACO.

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

Incorporation by Reference

(d) The actions shall be done in accordance with Boeing Alert Service Bulletin MD90-23A018, Revision 01, dated August 10, 2000. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Aircraft Group, Long Beach Division, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90846, Attention: Data and Service Management, Dept. C1-L5A (D800-0024). Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

Effective Date

(e) This amendment becomes effective on July 25, 2001.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 11, 2001.

Donald L. Riggins,

*Acting Manager, Transport Airplane
Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-SW-02-AD; Amendment
39-12272; AD 2001-01-52 R1]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 407 Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; rescission.

SUMMARY: This amendment rescinds an existing airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to Bell Helicopter Textron Canada (BHTC) Model 407 helicopters and currently requires, before further flight, imposing never exceed velocity (Vne) restrictions on the helicopter. The requirements of that AD were intended to prevent tail rotor blades from striking the tailboom, separation of the aft section of the tailboom with the tail rotor gearbox and vertical fin, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter. That AD was prompted by an accident suspected of being the result of a tail rotor strike caused by high airspeed. Since the issuance of that AD, accident investigation findings have not substantiated that a tail rotor strike caused by high airspeed was the cause of the accident. This amendment rescinds that AD. This amendment is prompted by the FAA's determination that the Vne restrictions and accompanying actions imposed by that AD do not correct an unsafe condition. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 25, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Miles, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, Rotorcraft Directorate, Regulations Group, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0111, telephone (817) 222-5122, fax (817) 222-5961.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) by rescinding AD 2001-01-52, Amendment 39-12100 (66 FR 9031, February 6, 2001), which applies to BHTC Model 407 helicopters, was published in the **Federal Register** on April 12, 2001 (66 FR 18884). AD 2001-

01-52 requires, before further flight, reducing the maximum approved Vne to 100 KIAS if an airspeed-actuated pedal stop is not installed or to 110 KIAS if an airspeed-actuated pedal stop is installed; inserting a copy of the AD into the RFM; installing a temporary placard on the flight instrument panel to indicate the reduced Vne limit; and installing a new redline Vne limit at either 100 or 110 KIAS, as specified in the AD, on all airspeed indicators. That AD was prompted by an accident in which a helicopter was destroyed on water impact following an in-flight occurrence at approximately 140 KIAS. One of the possible contributing factors was an in-flight tail rotor strike to the tailboom. As a precautionary measure, pending further investigation into the accident, and after reviewing the AD issued by the certifying authority for the helicopter (Transport Canada), the FAA issued AD 2001-01-52 to reduce the Vne.

Further investigations conducted since the issuance of AD 2001-01-52 did not substantiate that the accident resulted from a tail rotor strike caused by high airspeed. Information provided by BHTC and reviewed by the FAA supports these findings. Transport Canada has issued a superseding AD, CF-2001-01R1, dated April 3, 2001, stating that the Vne restriction is no longer necessary. Transport Canada advises that no data has emerged from the investigation to confirm that the accident was initiated by a tail rotor strike. While the possibility of a tail rotor strike has not been completely discounted as the cause of the accident, a tail rotor strike occurrence while operating within the approved flight envelope has been discounted. The ongoing accident investigation is currently considering other factors.

After reviewing the available data, the FAA has determined that it is appropriate to rescind AD 2001-01-52 to prevent operators from performing an unnecessary action. The Vne restrictions and accompanying actions imposed by that AD do not correct an unsafe condition. The ongoing investigation found no information to indicate that the accident was caused by a tail rotor strike during flight at high airspeed. The cause of the accident precipitating AD 2001-01-52 remains under investigation.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were received on the proposal or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public. The FAA has determined that air safety and the

public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed.

The FAA estimates that 200 helicopters of U.S. registry are affected by AD 2001-01-52. The actions that are currently required by that AD take approximately 3 work hours per helicopter to manufacture and install each airspeed limitation placard. The average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Required parts cost approximately \$10 per helicopter. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$38,000 to install an airspeed limitation placard on all helicopters in the U.S. fleet. However, adopting this rescission eliminates those costs.

The regulations adopted herein will 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 final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) 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 final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained from the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas.

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Adoption of the Amendment

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