

extend the time period established by the regulations by 10 working days.

7. Amend § 792.57 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 792.57 Special Procedures: Information furnished by other agencies; medical records.

(b) When an individual requests medical records concerning himself, the NCUA official responsible for action on the request may advise the individual that the records to be released will be provided first to a physician designated in writing by the individual. The physician will provide the records to the individual.

8. Amend § 792.58 by revising the fourth sentence of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 792.58 Requests for correction or amendment to a record; administrative review of requests.

(a) * * * An individual who does not have access to NCUA's "Notice of Systems of Records," and to whom the appropriate address is otherwise unavailable, may submit a request to the Privacy Act Officer, Office of General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314-3428, in which case the request will then be referred to the appropriate NCUA official.

9. Amend § 792.59 by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 792.59 Appeal of initial determination.

(e) If access is denied because of an exemption, the individual will be notified of the right to appeal that determination to the General Counsel within 30 days after receipt. Appeals will be determined within 20 working days.

10. Amend § 792.65 by revising paragraph (a)(1) to read as follows:

§ 792.65 Fees.

(a) * * *

(1) For copies of documents provided, copy fees as stated in NCUA's current FOIA fee schedule; and

11. Amend § 792.66 by revising the first sentence of paragraph (a), and the first two sentences of paragraph (b)(1), and the first sentence of paragraph (b)(2), and adding a new paragraph (b)(4) as follows:

§ 792.66 Exemptions.

(a) NCUA maintains four systems of records that are exempted from some provisions of the Privacy Act. * * *

(b)(1) System NCUA-1, entitled "Employee Suitability Security Investigations Containing Adverse Information," consists of adverse information about NCUA employees that had been obtained as a result of routine U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) security Investigations. To the extent that NCUA maintains records in this system pursuant to OPM guidelines that may require retrieval of information by use of individual identifiers, those records are encompassed by and included in the OPM Central system of records number Central-9 entitled, "Personnel Investigations Records," and thus are subject to the exemptions promulgated by OPM. * * *

(2) System NCUA-8, entitled, "Investigative Reports Involving Any Crime or Suspicious Activity Against a Credit Union, NCUA," consists of investigatory or enforcement records about individuals suspected of involvement in violations of laws or regulations, whether criminal or administrative. * * *

(4) System NCUA-13, entitled, "Litigation Case Files," consists of investigatory materials compiled for law enforcement purposes. Records in the Litigation Case Files system are used in connection with the execution of NCUA's legal and enforcement responsibilities. Because the system covers investigatory materials compiled for law enforcement purposes, it is eligible for exemption under subsection (k)(2) of the Privacy Act. 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2). The Litigation Case Files system is exempt from subsections (c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), (I) and (f) of the Privacy Act. 5 U.S.C. 552a (c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), (I) and (f). However, if an individual is denied any right, privilege, or benefit to which he would otherwise be entitled by federal law, or for which he otherwise would be eligible, as a result of the maintenance of such records, the records or information will be made available to him, provided the identity of a confidential source is not disclosed.

12. Amend § 792.69 by revising the first sentence of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 792.69 Training and employee standards of conduct with regard to privacy.

(a) The Director of the Office of Training and Development, with advice

from the General Counsel, is responsible for training NCUA employees in the obligations imposed by the Privacy Act and this subpart. * * *

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 99-NM-329-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

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

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document revises an earlier proposed airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain McDonnell Douglas Model MD-90-30 series airplanes, that would have required replacement of certain ground block screws with new screws; and retermination of the circuit ground wires of the electrical power control unit (EPCU) to separate grounding points. That proposal was prompted by reports of complete loss of the primary electrical power on an airplane during flight. This new action revises the proposed rule by expanding the applicability of the proposed AD to include additional airplanes. The actions specified by this new proposed AD are intended to prevent a loose electrical ground block of the circuit ground wires of the EPCU, which could result in complete loss of the primary electrical power of an airplane during flight.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 99-NM-329-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 also be sent via the Internet using the following address: 9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent

via the Internet must contain "Docket No. 99-NM-329-AD" in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Aircraft Group, Long Beach Division, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90846, Attention: Technical Publications Business Administration, Dept. C1-L51 (2-60). This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

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 notice 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 notice must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 99-NM-329-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. 99-NM-329-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

Discussion

A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to add an airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain McDonnell Douglas Model MD-90-30 series airplanes, was published as a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 1999 (64 FR 68302). That NPRM would have required replacement of certain ground block screws with new screws; and retermination of the circuit ground wires of the electrical power control unit (EPCU) to separate grounding points. That NPRM was prompted by reports of complete loss of the primary electrical power on an airplane during flight. That condition, if not corrected, could result in a loose electrical ground block of the circuit ground wires of the EPCU, which could result in complete loss of the primary electrical power of an airplane during flight.

Comments

Due consideration has been given to the comment received in response to the NPRM:

One commenter requests that the FAA revise paragraph (b) of the NPRM to reference McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin MD90-24-062, dated February 3, 2000, as the appropriate source of service information for accomplishing the proposed retermination rather than a method approved by the Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate. The commenter states that referencing the service bulletin will eliminate the requirement for the ACO to approve an alternative method of compliance (AMOC), and that the proposed retermination could be accomplished easily in accordance with the service bulletin.

The FAA concurs with the commenter. Since issuance of the NPRM, the FAA has reviewed and approved McDonnell Douglas Service

Bulletin MD90-24-062, dated February 3, 2000. The service bulletin describes procedures for relocating the ground wires of the EPCU system and installing a new ground stud bracket. Accomplishment of this modification will minimize the possibility of electrical power loss of an airplane during flight. Therefore, the FAA has revised paragraph (b) of the supplemental NPRM to reference the subject service bulletin as the appropriate source of service information for accomplishing the proposed retermination. In addition, the FAA has revised the work hour estimate of the final rule for accomplishing the retermination to coincide with the estimates in the subject service bulletin.

Explanation of Changes to the Applicability of the NPRM

The applicability statement of the NPRM referenced McDonnell Douglas Alert Service Bulletin MD90-24A060, Revision 01, dated September 2, 1999, as the appropriate source of service information for determining the affected airplanes. However, the FAA has revised the applicability statement of the supplemental NPRM to also reference McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin MD90-24-062, dated February 3, 2000. McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin MD90-24-062 (described above) includes additional airplanes that are subject to the identified unsafe condition of this AD. As a result of this change, the FAA also has revised the applicability of paragraphs (a) and (b) accordingly.

Conclusion

Since these changes expand the scope of the originally proposed rule, the FAA has determined that it is necessary to reopen the comment period to provide additional opportunity for public comment.

Cost Impact

There are approximately 104 Model MD-90-30 series airplanes of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 21 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD.

It would take approximately 1 work hour per airplane to accomplish the proposed replacement, at an average labor rate of \$60 per work hour. Required parts would be procured from the operator's stock. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the replacement proposed by this AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$1,260, or \$60 per airplane.

It would take approximately 1 work hour per airplane to accomplish the

proposed retermination of the circuit ground wires of the EPCU, at an average labor rate of \$60 per work hour. The manufacturer has committed previously to its customers that it will bear the cost of replacement parts. As a result, the cost of those parts is not attributable to this proposed AD. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the retermination proposed by this AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$1,260, or \$60 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 AD were not adopted.

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:

McDonnell Douglas: Docket 99–NM–329–AD.

Applicability: Model MD–90–30 series airplanes, as listed in McDonnell Douglas Alert Service Bulletin MD90–24A060, Revision 01, dated September 2, 1999, and McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin MD90–24–062, dated February 3, 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 (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 a loose electrical ground block of the circuit ground wires of the electrical power control unit (EPCU), accomplish the following:

Replacement

(a) For airplanes listed in McDonnell Douglas Alert Service Bulletin MD90–24A060, Revision 01, dated September 2, 1999: Within 30 days after the effective of this AD, replace the electrical ground block screws with new screws in accordance with McDonnell Douglas Alert Service Bulletin MD90–24A060, Revision 01, dated September 2, 1999.

Note 2: Accomplishment of the replacement of electrical ground block screws prior to the effective date of this AD in accordance with McDonnell Douglas Alert Service Bulletin MD90–24A060, dated July 28, 1999, is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this AD.

Modification of the Electrical Power Control Unit

(b) For airplanes listed in McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin MD90–24–062, dated February 3, 2000: Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, reterminate the circuit ground wires of the EPCU to separate grounding points to ensure that a single point failure does not occur, in accordance with McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin MD90–24–062, dated February 3, 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, Los Angeles ACO. 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 3: 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

(d) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 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 June 6, 2000.

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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–104–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300, A300–600, and A310 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the superseding of an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Airbus Model A300 and all Model A300–600 and A310 series airplanes, that currently requires performing a pitch trim system test to detect any continuity defect in the autotrim function, and follow-on corrective actions, if necessary. This action would require repetitive inspections of the autotrim function to detect such defects, and corrective actions, if necessary. This action also would expand the applicability to include additional airplanes. 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 a sudden change in pitch due to an out-of-trim condition combined with an autopilot disconnect, which could result in reduced controllability of the airplane.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 12, 2000.