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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 25

[Docket No. NM233; Special Conditions No. 25-217-SC]

Special Conditions: Bombardier Aerospace Model CL-600-2D24 (RJ900) Airplane; Sudden Engine Stoppage

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final special conditions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: These special conditions are issued for the Bombardier Aerospace Model CL-600-2D24 (RJ900) airplane. This airplane will have a novel or unusual design feature when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes, associated with engine size and torque load which affects sudden engine stoppage. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.

DATES: The effective date of these special conditions is October 4, 2002. Comments must be received on or before November 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments on these special conditions may be mailed in duplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Attn: Rules Docket (ANM-113), Docket No. NM233, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; or delivered in duplicate to the Transport Airplane Directorate at the above address. All comments must be marked:

Docket No. NM233. Comments may be inspected in the Rules Docket weekdays, except Federal holidays, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Piccola, FAA Standardization Branch, ANM-113, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-1509; facsimile (425) 227-1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

FAA Determination as to Need for Public Process

The FAA has determined that notice and opportunity for prior public comment are unnecessary in accordance with 14 CFR 11.38, because the FAA has provided previous opportunities to comment on substantially identical special conditions and has fully considered and addressed all the substantive comments received. Based on a review of the comment history and the comment resolution, the FAA is satisfied that new comments are unlikely. The FAA therefore finds that good cause exists for making these special conditions effective upon issuance.

Comments Invited

Although this action is in the form of final special conditions and, for the reasons stated above, is not preceded by notice and an opportunity for public comment, comments are invited on these special conditions. We invite interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the special conditions, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. We ask that you send us two copies of written comments.

We will file in the docket all comments we receive, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning these special conditions. The docket is available for public inspection before and after the comment closing date. If you wish to review the docket in person, go to the address in the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

We will consider all comments we receive on or before the closing date for comments. We will consider comments filed late if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. We may change these special conditions in light of the comments we receive.

If you want the FAA to acknowledge receipt of your comments on these special conditions, include with your comments a pre-addressed, stamped postcard on which the docket number appears. We will stamp the date on the postcard and mail it back to you.

Background

On November 24, 1999, Bombardier Aerospace applied for an amendment to U.S. Type Certificate A21EA to include the Bombardier CL-600-2D24, Regional Jet Series 900 airplane. This airplane is a lengthened version of the previously certified CL-600-2B19 Regional Jet (CRJ) and CL-600-2C10 Regional Jet 700. The CRJ 900 airplane, CL-600-2D24 will have increased gross weight, fuselage length, and engine thrust to accommodate the additional passengers, as compared to the CRJ 700. The airplane will use the General Electric engine model CF34-8CF5 high-bypass turbofan. This engine model is a derivative of the CF34-8C1 engine used on the CRJ-700 airplane, with a nominal maximum takeoff thrust increase of five percent.

Type Certification Basis

Under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.101 [Amendment 21-69, effective September 16, 1991], Bombardier Aerospace must show that the Model CL-600-2D24 meets the applicable provisions of the regulations incorporated by reference in Type Certificate A21EA, or the applicable regulations in effect on the date of application for the change to the type certificate. Subsequent changes have been made to § 21.101 as part of Amendment 21-77, but those changes do not become effective until June 10, 2003. Bombardier, however, has agreed to use the guidelines of the "Changed Product Rule" (14 CFR part 21.101, Amendment 21-77) for the Model CL-600-2D24.

The regulations incorporated by reference in the type certificate are commonly referred to as the "original type certification basis." The regulations incorporated by reference in Type Certificate A21EA are as follows: 14

CFR part 25, dated February 1, 1965, including Amendments 25-1 through 25-86, with certain exceptions, exemptions, and special conditions that are not relevant to these special conditions.

In addition, if the regulations incorporated by reference do not provide adequate standards with respect to the change, the applicant must comply with certain regulations in effect on the date of application for the change. The FAA has determined that the Model CL-600-2D24 must also be shown to comply with the following sections of part 25, in addition to certain exemptions and special conditions that are not relevant to these special conditions: 14 CFR part 25, including Amendments 25-1 through 25-86, Amendment 25-88, Amendment 25-90, and Amendments 25-92 through 25-98, with the following exceptions:

(a) Section 25.783(f) at Amendment 25-23 shall replace § 25.783(f) at Amendment 25-88 for the aft cargo compartment and main avionics bay doors only (common doors with CL-600-2C10).

(b) Section 25.807(d)(6) at Amendment 25-72 shall replace § 25.807(h) at Amendment 25-94.

(c) Sections 25.365, 25.831(a), and 25.1447(c), at Amendment 25-87.

Note 1: Amendment 25-91 is not included in the type certification basis.

Section 21.101(b)(3) allows a changed product to comply with an earlier amendment of a regulation for each area, system, component, equipment, or appliance that is affected by the change when compliance with a later amendment would not contribute materially to the level of safety or would be impractical. In accordance with § 21.101(b)(3) the FAA concurs with exclusion of Amendments 25-87, 25-89, and 25-91.

If the Administrator finds that the applicable airworthiness regulations (*i.e.*, 14 CFR part 25) do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for the Model CL-600-2D24 airplane because of a novel or unusual design feature, special conditions are prescribed under the provisions of § 21.16.

In addition to the applicable airworthiness regulations and special conditions, the Model CL-600-2D24 must comply with the fuel vent and exhaust emission requirements of 14 CFR part 34 and the noise certification requirements of 14 CFR part 36.

Special conditions, as defined in § 11.19, are issued in accordance with § 11.38 and become part of the type certification basis in accordance with

§ 21.101(b)(2) [Amendment 21-69, effective September 16, 1991].

Special conditions are initially applicable to the model for which they are issued. Should the type certificate for that model be amended later to include any other model that incorporates the same novel or unusual design feature, or should any other model already included on the same type certificate be modified to incorporate the same novel or unusual design feature, the special conditions would also apply to the other model under the provisions of § 21.101(a)(1) [Amendment 21-69, effective September 16, 1991].

Novel or Unusual Design Features

The Bombardier Aerospace Model CL-600-2D24 will incorporate novel or unusual design features involving engine size and torque load that affect sudden engine stoppage conditions.

Discussion

The limit engine torque load imposed by sudden engine stoppage due to malfunction or structural failure (such as compressor jamming) has been a specific requirement for transport category airplanes since 1957. In the past, the design torque loads associated with typical failure scenarios have been estimated by the engine manufacturer and provided to the airframe manufacturer as limit loads. These limit loads were considered simple, pure torque static loads. The size, configuration, and failure modes of jet engines have changed considerably from those envisioned when the engine seizure requirement of § 25.361(b) was first adopted. Current engines are much larger and are now designed with large bypass fans capable of producing much larger torque loads if they become jammed. It is evident from service history that the frequency of occurrence of the most severe sudden engine stoppage events is rare.

Relative to the engine configurations that existed when the rule was developed in 1957, the present generation of engines are sufficiently different and novel to justify issuance of special conditions to establish appropriate design standards. The latest generation of jet engines are capable of producing, during failure, transient loads that are significantly higher and more complex than the generation of engines that were present when the existing standard was developed. Therefore, the FAA has determined that special conditions are needed for the Bombardier Aerospace Model CL-600-2D24 airplane.

In order to maintain the level of safety envisioned in 25.361(b), more comprehensive criteria is needed for the new generation of high bypass engines. The special conditions would distinguish between the more common engine failure events and those rare events resulting from structural failures. For these rarer but more severe seizure events, the criteria could allow some deformation in the engine supporting structure (ultimate load design) in order to absorb the higher energy associated with the high bypass engines, while at the same time protecting the adjacent primary structure in the wing and fuselage by providing a higher safety factor. The criteria for the more severe events would no longer be a pure static torque load condition, but would account for the full spectrum of transient dynamic loads developed from the engine failure condition.

Applicability

As discussed above, these special conditions are applicable to the Bombardier Aerospace Model CL-600-2D24 airplane. Should Bombardier Aerospace apply at a later date for a change to the type certificate to include another model incorporating the same novel or unusual design feature, these special conditions would apply to that model as well under the provisions of § 21.101(a)(1) [Amendment 21-69, effective September 16, 1991].

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 25

Aircraft, Aviation safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

The authority citation for these special conditions is as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701, 44702, 44704.

The Special Conditions

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the following special conditions are issued as part of the type certification basis for Bombardier Aerospace Model CL-600-2D24 airplanes.

1. *Sudden Engine Stoppage.* In lieu of compliance with § 25.361(b), the following special conditions apply:

a. For turbine engine installations, the engine mounts, pylons and adjacent supporting airframe structure must be designed to withstand 1g level flight loads acting simultaneously with the maximum limit torque loads imposed by each of the following:

(1) Sudden engine deceleration due to a malfunction which could result in a temporary loss of power or thrust.

(2) The maximum acceleration of the engine.

b. For auxiliary power unit installations, the power unit mounts and adjacent supporting airframe structure must be designed to withstand 1g level flight loads acting simultaneously with the maximum limit torque loads imposed by each of the following:

(1) Sudden auxiliary power unit deceleration due to malfunction or structural failure.

(2) The maximum acceleration of the auxiliary power unit.

c. For engine supporting structure, an ultimate loading condition must be considered that combines 1g flight loads with the transient dynamic loads resulting from each of the following:

(1) The loss of any fan, compressor, or turbine blade.

(2) Where applicable to a specific engine design, and separately from the conditions specified in paragraph c(1) above, any other engine structural failure that results in higher loads.

d. The ultimate loads developed from the conditions specified in paragraphs c(1) and c(2) above are to be multiplied by a factor of 1.0 when applied to engine mounts and pylons and multiplied by a factor of 1.25 when applied to adjacent supporting airframe structure.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on October 4, 2002.

Ali Bahrami,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

15 CFR Part 902

50 CFR Parts 300 and 600

[Docket No. 020925223-2223-01; I.D. 091002]

RIN 0648-AP89

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS); NOAA Information Collection Requirements; Technical Amendment

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: ACTION: Final rule; technical amendment.

SUMMARY: This final rule, technical amendment, corrects the cross-references in several parts to regulations

that have since been removed, and it updates the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) table to add new OMB approvals and to correct control number references to the appropriate Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section. The intent is to correct and clarify existing regulations and to comply with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that agencies display current OMB control numbers for each agency information collection requirement and to make this information available to the public.

DATES: Effective October 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Any comments regarding burden-hour estimates for collection-of-information requirements contained in this final rule should be sent to Christopher Rogers, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries (F/SF1), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282, and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 (ATTN: NOAA Desk Officer).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Rogers, 301-713-2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Cross References

On May 28, 1999, NMFS published a final rule (64 FR 29090) that implemented the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks (HMS FMP) and an Amendment to the Atlantic Billfish FMP, which consolidated regulations for Atlantic HMS into one part of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The final consolidated rule inadvertently left in some cross-references to parts that were removed as part of the consolidation. This final rule, technical amendment, corrects references to removed regulations at 50 CFR part 285 and now references the consolidated regulations at 50 CFR part 635 for the sections on reporting requirements at 50 CFR 300.17, definitions at 50 CFR 600.10, and observer requirements at 50 CFR 600.746.

OMB Control Numbers

NOAA codifies its OMB control numbers for information collection at 15 CFR part 902. Part 902 of title 15 CFR displays control numbers that OMB assigned to NMFS information pursuant to the PRA, for the public's information.

This final rule, technical amendment, brings part 902 up to date and corrects omissions and errors by revising the table in section 1, paragraph (b) under 50 CFR to reflect the most current OMB control numbers associated with NMFS

information collections contained in regulations appearing in title 50. All of the information collections displayed in section 1(b) have previously been submitted to OMB for approval during implementation of regulations appearing in the individual parts of title 50; this final rule, technical amendment, does not involve any new reporting or recordkeeping requirements.

Classification

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries finds, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 (b)(B), that, because this final rule makes only minor, non-substantive changes and does not change operating practices in the fishery, it is unnecessary under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) to provide for prior public comment. Because this final rule, technical amendment, does not constitute a substantive rule, good cause exists to waive the 30-day delay in effective date under 5 U.S.C. 553(d). Under this final rule, the HMS fisheries would continue to operate as they have under existing regulations with no changes or disruptions to fishing practices. This final rule makes no substantive changes to existing regulations, but rather removes potential confusion by eliminating outdated cross-references to regulations that NMFS previously removed. In addition, this final rule updates OMB control numbers associated with NMFS information collections, all of which OMB has previously approved.

This final rule has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects

15 CFR Part 902

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

50 CFR Part 300

Exports, Fish, Fisheries, Fishing, Imports, Labeling, Marine resources, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation, Treaties, and Wildlife.

50 CFR Part 600

Fisheries, Fishing.