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Emergency Action

The Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that an emergency exists that warrants publication of this interim rule without prior opportunity for public comment. Immediate action is necessary to prevent the introduction of FMD into the United States.

Because prior notice and other public procedures with respect to this action are impracticable and contrary to the public interest under these conditions, we find good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553 to make this action effective less than 30 days after publication. We will consider comments that are received within 60 days of publication of this rule in the **Federal Register**. After the comment period closes, we will publish another document in the **Federal Register**. The document will include a discussion of any comments we receive and any amendments we are making to the rule as a result of the comments.

Executive Order 12866 and Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12866. For this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived its review process required by Executive Order 12866.

This interim rule amends the regulations governing the importation of certain animals, meat, and other animal products by removing the Republic of Korea from the list of regions declared free of rinderpest and FMD. We are taking this action because the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Agriculture has reported an outbreak of FMD in that country. This action prohibits or restricts the importation into the United States of any ruminant or swine, or any fresh (chilled or frozen) meat of any ruminant or swine that left the Republic of Korea on or after March 20, 2000. This action is necessary to protect the livestock of the United States from FMD.

This emergency situation makes timely compliance with section 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) impracticable. We are currently assessing the potential economic effects of this action on small entities. Based on that assessment, we will either certify that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities or publish a final regulatory flexibility analysis.

Executive Order 12988

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule: (1) Preempts all State and local laws and regulations that are inconsistent with this rule; (2) has retroactive effect to March 20, 2000; and (3) does not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This interim rule contains no information collection or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 94

Animal diseases, Imports, Livestock, Meat and meat products, Milk, Poultry and poultry products, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, we are amending 9 CFR part 94 as follows:

PART 94—RINDERPEST, FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE, FOWL PEST (FOWL PLAGUE), EXOTIC NEWCASTLE DISEASE, AFRICAN SWINE FEVER, HOG CHOLERA, AND BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY: PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED IMPORTATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 94 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 147a, 150ee, 161, 162, and 450; 19 U.S.C. 1306, 21 U.S.C. 111, 114a, 134a, 134b, 134c, 134f, 136, and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 42 U.S.C. 4331 and 4332; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

§ 94.1 [Amended]

2. In § 94.1, paragraph (a)(2) is amended by removing the words "Republic of Korea,".

§ 94.11 [Amended]

3. In § 94.11, paragraph (a), the first sentence is amended by removing the words "Republic of Korea,".

Done in Washington, DC, this 12th day of April 2000.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 99-NE-61-AD; Amendment 39-11687; AD 2000-08-01]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Tay 650-15 Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to Rolls-Royce plc Tay 650-15 series turbofan engines. This AD requires the establishment of cyclic life limits for stage 1 high pressure turbine (HPT) and stage 1 low pressure turbine (LPT) disks operating under new flight plan profiles. This amendment is prompted by reports that, on some engines, cracks in the stage 1 HPT and stage 1 LPT disks could initiate and propagate at a faster rate than forecast under the flight plan profiles originally published at the time the engine design was certified. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent crack initiation and propagation leading to turbine disk failure, which could result in an uncontained engine failure and damage to the aircraft.

DATES: Effective date June 19, 2000.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of June 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Rolls-Royce plc, P.O. Box 31, Derby, DE24 8BJ, UK, telephone 011-44-1332-242424. This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA, or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Lawrence, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone 781-238-7176, fax 781-238-7199.

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 Rolls-Royce plc (R-R) Tay 650-15 series turbofan engines

was published in the **Federal Register** on January 12, 2000 (65 FR 1831). That action proposed to establish life limits for stage 1 HPT and stage 1 LPT disks operated under the new flight plan profiles, C and D; require the removal from service of stage 1 HPT and stage 1 LPT disks prior to reaching new, lower cyclic life limits; and replace those disks with serviceable parts in accordance with R-R Service Bulletin TAY-72-1479, dated July 20, 1999.

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.

Economic Analysis

There are approximately 242 engines of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that three engines installed on aircraft of U.S. registry will be affected by this AD, and that the prorated life reduction would cost \$26,658 per engine. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the proposed AD on US operators is estimated to be \$79,974.

Regulatory Impact

This rule does not have federalism implications, as defined in Executive Order (EO) No. 13132, because it does 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. Accordingly, the FAA has not consulted with state authorities prior to publication of this rule.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under EO No. 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 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:

2000-08-01 Rolls-Royce plc: Amendment 39-11687. Docket 99-NE-61-AD.

Applicability: Rolls-Royce plc (R-R) Tay 650-15 series turbofan engines, with stage 1 high pressure turbine (HPT) disks, part numbers (P/Ns) JR32013 and JR33838, and stage 1 low pressure turbine (LPT) disks, P/N JR32318A. These engines are installed on but not limited to Fokker F.28 Mark 0100 (F100) series aircraft.

Note 1: This airworthiness directive (AD) applies to each engine 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 engines 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 crack initiation and propagation leading to turbine disk failure, which could result in an uncontained engine failure and damage to the aircraft, accomplish the following:

Flight Plan Profile C

(a) Remove from service stage 1 HPT disks, P/Ns JR32013 and JR33838, and stage 1 LPT disks, P/N JR32318A, operated under flight plan profile C, as defined in the R-R Tay Engine Manual, 70-01-10, pages 1-10, prior to accumulating 18,000 cycles-since-new (CSN), and replace with serviceable parts.

Flight Plan Profile D

(b) Remove from service stage 1 HPT disks, P/Ns JR32013 and JR33838, and stage 1 LPT disks, P/N JR32318A, operated under flight plan profile D, as defined in the R-R Tay Engine Manual, 70-01-10, pages 1-10, prior to accumulating 14,250 CSN, and replace with serviceable parts.

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

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this airworthiness directive, if any, may be obtained from the ECO.

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 aircraft to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Incorporation by Reference Material

(e) The actions of this AD shall be done in accordance with R-R Service Bulletin TAY-72-1479, dated July 20, 1999. 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 Rolls-Royce plc, P.O. Box 31, Derby, DE24 8BJ, UK, telephone 011-44-1332-242424. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, suite 700, Washington, DC.

Effective Date of This AD

(f) This amendment becomes effective on June 19, 2000.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on April 7, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 99-NM-304-AD; Amendment 39-11682; AD 2000-07-26]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Airbus Model A300 series airplanes, that requires a