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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Part 121

Termination of the Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The decision to terminate this waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule is based on evidence provided to the SBA that there are small businesses which manufacture items within this class of product. Terminating this waiver will require recipients of contracts set aside for small or 8(a) businesses to provide the product of domestic small business manufacturers or processors where this class of product is required. A notice to terminate a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule appeared in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 2003 (68 FR 61636). Comments from this notice were received from small business manufacturers. Our knowledge of the existence of small business manufacturers requires us to terminate the waiver of the Nonmanufacturer for Ammunition (except small arms) Manufacturing, NAICS 332993, in accordance with 13 CFR 121.1204 (a)(7). **EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 30, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edith G. Butler, Program Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, Tel: (202) 619-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 100-656, enacted on November 15, 1988, incorporated into the Small Business Act the previously existing regulation that recipients of Federal contracts set aside for small businesses or SBA 8(a) Program procurement must provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor, if the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor. This

requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. The SBA regulations imposing this requirement are found at 13 CFR 121.906(b) and 121.1106(b). Section 303(h) of the law provides for waiver of this requirement by SBA for any "class of products" for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors in the Federal market. To be considered available to participate in the Federal market on these classes of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal government within the last 24 months. The SBA defines "class of products" based on a six digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and the four digit Product and Service Code established by the Federal Procurement Data System.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002-NM-330-AD; Amendment 39-13437; AD 2004-02-02]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-135 and -145 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain EMBRAER Model EMB-135 and EMB-145 series airplanes, that requires relocating the pitot 1 and pitot 2 drain valves from the nose landing gear compartment to the forward electronic compartment, and accomplishing follow-on actions. This action is necessary to prevent ice from damaging the pitot drain valves, which could cause airspeed indication errors,

resulting in display of erroneous or misleading information to the flight crew. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Effective March 3, 2004.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of March 3, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER), P.O. Box 343—CEP 12.225, Sao Jose dos Campos—SP, Brazil. 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 Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 EMBRAER Model EMB-135 and EMB-145 series airplanes was published in the **Federal Register** on November 14, 2003 (68 FR 64572). That action proposed to require relocating the pitot 1 and pitot 2 drain valves from the nose landing gear compartment to the forward electronic compartment, and accomplishing follow-on actions.

Comments

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments have been submitted on the proposed AD or on the determination of the cost to the public.

Conclusion

The FAA has carefully reviewed the available data and determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed.

Cost Impact

The FAA estimates that 374 airplanes of U.S. registry will be affected by this