

invited on this rule. Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES**. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered, and this rule may be amended in light of the comments received. Factual information that supports the commenter's ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of the AD action and determining whether additional rulemaking action would be needed.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. All comments submitted will be available in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this AD will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their mailed comments submitted in response to this rule must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 2002-SW-40-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

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.

The FAA has determined that this regulation is an emergency regulation that must be issued immediately to correct an unsafe condition in aircraft, and that it is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866. It has been determined further that this action involves an emergency regulation under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979). If it is determined that this emergency regulation otherwise would be significant under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures, a final regulatory evaluation will be prepared and placed in the Rules Docket. A copy of it, if filed, 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 a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:

2002-15-51 Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation:
Amendment 39-12896. Docket No. 2002-SW-40-AD.

Applicability: Model S-76A, B, and C helicopters, certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each helicopter identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been otherwise modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For helicopters 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 (e) 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 before further flight, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent failure of a main rotor blade (blade) and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter, accomplish the following:

(a) Review the blade service records and other records in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraphs 3.A.(1), (2), and (3), of Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Alert Service Bulletin No. 76-65-55A, dated July 25, 2002, for evidence of damage to a blade due to a lightning strike. Before further flight, remove any blade identified as having been damaged by lightning.

(b) Remove blades, serial number A086-00167, 00429, 00798, 00999, 01165, 01168, 01291, and 02504, which are known to have sustained lightning damage.

(c) If the blade service history cannot be determined, remove the blade from service before further flight.

(d) After the effective date of this AD, should a blade be subjected to lightning

strike damage, remove the blade from service before the next flight.

(e) 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, Boston Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Boston ACO. Blades removed from service in accordance with this AD may be returned to service under a process approved by the Manager, Boston ACO.

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

(f) Special flight permits will not be issued.

(g) Reviewing the blades service records and other records shall be done in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraphs 3.A.(1), (2), and (3) of Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Alert Service Bulletin No. 76-65-55A, dated July 25, 2002. 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 Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, Attn: Manager, Commercial Tech Support, 6900 Main Street, Stratford, Connecticut 06614, phone (203) 386-3001, fax (203) 386-5983. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(h) This amendment becomes effective on October 18, 2002, to all persons except those persons to whom it was made immediately effective by Emergency AD 2002-15-51, issued July 26, 2002, which contained the requirements of this amendment.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on September 18, 2002.

Eric D. Bries,

Acting Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-SW-73-AD; Amendment 39-12897; AD 2002-20-02]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, A Division of Textron Canada Model 222, 222B, 222U, 230, and 430 Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) for the specified Bell Helicopter Textron, A Division of Textron Canada (BHTC), model helicopters that requires removing sealant from the forward tooling hole in the right-hand upper fuel enclosure area. This amendment is prompted by the determination that fuel or water could accumulate in the right-hand upper fuel enclosure. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent accumulation of fuel in the right-hand upper fuel enclosure area, a fire, and a subsequent forced landing.

DATES: Effective November 7, 2002.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of November 7, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Bell Helicopter Textron, A Division of Textron Canada, 12,800 Rue de l'Avenir, Mirabel, Quebec J7J1R4, telephone (450) 437-2862 or (800) 363-8023, fax (450) 433-0272. This information may be examined at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Cuevas, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, Rotorcraft Directorate, Regulations Group, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0111, telephone (817) 222-5355, fax (817) 222-5961.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an AD for BHTC Model 222, 222B, 222U, 230, and 430 helicopters, was published in the **Federal Register** on April 30, 2002 (67 FR 21185). That action proposed to require removing sealant from the forward tooling hole in the right-hand upper fuel enclosure area.

Transport Canada, the airworthiness authority for Canada, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on BHTC Model 222, 222B, 222U, 230, and 430 helicopters. Transport Canada advises that a condition exists that can result in an accumulation of fuel in the right-hand upper fuel enclosure area.

BHTC has issued:

- Bell Helicopter Textron Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. 222-01-89, for Model 222 helicopters, serial numbers (S/N) 47006 through 47089, and Model 222B helicopters, S/N 47131 through 47156;

- ASB No. 222U-01-60, for Model 222U helicopters, S/N 47501 through 47574;
- ASB No. 230-01-20, for Model 230 helicopters, S/N 23001 through 23038; and

- ASB No. 430-01-21, for Model 430 helicopters, S/N 49001 through 49079.

All of the ASB's are dated February 7, 2001. All of these ASB's specify procedures for removing the sealant from the existing forward tooling hole located in the panel assembly to provide enclosure drainage. Transport Canada classified these ASB's as mandatory and issued AD No. CF-2001-22, dated May 24, 2001, to ensure the continued airworthiness of these helicopters in Canada.

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, with two changes. The manufacturer's name was incorrectly stated in the notice, and is corrected in this AD. Also, the name of the FAA employee to contact for further information is changed in this AD. The FAA has determined that these changes will neither increase the economic burden on any operator nor increase the scope of the AD.

The FAA estimates that 151 helicopters of U.S. registry will be affected by this AD, that it will take approximately 5 work hours per helicopter to accomplish the required actions, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$45,300.

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**.

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2002-20-02 Bell Helicopter Textron, A Division of Textron Canada:

Amendment 39-12897. Docket No. 2001-SW-73-AD.

Applicability: Model 222 helicopters, serial numbers (S/N) 47006 through 47089; Model 222B helicopters, S/N 47131 through 47156; Model 222U helicopters, S/N 47501 through 47574; Model 230 helicopters, S/N 23001 through 23038; and Model 430 helicopters, S/N 49001 through 49079, certificated in any category.

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Compliance: Required at the next annual or 100-hour inspection, whichever occurs first, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent accumulation of fuel in the right-hand upper fuel enclosure area, a fire, and a subsequent forced landing, accomplish the following:

(a) Remove the sealant from the forward tooling hole in the right-hand upper fuel enclosure area in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions in Bell Helicopter Textron Alert Service Bulletin

(ASB) No. 222-01-89, for the Model 222 helicopters and Model 222B helicopters; ASB No. 222U-01-60, for the Model 222U helicopters; ASB No. 230-01-20, for the Model 230 helicopters; and ASB No. 430-01-21, for the Model 430 helicopters, all dated February 7, 2001.

(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, Regulations Group, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Regulations Group.

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

(c) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with 14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199 to operate the helicopter to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(d) The sealant removal shall be done in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions in Bell Helicopter Textron Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. 222-01-89, for the Model 222 helicopters and Model 222B helicopters; ASB No. 222U-01-60, for the Model 222U helicopters; ASB No. 230-01-20, for the Model 230 helicopters; and ASB No. 430-01-21, for the Model 430 helicopters, all dated February 7, 2001. 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 Bell Helicopter Textron, A Division of Textron Canada, 12,800 Rue de l'Avenir, Mirabel, Quebec J7J1R4, telephone (450) 437-2862 or (800) 363-8023, fax (450) 433-0272. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(e) This amendment becomes effective on November 7, 2002.

Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in Transport Canada (Canada) AD No. CF-2001-22, dated May 24, 2001.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on September 20, 2002.

Eric D. Bries,

*Acting Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate,
Aircraft Certification Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD07-02-119]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Hobe Sound bridge (SR 708), Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile 996.0, Hobe Sound, Martin County, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District has approved a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Hobe Sound (SR 708) bridge, at Hobe Sound, across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile 996.0 in Hobe Sound, Florida. This deviation will allow the bridge to only open a single leaf of the bridge from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on October 9, 2002 and October 10, 2002. Double-leaf openings will be available with a two-hour advance notice to the bridge tender. This temporary deviation is required to allow the bridge owner to safely complete emergency repairs.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on October 9, 2002 until 5 p.m. on October 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket [CGD07-02-119] and are available for inspection or copying at Commander (obr), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 S.E. 1st Avenue, Room 432, Miami, FL 33131 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Barry Dragon, Project Manager, Seventh Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch at (305) 415-6743.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing regulations for the Hobe Sound (SR 708) bridge in 33 CFR 117.5, require the bridge to open on signal. Martin County notified the Coast Guard on September 8, 2002, that they needed to operate a single-leaf of the drawbridge to safely effect emergency repairs. A double-leaf opening will be available with two-hours advance notice provided to the bridge tender.

The Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District has granted a temporary deviation from the operating requirements listed in 33 CFR 117.5 to complete repairs to the bridge. Under this deviation, the Hobe Sound bridge need only open a single leaf from 8 a.m.

until 5 p.m. on October 9, 2002 and October 10, 2002. A double-leaf opening will be available with two-hours advance notice provided to the bridge tender.

Dated: September 25, 2002.

Greg Shapley,

Chief, Bridge Administration, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD07-02-120]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Gasparilla Island Causeway Swingbridge, Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Boca Grande, Charlotte County, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, has approved a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Gasparilla Island Causeway Swingbridge, across the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, mile 34.3, at Boca Grande, Florida. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position from 7 p.m. on October 14, 2002, until 7 a.m. on October 15, 2002, and from 7 p.m. on October 15, 2002 until 7 a.m. on October 16, 2002. This temporary deviation is required to allow the bridge owner to safely complete emergency replacement of the bridge couplings.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 p.m. on October 14, 2002 until 7 a.m. on October 16, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket [CGD07-02-120] will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at Commander (obr), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 S.E. 1st Avenue, Room 432, Miami, FL 33131 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Barry Dragon, Project Officer, Seventh Coast Guard District, Bridge Section at (305) 415-6743.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing regulations for the Gasparilla Island Causeway Swingbridge in 33 CFR