sailplanes equipped with a horizontal stabilizer and elevator, and should only be written against sailplanes equipped with the ''main L4 fitting of the all flying tailplane'' as specified in Glaser-Dirks Technical Note 301/15.

The FAA concurs and has changed the Applicability section of the proposal to include the following: ''Model DG–100 sailplanes equipped with the main L4 fitting of the all flying tailplane.''

Since sufficient time has elapsed between the time the proposal was issued and coordination of the comment proposed above with the FAA, the manufacturer, and foreign airworthiness authority, the FAA has decided to reopen the comment period to provide additional time for public comment.

The FAA estimates that 16 sailplanes in the U.S. registry would be affected by the proposed AD, that it would take approximately 1 workhour per sailplane to accomplish the proposed inspection, and that the average labor rate is approximately $60 an hour. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be $960. This figure is based on the assumption that no affected owner/operator has accomplished the proposed one-time inspection. The FAA anticipates that several owners/operators have already accomplished this inspection, thus reducing the proposed cost impact upon the public.

The regulations proposed herein would not have substantial direct effects 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, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this proposal would not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

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) 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 has been placed 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. App. 1354(a), 1421 and 1423; 49 U.S.C. 106(g); and 14 CFR 11.89.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new AD to read as follows:

Glaser-Dirks Flugzeugbau GMBH: Docket No. 92–CE–21–AD.

Applicability: Model DG–100 sailplanes (all serial numbers) that are equipped with the main L4 fitting of the all flying tailplane, certificated in any category.

Compliance: Required within the next 100 hours time-in-service after the effective date of this AD, unless already accomplished.

To prevent loss of control of the sailplane caused by failure of the tailplane main fitting, accomplish the following:

(a) Inspect the tailplane main fitting to ensure that the welding covers the entire wall thickness of the fitting in accordance with the instructions in paragraph 3 of the Enclosure to Technical Note (TN) 301/15, which is a supplement to Glaser-Dirks TN 301/15, dated July 7, 1989.

(b) If the welding does not cover the entire wall thickness of the fitting, prior to further flight, modify the tailplane main fitting in accordance with instructions in paragraph 4 of the Enclosure to TN 301/15, which is a supplement to Glaser-Dirks TN 301/15, dated July 7, 1989.

Note 1: The service information specifies inspection and possible modification for the Model DG–100 Elan sailplanes, as well as the Model DG–100 sailplanes. Even though the Model DG–100 Elan sailplanes are not certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of section 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29), the actions in this AD are recommended for any of these sailplanes certificated otherwise, i.e., experimental category.

(c) 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 sailplanes to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance times that provides an equivalent level of safety may be approved by the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1201 Walnut, suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. The request should be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate.

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

(e) All persons affected by this directive may obtain copies of the documents referred to herein upon request to Glaser-Dirks Flugzeugbau GmbH, lm Schollengarten 19–20, 7520 Buchsal 4, Germany; or may examine these documents at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 10, 1995.

Barry D. Clements,

Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 93–CE–59–AD]

Airworthiness Directives; Grob Luft Und Raumfahrt Models G102 Astir CS, Club Astir IIb, Twin Astir, Speed Astir, Standard Astir II, and Speed Astir IIb Sailplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) that would apply to certain Grob Luft Und Raumfahrt (Grob) Models G102 Astir CS, Club Astir IIb, Twin Astir, Speed Astir, Standard Astir II, and Speed Astir IIb sailplanes. The proposed action would require inspecting all elevator and rudder hinges for damage (delamination, cracks, corrosion, or buckling), and repairing any damaged parts. Several occurrences of inner elevator hinges separating during flight prompted the proposed action. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent these hinges from separating, which could result in loss of control of the sailplane.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 27, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 93–CE–59–AD, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. Comments may be inspected at this location

between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted.

Service information that applies to the proposed AD may be obtained from Grob Luft und Raumfahrt D–8939 Mattsies, Germany. This information also may be examined at the Rules Docket at the address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Herman C. Belderok, Project Officer, Sailplanes, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, FAA, 1201 Walnut, suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone (816) 426–6932; facsimile (816) 426–2169.

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 should 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.

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 that summarizes 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 No. 93–CE–59–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, Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 93–CE–59–AD, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Discussion

The Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA), which is the airworthiness authority for Germany, recently notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain Grob Models G102 Astir CS, Club Astir IIb, Twin Astir, Speed Astir, Standard Astir II, and Speed Astir IIb sailplanes. The LBA advises that inner elevator hinges have separated on several of the above referenced sailplanes. This condition, if not detected and corrected, could result in loss of control of the sailplane.

Grob has issued Repair Instruction No. 306–27/1 to Service Bulletin TM 306–27/1, dated June 4, 1991, which specifies procedures for inspecting all elevator and rudder hinges for damage (delamination, cracks, corrosion, or buckling), and repairing any damaged hinges. The LBA classified this service bulletin as mandatory and issued LBA AD 89–209/2 Grob, dated June 26, 1991, in order to assure the continued airworthiness of these sailplanes in Germany.

This sailplane model is manufactured in Germany and is type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of Section 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the LBA has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above.

The FAA has examined the findings of the LBA, reviewed all available information, and determined that AD action is necessary for products of this type design that are certificated for operation in the United States.

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop in other Grob Models G102 Astir CS, Club Astir IIb, Twin Astir, Speed Astir, Standard Astir II, and Speed Astir IIb sailplanes of the same type design, the proposed AD would require inspecting all elevator and rudder hinges for damage (delamination, cracks, corrosion, or buckling), and repairing any damaged parts. The proposed actions would be accomplished in accordance with the III. Procedure section of Grob Repair Instruction No. 306–27/1 to Service Bulletin TM 306–27/1, dated June 4, 1991.

The compliance time for the proposed AD is presented in calendar time instead of hours TIS. The FAA has determined that a calendar time for compliance is the most desirable method because the unsafe condition described by the proposed AD is caused by corrosion. Corrosion can occur on sailplanes regardless of whether the airplane is in service or in storage. Therefore, to ensure that corrosion is detected and corrected on all airplanes within a reasonable period of time without inadvertently grounding any sailplanes, a compliance schedule based upon calendar time instead of hours TIS is proposed.

The FAA estimates that 146 sailplanes in the U.S. registry would be affected by the proposed AD, that it would take approximately 1 workhour per sailplane to accomplish the proposed action, and that the average labor rate is approximately $60 an hour. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be $8,760. This figure is based on the assumption that no affected sailplane owner/operator has accomplished the proposed inspection.

The regulations proposed herein would not have substantial direct effects 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, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this proposal would not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

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) 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 has been placed 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. App. 1354(a), 1421 and 1423; 49 U.S.C. 106(g); and 14 CFR 11.89.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new AD to read as follows:

Grob Luft Und Raumfahrt: Docket No. 93–CE–59–AD.

Applicability: Models G102 Astir CS, Club Astir IIb, Twin Astir, Speed Astir, Standard Astir II, and Speed Astir IIb Sailplanes (all serial numbers), certificated in any category.

Compliance: Required within the next 30 calendar days after the effective date of this AD, unless already accomplished.

To prevent elevator and rudder hinge separation, which could result in loss of control of the sailplane, accomplish the following:

(a) Visually inspect all elevator and rudder hinges for damage (delamination, cracks, corrosion, or buckling) in accordance with the III. Procedure section of Grob Repair Instruction No. 306–27/1 to Service Bulletin TM 306–27/1, dated June 4, 1991. Prior to further flight, repair any damaged parts in accordance with the service information referenced above.

Note 1: The service instructions of this AD call for ''the work to be carried out by a competent person or an authorized aviation workshop and has to be certified in the logbook by an authorized inspector.'' This statement does not apply to sailplanes registered in the United States and the AD is to be accomplished using procedures in part 43 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 43).

(b) 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 sailplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(c) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an equivalent level of safety may be approved by the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1201 Walnut, suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. The request should be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate.

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

(d) All persons affected by this directive may obtain copies of the document referred to herein upon request to Grob Luft und Raumfahrt, D–8939 Mattsies, Germany; or may examine this document at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 10, 1995.

Barry D. Clements,

Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 94–NM–176–AD]

Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC–10–10, –15, –30, –40, and KC–10 (Military) Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain McDonnell Douglas DC–10 and KC–10 series airplanes. This proposal would require repetitive eddy current inspections to detect fatigue cracking of the pylon aft bulkhead flange, upper pylon box web, fitting radius, and adjacent tangent areas; and repair, if necessary. This proposal is prompted by fatigue cracking found in the wing pylon aft bulkheads on two airplanes. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent failure of the wing pylon aft bulkhead due to fatigue cracking, which could lead to separation of the engine and pylon from the airplane.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 14, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 94–NM–176–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.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from McDonnell Douglas Corporation, P.O. Box 1771, Long Beach, California 90801–1771, Attention: Business Unit Manager, Technical Administrative Support, Dept. L51, M.C. 2–98. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, Transport Airplane Directorate, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maureen Moreland, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM–120L, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712; telephone (310) 627–5238; fax (310) 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.

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 94–NM–176–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–103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 94–NM–176–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056.

Discussion

On July 24, 1992, the FAA issued AD 92–17–13, amendment 39–8342 (57 FR 36894, August 17, 1992), which is applicable to McDonnell Douglas Model DC–10 series airplanes. That AD requires a one-time visual inspection to detect cracks of the wing pylon aft bulkheads and upper spar webs, and repair, if necessary; additionally, it requires that operators submit a report of their inspection findings to the FAA. That AD was prompted by reports of fatigue cracking that occurred in the wing pylon aft bulkheads on two airplanes. The fatigue cracking initiated at fastener holes and/or at the lower forward edge of the bulkhead flange. Such cracking, if not detected and corrected in a timely manner, could lead to failure of the wing pylon aft bulkhead