

repeat the measurement at intervals not to exceed 6 months.

(i) Adjust the lockout cam until the correct clearance is obtained, in accordance with the alert service bulletin, Or

(ii) If correct clearance cannot be obtained by adjusting the lockout cam, replace the lockout cam, in accordance with the alert service bulletin.

(f) 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, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO.

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

(g) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

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14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 95-NM-08-AD]

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767 Series Airplanes Equipped With Over-Wing Escape Slides

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the superseding of an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Boeing Model 767 series airplanes equipped with over-wing escape slides, that currently requires modification of the trailing edge panels and the aft flaps. That AD was prompted by the results of functional tests of over-wing escape slides, which revealed that some slides were damaged when they were deployed across sharp corners on the trailing edge of the wing and the large gaps between the trailing edge panels of the wing. This action would expand the applicability of the existing AD to include additional airplanes. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent damage to the over-wing escape slide, which could hinder inflation of the slide to a usable

configuration during an emergency evacuation.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 15, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 95-NM-08-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 Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207.

This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorothy Lundy, Aerospace Engineer, ANM-120S, Airframe Branch, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (206) 227-2769; fax (206) 227-1181.

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 95-NM-08-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. 95-NM-08-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

Discussion

On December 13, 1993, the FAA issued AD 93-25-06, amendment 39-8772 (58 FR 69221, December 30, 1993), applicable to certain Boeing Model 767 series airplanes equipped with over-wing escape slides, to require modification of the trailing edge panels and the aft flaps. That action was prompted by the results of functional tests of over-wing escape slides, which revealed that some slides were damaged when they were deployed across sharp corners on the trailing edge of the wing and the large gaps between the trailing edge panels of the wing. The actions required by that AD are intended to prevent damage to the over-wing escape slide, which could hinder inflation of the slide to a usable configuration during an emergency evacuation.

Since the issuance of that AD, the FAA has received a report indicating that modification of the trailing edge panels and the aft flaps has not been accomplished in production on Model 767 series airplanes, equipped with over-wing escape slides, line positions 477 through 542 inclusive. In light of this, these additional airplanes are subject to the same unsafe condition addressed by AD 93-25-06.

The FAA has reviewed and approved Boeing Service Bulletin 767-57-0043, Revision 3, dated February 2, 1995. The modification procedures described in this revision are identical to those described in Revision 2 of the service bulletin (which was referenced in AD 93-25-06). This revision only expands the effectivity listing to include additional airplanes.

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other products of this same type design, the proposed AD would continue to require modification of the trailing edge panels and the aft flaps. The applicability of the proposed rule would be revised to include additional airplanes. The proposed actions would be required to be accomplished in accordance with the service bulletin described previously.

As a result of recent communications with the Air Transport Association (ATA) of America, the FAA has learned that, in general, some operators may

misunderstand the legal effect of AD's on airplanes that are identified in the applicability provision of the AD, but that have been altered or repaired in the area addressed by the AD. The FAA points out that all airplanes identified in the applicability provision of an AD are legally subject to the AD. If an airplane has been altered or repaired in the affected area in such a way as to affect compliance with the AD, the owner or operator is required to obtain FAA approval for an alternative method of compliance with the AD, in accordance with the paragraph of each AD that provides for such approvals. A note has been included in this notice to clarify this long-standing requirement.

There are approximately 542 Model 767 series airplanes equipped with over-wing escape slides of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 178 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD, that it would take approximately 40 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Required parts would be supplied by the manufacturer at no cost to the operators. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$427,200, or \$2,400 per airplane.

However, approximately 166 U.S.-registered airplanes previously were required by AD 93-25-06 to accomplish the subject modification. This proposal would affect only 12 additional U.S.-registered airplanes. Therefore, the cost to modify these 12 newly added airplanes is estimated to be \$28,800, or \$2,400 per airplane.

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 proposed regulation (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under the 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 is contained 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 removing amendment 39-8772 (58 FR 69221, December 30, 1993), and by adding a new airworthiness directive (AD), to read as follows:

Boeing: Docket 95-NM-08-AD. Supersedes AD 93-25-06, Amendment 39-8772.

Applicability: Model 767 series airplanes, having line positions 1 through 542 inclusive, and equipped with over-wing escape slides; certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane 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 airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must use the authority provided in paragraph (c) to request approval from the FAA. This approval may address either no action, if the current configuration eliminates the unsafe condition; or different actions necessary to address the unsafe condition described in this AD. Such a request should include an assessment of the effect of the changed configuration on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD. In no case does the presence of any modification, alteration, or repair remove any airplane from the applicability of this AD.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent damage to the over-wing escape slide, which could hinder inflation of the slide to a usable configuration during an emergency evacuation, accomplish the following:

(a) For airplanes having serial number 1 through 476 inclusive: Within 15 months after January 31, 1994 (the effective date of AD 93-25-06, amendment 39-8772), modify

the trailing edge panels and the aft flaps, in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin 767-57-0043, Revision 1, dated May 6, 1993; Revision 2, dated September 16, 1993; or Revision 3, dated February 2, 1995.

(b) For airplanes having serial numbers 477 through 542 inclusive: Within 15 months after the effective date of this AD, modify the trailing edge panels and the aft flaps, in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin 767-57-0043, Revision 3, dated February 2, 1995.

(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, Standardization Branch, ANM-113, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Standardization Branch, ANM-113.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Standardization Branch, ANM-113.

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

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Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

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Safety Zone: Annual "Fireworks on the Navesink" Fireworks Display, Navesink River, Red Bank, NJ

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a permanent safety zone for the annual Independence Day "Fireworks on the Navesink" fireworks display located on the Navesink River, Red Bank, New Jersey. The safety zone would be in effect annually on the third day of July, from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m., with a raid date on the fourth of July, at the same times, unless extended or terminated sooner by the Captain of the Port, New York. The proposed safety zone would close all waters between the north and south shores of the Navesink River, including Red Bank Reach,