

and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the DGAC has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of the DGAC, 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 on other airplanes of the same type design registered in the United States, the proposed AD would require a mechanical integrity inspection to detect discrepancies of the thrust reverser control lever spring having part number (P/N) A2791294520000, and an operational test to verify the integrity of the flight inhibition circuit of the thrust reverser system. It also requires the correction of discrepancies or deactivation of the associated thrust reverser. The actions are required to be accomplished in accordance with the All Operators Telex described previously.

The FAA estimates that 21 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD, that it would take approximately 6 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Required parts would cost approximately \$55 per airplane. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$8,715, or \$415 per airplane.

The total cost impact figure discussed above is based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the proposed requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this AD were not adopted.

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 adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Airbus Industrie: Amendment 39—Docket 95—NM—34—AD.

Applicability: Model A300—B2 and —B4 series airplanes, equipped with General Electric CF6—50 series engines or Pratt & Whitney JT9D—59A engines; 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 (b) 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 ensure the detection of broken or deformed thrust reverser control lever springs that could lead to uncommanded deployment of a thrust reverser and subsequent reduced controllability of the airplane, accomplish the following:

(a) Within 500 flight hours after the effective date of this AD, perform a

mechanical integrity inspection to detect discrepancies of the thrust reverser control lever spring having part number (P/N) A2791294520000, and an operational test to verify the integrity of the flight inhibition circuit of the thrust reverser system, in accordance with Airbus All Operators Telex AOT 78—03, Revision 1, dated July 20, 1994.

(1) If no discrepancies are detected, no further action is required by this AD.

(2) If the control lever spring is found broken or out of tolerance, prior to further flight, replace it with a new control lever spring or deactivate the associated thrust reverser in accordance with the AOT.

(3) If the flight inhibition circuit of the thrust reverser system fails the operational test, prior to further flight, determine the origin of the malfunction, in accordance with the AOT.

(i) If the origin of the malfunction is identified, prior to further flight, repair the flight inhibition circuit in accordance with the AOT.

(ii) If the origin of the malfunction is not identified, prior to further flight, replace the relay having P/N 125GB or 124GB, and repeat the operational test, in accordance with the AOT. If the malfunction is still present, prior to further flight, inspect and repair the wiring in accordance with the AOT. If the malfunction is still present following the inspection and repair, prior to further flight, deactivate the associated thrust reverser in accordance with the AOT.

(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, Standardization Branch, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM—113. 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.

(c) 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.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on March 27, 1995.

Darrell M. Pederson,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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14 CFR Part 39**[Docket No. 95-NM-07-AD]****Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757 Series Airplanes****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 757 series airplanes, that currently requires various modifications and terminating actions for the passenger door, and repair, if necessary. This action would require additional inspections, and replacement of certain parts, if necessary. This proposal is prompted by reports of excessive gaps between lockout cams and crank stops, which resulted in broken power assist triggers. The actions specified by this proposed AD are intended to prevent broken power assist triggers, which could result in an inoperative door opening system during an emergency evacuation.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 31, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 95-NM-07-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 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: Roy Boffo, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (206) 227-2780; 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-07-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-07-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

Discussion

On March 13, 1991, the FAA issued AD 91-07-09, amendment 39-6951 (56 FR 12111, March 22, 1991), applicable to certain Boeing Model 757 series airplanes, which requires various modifications and terminating actions for the passenger door, and repair, if necessary. That action was prompted by reports of fractured emergency power assist triggers. The requirements of that AD are intended to prevent an inoperative emergency power assist door opening system during an emergency evacuation.

Since the issuance of that AD, the FAA has received additional reports of broken power assist triggers. One broken power assist trigger was found on a door before the airplane was delivered to the operator. The FAA also has received reports of excessive gaps between lockout cams and crank stops. Investigation has revealed that when the crank stop is in the arm/engage position, excessive fore and aft clearance between the lockout cam and the crank stop can

result in broken power assist triggers. This condition, if not detected and corrected, could result in an inoperative power assist system of the passenger door during an emergency evacuation.

Based on these findings, the FAA has determined that the distance between the lockout cam and the crank stop must be measured to ensure that gaps are not excessive. In addition, the FAA finds that inspections must be performed to detect damaged or cracked power assist triggers that may prevent the door opening systems from operating.

The FAA has reviewed and approved Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 757-52A0023, Revision 3, dated November 18, 1993, which describes procedures for repetitive inspections to detect worn, damaged, or cracked power assist triggers, repair of worn fittings, and replacement of any discrepant trigger. The alert service bulletin also describes procedures for repetitive measurement of the clearance between the lockout cam and the crank stop, and replacement of the lockout cam, if necessary.

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 supersede AD 91-07-09 to continue to require various inspections and modifications of certain mechanisms of the passenger doors, and replacement of certain parts, if necessary. This AD would require repetitive inspections to detect worn, damaged, or cracked power assist triggers, repair of worn triggers, and replacement, if necessary. This AD will also require repetitive measurements of the clearance between the lockout cam and the crank stop; and replacement of the lockout cams, if necessary. These actions would be required to be accomplished in accordance with the alert service bulletin described previously.

There are approximately 578 Model 757 series airplanes of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 323 airplanes (6 passenger doors per airplane) of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD, that it would take approximately 12 work hours (2 work hours per door) to accomplish the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$232,560, or \$720 per airplane (\$120 per door), per inspection cycle.

Should an operator be required to accomplish the necessary replacement of power assist triggers, it would take approximately 18 work hours per

airplane (3 work hours per passenger door) to accomplish the replacement, at an average labor rate of \$60 per work hour. Required parts would cost approximately \$1,800 per airplane (\$300 per passenger door). Based on these figures, the total cost impact of any necessary replacement action is estimated to be \$2,880 per airplane (\$480 per passenger door).

The total cost impact figure discussed above is based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the proposed requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this AD were not adopted.

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 39-6951 (56 FR 12111, March 22, 1991), and by adding a new airworthiness directive (AD), to read as follows:

Boeing: Docket 95-NM-07-AD. Supersedes AD 91-07-09, Amendment 39-6951.

Applicability: Model 757 series airplanes, as listed in any of the following service bulletins: Boeing Service Bulletin 757-52-0042 dated March 30, 1989, Boeing Service Bulletin 757-52-0042, Revision 1, dated April 26, 1990; and Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 757-52A0023, Revision 3, dated November 18, 1993; 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 (f) 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 ensure proper operation of the door opening system during an emergency evacuation, accomplish the following:

(a) For airplanes identified as Group 1 in Boeing Service Bulletin 757-52-0042, dated March 30, 1989, and Revision 1, dated April 26, 1990: Within 350 flight hours after January 6, 1990 (the effective date of AD 89-25-09, amendment 39-6407), accomplish paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3) of this AD, in accordance with either service bulletin. Any interference or improper clearance detected during any inspections required by this paragraph must be repaired prior to further flight, in accordance with either service bulletin.

(1) Modify the forward right-hand passenger door.

(2) Inspect all passenger doors for evidence of interference between the trigger support housing and the upper hinge arm.

(3) Inspect all passenger doors for proper clearance between the power assist trigger and the door and fuselage skin.

(b) For all airplanes identified in Boeing Service Bulletin 757-52-0042, dated March 30, 1989, and Revision 1, dated April 26, 1990: Within 350 flight hours after January 6, 1990 (the effective date of AD 89-25-09, amendment 39-6407), and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 6 months, accomplish paragraphs (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), and (b)(4) of this AD, in accordance with either service bulletin. Any damage, improper adjustment,

or improper operation detected during any of the inspections required by this paragraph must be repaired prior to further flight, in accordance with either service bulletin.

(1) Inspect the forward doors for proper adjustment of the lockout mechanism of the door emergency power assist system.

(2) Inspect all passenger door emergency power assist triggers for wear marks, damage, or fracture.

(3) Inspect trigger spring cylinders for proper operation.

(4) Inspect roller arms for damage.

(c) For all airplanes identified in Boeing Service Bulletin 757-52-0042, Revision 1, dated April 26, 1990: Within 18 months after April 29, 1991 (the effective date of AD 91-07-09, amendment 39-6951), accomplish paragraphs (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3), and (c)(4) of this AD, in accordance with Section III, Part III, of the service bulletin. Any damage, defect, improper adjustment, or improper operation detected during any inspection required by this paragraph must be repaired, prior to further flight, in accordance with the service bulletin. Accomplishment of the actions required by this paragraph constitutes terminating action for the periodic inspections required by paragraph (b) of this AD.

(1) On forward doors, install the lockout link and inspect the lockout mechanism for proper adjustment.

(2) On all passenger doors, install the new trigger guard, and inspect the emergency power assist triggers for wear marks, damage, or fracture.

(3) On all passenger doors, modify the trigger spring cylinder end cap and inspect the spring cylinder for proper operation.

(4) On all passenger doors, inspect roller arms for damage.

(d) For all airplanes identified in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 757-52A0023, Revision 3, dated November 18, 1993: Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD, perform an inspection to detect wear marks, damage, or cracking on the upper surface of the emergency power assist triggers at all passenger doors, in accordance with the alert service bulletin. Repeat the inspection thereafter at intervals not to exceed 6 months.

(1) If any wear mark is detected, prior to further flight, repair in accordance with the alert service bulletin.

(2) If any damage or cracking is detected, prior to further flight, replace the power assist triggers, in accordance with the alert service bulletin.

(e) For all airplanes identified in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 757-52A0023, Revision 3, dated November 18, 1993: Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD, measure the clearance between the lockout cam and the crank stop, in accordance with the alert service bulletin.

(1) If the clearance between the lockout cam and the crank stop is within the limits specified in the alert service bulletin, thereafter, repeat the measurement at intervals not to exceed 6 months.

(2) If the clearance between the lockout cam and the crank stop is beyond the limits specified in the alert service bulletin, prior to further flight, accomplish either paragraph (e)(2)(i) or (e)(2)(ii) of this AD. Thereafter,

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.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on March 27, 1995.

Darrell M. Pederson,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.
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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