this A.D. Such a request should include an assessment of the effect of the changed configuration on the unsafe condition addressed by this A.D. In no case does the presence of any modification, alteration, or repair remove any airplane from the applicability of this A.D.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent cracking and subsequent failure of the outflow/safety valves, which would result in rapid decompression of the airplane, accomplish the following:

(a) Within 18 months after the effective date of this A.D, replace the outflow/safety valve in accordance with Allied Signal Aerospace Service Bulletin 103576–21–4054 (for Model 441 series airplanes), 103576–21–4056 (for Model 500 and 550 series airplanes), or 103640–21–4055 (for Model 560 series airplanes), all dated January 30, 1995, as applicable.

(b) As of the effective date of this A.D, no person shall install an outflow/safety valve, having a part number and serial number identified in Allied Signal Aerospace Service Bulletin 103576–21–4054 (for Model 441 series airplanes), 103576–21–4056 (for Model 500 and 550 series airplanes), or 103640–21–4055 (for Model 560 series airplanes), all dated January 30, 1995, on any airplane unless that valve is considered to be serviceable in accordance with the applicable service bulletin.

(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, Los Angeles 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, Los Angeles ACO.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this A.D, if any, may be obtained from the Los Angeles ACO.

(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 A.D can be accomplished.

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