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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Parts 1, 61, 141, 143

[Docket No. 25910; Notice No. 95-11]

RIN 2120-AE71

#### Pilot, Flight Instructor, Ground Instructor, and Pilot School Certification Rules

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This action extends the comment period on Notice No. 95-11: Pilot, Flight Instructor, Ground Instructor, and Pilot School Certification Rules. The comment period is extended from December 11, 1995, to February 12, 1996. This action is in response to a request from the Helicopter Association International to allow all affected parties additional time to comment. The extension of the comment period is justified because of the unusually large size of the proposal and the numerous technical issues raised.

**DATES:** The comment period for Notice No. 95-11 is extended until February 12, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be mailed in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel (Attention: Rules Docket, AGC-200), Docket No. 25910, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591. Comments on this notice may be examined in room 915G on weekdays, except on Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Lynch, Certification Branch, AFS-840, General Aviation and Commercial Division, Flight Standards Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone: (202) 267-3844.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 11, 1995, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued Notice No. 95-11: Pilot, Flight Instructor, Ground Instructor, and Pilot School Certification Rules [60 FR 41160]. Comments to Notice No. 95-11 were to be received on or before December 11, 1995.

By letter dated November 9, 1995, the Helicopter Association International (HAI) requested that the FAA extend the comment period for Notice No. 95-11 to March 31, 1996. HAI noted that the proposal contains a myriad of far-reaching changes, and that the sheer bulk and detail of those changes warrant more than 120 days to prepare well-reasoned comments.

Due to the unusually large size of the proposal and the numerous technical issues raised in the proposal, general aviation groups were not able to disseminate information to their members in a timely manner. Therefore, the FAA has determined that a 2-month extension of the comment period is in the public interest.

In order to give HAI members and other interested parties sufficient time to comment, the FAA has determined that it is in the public interest to extend the comment period. However, other commenters have urged the FAA to finalize certain areas of the proposal as soon as possible. In an effort to provide interested parties sufficient time to comment, while at the same time ensuring the final rule is published in a punctual manner, the FAA will extend the comment period until February 12, 1996.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 8, 1995.

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*Acting Director, Flight Standards Service.*

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#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 95-SW-27-AD]

#### Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company Model R22 Helicopters

**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 Robinson Helicopter Company (Robinson) Model R22 helicopters, that currently requires installing a low-rotor RPM caution light and resetting the low-RPM warning unit to activate the warning horn and caution light at 94% to 96% revolutions-per-minute (RPM). This action would require installation of an improved throttle governor; an adjustment to the warning horn threshold to increase the RPM at which the warning horn and caution light activate; and, revisions to the R22 Rotorcraft Flight Manual that prohibit flight with the improved throttle governor inoperative, except in certain situations. This proposal is prompted by an FAA Technical Panel review of Model R22 accident history data which revealed that main rotor (M/R) blade stall at abnormally low M/R RPM resulted in accidents. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to minimize the possibility of pilot mismanagement of the M/R RPM, which could result in unrecoverable M/R blade stall and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by January 29, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 95-SW-27-AD, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James Wang, Helicopter Program Manager, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, California 90712-4137, telephone (310) 627-5303; 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 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