

gear, and no looseness is detected in the fitting attachment bolts, repeat the inspections at intervals not to exceed 1,000 landings until the modification required by paragraph (b) of this AD is accomplished.

(2) If any crack is detected on either fitting, prior to further flight, replace both fittings with confirmed crack-free fittings in accordance with the service bulletin. After such replacement, the inspections required by this paragraph must continue at intervals not to exceed 1,000 landings until the modification required by paragraph (b) of this AD is accomplished.

(3) If any fitting attachment bolt is found to be loose during the initial inspection, prior to further flight, replace the fasteners (nut, washer, and bolt) that secure the fitting, in accordance with the service bulletin. After such replacement, the inspections required by this paragraph must continue at intervals not to exceed 1,000 landings until the modification required by paragraph (b) of this AD is accomplished.

(4) If any fastener is found to be loose during any repetitive inspection required by this AD, prior to further flight, tighten the bolt to the value specified in the service bulletin.

(b) Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD, install Modification 8/2139 in accordance with de Havilland Service Bulletin S.B. 8-53-49, dated June 30, 1995. Installation of this modification constitutes terminating action for the inspection requirements of this AD.

(c) Installation of Modification 8/2139, in accordance with de Havilland Service Bulletin S.B. 8-53-49, dated June 30, 1995, constitutes terminating action for the inspections required by this AD.

(d) 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, New York Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), ANE-170, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, New York ACO.

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

(e) 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.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on September 3, 1996.

Darrell M. Pederson,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 93-NM-193-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F28 Mark 0100 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document revises an earlier proposed airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Fokker Model F28 Mark 0100 series airplanes. That proposal would have required repetitive inspections to detect corrosion in the wheel axles of the main landing gear (MLG) sliding members; and rework of any corroded areas, an inspection to detect cracks in the wheel axles, and replacement of any cracked sliding member. That proposal was prompted by a report of failure of a MLG wheel axle during push back of an in-service airplane from the terminal. This action revises the proposed rule by providing for interim actions that may be accomplished in lieu of the repetitive inspections. This action also revises the proposed rule by requiring eventual modifications of the main wheel brake units and the MLG sliding members; when accomplished, these modifications terminate the repetitive inspections and interim actions. The actions specified by this proposed AD are intended to prevent failure of the MLG wheel axle due to problems associated with corrosion and cracking.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 93-NM-193-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 Fokker Aircraft USA, Inc., 1199 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth E. Harder, Aerospace Engineer, Standardization Branch, ANM-113, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate,

1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (206) 227-1721; fax (206) 227-1149.

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 93-NM-193-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. 93-NM-193-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

Discussion

A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to add an airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Fokker Model F28 Mark 0100 series airplanes, was published as a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register on February 2, 1994 (59 FR 4875). That NPRM would have required repetitive inspections to detect corrosion in the wheel axles of the main landing gear (MLG) sliding members; and rework of any corroded areas, an inspection to detect cracks in the wheel axles, and replacement of any cracked sliding member. That NPRM was prompted by a report that a MLG wheel axle failed during push back of an in-

service airplane from the terminal. That condition, if not corrected, could result in failure of the MLG wheel axle due to the problems associated with corrosion and cracking.

Actions Since Issuance of Previous Proposal

Since the issuance of the NPRM, three new or revised service bulletins have been released. These service bulletins are described below.

1. Dowty Aerospace has issued Service Bulletin F100-32-64, Revision 1, dated February 18, 1994. The original issue of this service bulletin was cited in the NPRM as an appropriate source of service information for accomplishment of repetitive visual inspections to detect corrosion in the wheel axles of the MLG sliding members. Although Revision 1 is essentially the same as the original issue, it contains certain editorial changes; the technical content of the service bulletin has not been changed.

2. Fokker has issued Service Bulletin SBF100-32-083, dated March 23, 1994. This service bulletin describes procedures for interim actions that may be accomplished in lieu of the repetitive inspections described in Fokker Service Bulletin SBF100-32-080.

Accomplishment of these interim actions would allow an operator to increase the repetitive inspection interval for its fleet from 3 months to one year until terminating modifications are accomplished. The interim actions include:

- Installation of main wheel brake units with chamfered and cadmium-plated inboard bushings;
- Restoration of the protection scheme of the sliding members; and
- Inspections (also referred to as a "sampling program") to detect corrosion in the wheel axles of the MLG sliding members.

This service bulletin recommends that if any sampling is unsatisfactory, the repetitive inspections described in Fokker Service Bulletin SBF100-32-080 should be resumed. (Additionally, this service bulletin references Part B of the Dowty service bulletin described previously as an additional source of service information for accomplishment of the interim actions.)

3. Fokker also has issued Service Bulletin SBF100-32-081, dated March 23, 1994, which describes procedures for modifications of the main wheel brake units and the MLG sliding members. These modifications entail installing the main wheel brake units with chamfered and cadmium-plated inboard bushings, and installing landing

gears with chromium or nickel plating on the brake abutment flange of the sliding member and restored cadmium plating and paint in the radius of the sliding member. Accomplishment of these modifications will prevent the development of corrosion in the radii of the wheel axles of the MLG sliding members. Accomplishment of the modifications eliminates the need for the repetitive inspections and the interim actions. (Additionally, the Fokker service bulletin references Part C of the Dowty service bulletin described previously as an additional source of service information for accomplishment of the modifications.)

Related Action by the Netherlands Authorities

The Rijksluchtvaartdienst (RLD), which is the airworthiness authority for the Netherlands, has approved the Fokker service bulletins, and issued Netherlands airworthiness directive (BLA) 93-108/3 (A), dated April 29, 1994, in order to assure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in the Netherlands.

The BLA requires the accomplishment of either the repetitive visual inspections for corrosion, or the interim actions (including the "sampling program" inspections).

FAA's Findings; New Proposed Requirements

The FAA examined the findings of the RLD, and reviewed the latest service information. The FAA finds that the previously issued NPRM must be revised to provide for interim actions that may be accomplished in lieu of the repetitive inspections, and to require the accomplishment of the modifications of the main wheel brake units and the MLG sliding members specified in Fokker Service Bulletin SBF100-32-081, dated March 23, 1994. Two new paragraphs have been added to this supplemental NPRM to provide for these interim actions and to require the modifications that constitute terminating action for the inspections.

The FAA also has revised the NPRM to cite the latest service bulletin revisions as the appropriate sources of service information.

Differences Between Proposed Rule and Netherlands Directive

Although the Netherlands BLA does not mandate the accomplishment of the modifications, this proposed AD would require that those modifications be accomplished. The FAA has determined that long term continued operational safety will be better assured by design changes to remove the source of the

problem, rather than by repetitive inspections. Long term inspections may not be providing the degree of safety assurance necessary for the transport airplane fleet. This, coupled with a better understanding of the human factors associated with numerous continual inspections, has led the FAA to consider placing less emphasis on inspections and more emphasis on design improvements. The proposed modification requirement is in consonance with these considerations.

Conclusion

Since these changes expand the scope of the originally proposed rule, the FAA has determined that it is necessary to reopen the comment period to provide additional opportunity for public comment.

Cost Impact

The cost impact information specified in the NPRM indicated that 100 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD. The FAA has updated that information, below, to indicate that 125 airplanes would be affected.

In addition, the FAA has recently reviewed the figures it has used over the past several years in calculating the economic impact of AD activity. In order to account for various inflationary costs in the airline industry, the FAA has determined that it is necessary to increase the labor rate used in these calculations from \$55 per work hour to \$60 per work hour. The cost impact information also has been revised to reflect this increase in the specified hourly labor rate.

The FAA estimates that 125 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD, that it would take approximately 14 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed visual inspections, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the initial visual inspection of this proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$105,000, or \$840 per airplane.

The FAA estimates that it would take approximately 66 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed terminating modifications, at an average labor rate of \$60 per work hour. The cost for required parts would be approximately \$865 per airplane. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the proposed terminating action on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$603,125, or \$4,825 per airplane.

The cost impact figures discussed above are 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.

Should an operator elect to accomplish the repetitive visual inspections that would be provided by this AD action, it would take approximately 14 work hours to accomplish each repetitive inspection, at an average labor rate of \$60 per work hour. The FAA estimates that these inspections would be accomplished four times per year. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the repetitive inspections on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$3,360 per airplane, per year.

Should an operator elect to accomplish the interim actions that would be provided by this AD action, it would take approximately 26 work hours for the rework, and 26 work hours per airplane for the brake unit replacement. It would take between 28–168 work hours per year for the sampling program, depending on the size of an operator's fleet. The average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. The cost for required parts would be approximately \$865 per airplane. Additionally, once these interim actions are accomplished, the cost impact of the terminating modifications discussed previously would be reduced by \$2,400 per airplane.

Regulatory Impact

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. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Fokker: Docket 93–NM–193–AD.

Applicability: Model F28 Mark 0100 series airplanes equipped with Dowty Aerospace main landing gear (MLG) part number 201072011, 201072012, 201072013, 201072014, 201072015, or 201072016; certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been otherwise 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 request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (g) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent failure of the MLG wheel axle due to problems associated with corrosion and cracking, accomplish the following:

(a) Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, remove the MLG wheels and brakes and perform a visual inspection to detect corrosion and cracking in the wheel axles of the MLG sliding members in accordance with Fokker Service Bulletin F100–32–079, Revision 1, dated October 4, 1993, and paragraph 2.A. of the Accomplishment Instructions of Dowty Aerospace Service Bulletin F100–32–63, Revision 2, dated September 23, 1993.

(b) Following accomplishment of the inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD, accomplish either paragraph (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this AD.

(1) Repeat the inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD thereafter at intervals not to exceed 3 months in accordance with Fokker Service Bulletin SBF100–32–080, dated October 4, 1993, and Dowty Aerospace Service Bulletin F100–32–

64, Revision 1, dated February 18, 1994, until the actions required by paragraph (e) of this AD are accomplished. Or

(2) Accomplish paragraphs (b)(2)(i), (b)(2)(ii), and (b)(2)(iii) of this AD at the times specified in those paragraphs in accordance with Fokker Service Bulletin SBF100–32–083, dated March 23, 1994.

(i) Within 3 months after the accomplishment of an inspection required by paragraph (a) or (b)(1) of this AD: Rework the axles in accordance with Part 2 of the Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin. Repeat this rework thereafter at intervals not to exceed 12 months or 2,200 landings, whichever occurs first. And

(ii) Prior to or concurrent with accomplishing the initial rework specified in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this AD: Replace the main wheel brake units in accordance with Part 1 of the Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin. And

(iii) Within 3 months after the first accomplishment of the rework required by paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this AD: Begin performing interim inspections ("sampling program") to detect corrosion and cracking in the wheel axles of the MLG sliding members, in accordance with Part 3 of the Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin. Perform these inspections at the intervals specified in the service bulletin until the actions required by paragraph (e) of this AD are accomplished.

(c) If any corrosion is found during any inspection required by this AD, prior to further flight, rework the affected area and perform a non-destructive testing (NDT) inspection to detect cracks in the MLG wheel axles, in accordance with Appendix A of Dowty Aerospace Service Bulletin F100–32–63, Revision 2, dated September 23, 1993 (if corrosion is found during the initial inspection required by this AD); or Dowty Aerospace Service Bulletin F100–32–64, Revision 1, dated February 18, 1994 (if corrosion is found during a repetitive inspection required by this AD); as applicable. After rework, perform repetitive inspections of the affected area in accordance with paragraph (b)(1) of this AD until the actions required by paragraph (e) of this AD are accomplished.

(d) If any crack is found during any inspection required by this AD, prior to further flight, replace the affected sliding member with a serviceable sliding member in accordance with Dowty Aerospace Service Bulletin F100–32–63, Revision 2, dated September 23, 1993 (if any crack is found during the initial inspection required by this AD); or Dowty Aerospace Service Bulletin F100–32–64, Revision 1, dated February 18, 1994 (if any crack is found during a repetitive inspection required by this AD); as applicable. After replacement of the affected sliding member, perform the repetitive inspections in accordance with paragraph (b)(1) of this AD until the actions required by paragraph (e) of this AD are accomplished.

(e) At the next major gear overhaul, or within 4,400 landings after accomplishment of the initial inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD, whichever occurs first: Rework the sliding member, and replace the main wheel brake units in accordance

with the Accomplishment Instructions of Fokker Service Bulletin SBF100-32-081, dated March 23, 1994. Accomplishment of these actions constitutes terminating action for the repetitive inspections and the interim actions specified in paragraph (b) of this AD.

Note 2: Fokker Service Bulletin SBF100-32-081 references Dowty Aerospace Service Bulletin F100-32-64, Revision 1, dated February 18, 1994, as an additional source of service information for accomplishment of the rework and replacement.

(f) As of the effective date of this AD, no person shall install a Dowty Aerospace MLG, part number 201072011, 201072012, 201072013, 201072014, 201072015, or 201072016, on any airplane unless the requirements of this AD have been accomplished on that MLG. Following its installation, the repetitive inspections required by paragraph (b) of this AD shall be accomplished on that MLG.

(g) 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 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Standardization Branch, ANM-113.

(h) 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.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on September 3, 1996.

Darrell M. Pederson,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-ANM-23]

Proposed Removal of Class D Airspace and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to remove Class D Airspace and establish Class E Airspace at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. This action is the result of decommissioning the air traffic control tower at Coeur d'Alene Air Terminal, Idaho. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Operation Branch, ANM-530, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 96-ANM-23, 1601 Lind Avenue S.W., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

The official docket may be examined at the same address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Riley, ANM-532.2, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 96-ANM-23, 1601 Lind Avenue S.W., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone number: (206) 227-2537.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify the airspace docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made:

"Comments to Airspace Docket No. 96-ANM-23." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in the light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination at the address listed above both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRM's

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Operations

Branch, ANM-530, 1601 Lind Avenue S.W., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should also request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, which describes the application procedure.

The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to remove Class D airspace and establish Class E airspace at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. This action is the result of decommissioning the air traffic control tower at Coeur d'Alene Air Terminal, Idaho. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. Class D and Class E airspace areas are published in Paragraphs 5000 and 6002 respectively, of FAA Order 7400.9C dated August 17, 1995, and effective September 16, 1995, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore, (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) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.