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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 86-ANE-13]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; CFM International CFM56-3 and -3B Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: This action withdraws a notice of proposed rulemaking that would have added a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to CFM International (CFMI) CFM56-3 and -3B series turbofan engines. That action proposed to amend an existing AD and would have required the installation of a riveted oil distributor, Part Number (P/N) 335-305-804-0. Since the issuance of the NPRM, the manufacturer has advised the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that the entire CFM56-3 and -3B fleet has been retrofitted with the new riveted oil distributor, P/N 335-305-804-0, and that there are no oil distributors, P/N 335-305-800-0, presently in service. The FAA has therefore reviewed its position, and has concluded that the proposed actions are unnecessary. Accordingly, the proposed rule is withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glorianne Messemer, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (617) 238-7132, fax (617) 238-7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to supersede an airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to CFM International (CFMI) CFM56-3 and -3B engines, was published in the **Federal**

Register on December 2, 1986 (51 FR 43383). The proposed rule would have amended the existing AD that requires initial and repetitive inspections of the transfer gearbox for radial driveshaft oil distributor looseness and condition of the spirolock. The proposed rule would have required a riveted oil distributor, Part Number (P/N) 335-305-804-0, to be installed in accordance with CFMI CFM56-3/-3B Service Bulletin No. 72-253, dated June 27, 1986, as a terminating action to the repetitive inspection program.

Since the issuance of the NPRM, the manufacturer has advised the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that the entire CFM56-3 and -3B fleet has been retrofitted with the new riveted oil distributor, P/N 335-305-804-0, and that there are no oil distributors, P/N 335-305-800-0, presently in service, nor does the manufacturer plan to introduce any into service in the future. The installation of the riveted oil distributor provides a permanent fix for oil distributor looseness and eliminates the need for repetitive inspections. The FAA has therefore reviewed its position, and has concluded that the proposed actions are unnecessary.

Accordingly, the proposed rule is hereby withdrawn.

Withdrawal of this final rule constitutes only such action, and does not preclude the agency from issuing another notice in the future, nor does it commit the agency to any course of action in the future.

Since this action only withdraws a notice of proposed rulemaking, it is neither a proposed nor a final rule and therefore, is not covered under Executive Order 12866, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, or DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979).

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Withdrawal

Accordingly, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Docket 86-ANE-13, published in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 1986 (51 FR 43383), is withdrawn.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on April 8, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 96-NM-222-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Boeing Model 757 series airplanes. This proposal would require one-time inspections to verify proper installation and to detect chafing and/or damage of certain rerouted wire bundles; to verify if certain protective grommets are installed properly and to detect missing grommets; and various follow-on actions. This proposal is prompted by a report of smoke and fire in the lower left-hand side of the E1-1 rack of the electrical equipment bay due to chafing of wire bundles as a result of missing protective grommets. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent chafing of wire bundles, which could result in smoke and fire at the E1-1 rack of the electrical equipment bay.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 96-NM-222-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