

paragraphs (g)(1)(vii) and (g)(1)(ix) are added, to read as follows:

§ 1499.8 Ocean transportation.

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(b) Freight procurement requirements. When CCC is financing any portion of the ocean freight, whether on U.S.-flag or non-U.S. flag vessels, and the Cooperating Sponsor arranges ocean transportation:

\* \* \* \* \*

(g) Documents required for payment of freight—(1) General rule. \* \* \*

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(vii) For all liner cargoes, a copy of the tariff page.

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(ix) Each request to CCC for payment must provide a document, on letterhead and signed by an official or agent of the requester, the name of the entity to receive payment, the bank ABA number to which payment is to be made; the account number for the deposit at the bank; the requester's taxpayer identification number; and the type of account into which funds will be deposited.

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1499.8 [Amended]

6. In section 1499.8, paragraph (8) is amended by deleting "One copy" wherever it appears and adding "One signed copy" in its place, and paragraph (g)(1)(vi) is amended by deleting "a notice" and adding, in its place, "a signed notice".

7. Section 1499.10 is amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 1499.10 Restrictions on commodity use and distribution.

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(d) In the event that its participation in the program terminates, the non-government cooperating sponsor will safeguard any undistributed commodities and sales proceeds and dispose of such commodities and proceeds as directed by CCC.

8. Section 1499.14(b)(2) is amended by deleting "KCFMO" and adding, in its place "KCMO/DMD."

9. Section 1499.15, is amended by removing "KCFMO" wherever it appears and add, in its place "KCMO/DMD", revising the last sentence of paragraphs (d)(2) and (f)(3), and adding paragraphs (d)(2)(i) through (d)(2)(vi) to read as follows:

§ 1499.15 Liability for loss, damage, or improper distribution of commodities—claims and procedures.

\* \* \* \* \*

(d) \* \* \*

(2) \* \* \* In the event of a declaration of general average:

(i) The Cooperating Sponsor shall assign all claim rights to CCC and shall provide CCC all documentation relating to the claim, if applicable;

(ii) CCC will be responsible for settling general average and marine salvage claims;

(iii) CCC has sole authority to authorize any disposition of commodities which have not commenced ocean transit or of which the ocean transit is interrupted;

(iv) CCC will receive and retain any monetary proceeds resulting from such disposition;

(v) CCC will initiate, prosecute and retain all proceeds of cargo loss and damage against ocean carriers and any allowance in general average; and

(vi) CCC will pay any general average or marine salvage claims determined to be due.

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(f) \* \* \*

(3) \* \* \* If the Agricultural Counselor or Attache approves a Cooperating Sponsor's decision not to take further action on the claim, the Cooperating Sponsor shall assign the claim to CCC and shall forward all documentation relating to the claim to KCMO/DMD.

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10. In section 1499.16, the second and third sentences of (c)(1) and the second and third sentences of (c)(2) are revised to read as follows:

§ 1499.16 Records and reporting requirements.

\* \* \* \* \*

(c) Reports. (1) \* \* \* Cooperating Sponsors must submit reports on Form CCC-620 and submit the first report by May 16 for agreements signed during the period, October 1 through March 31 or by November 16 for agreements signed during the period, April 1 through September 30. The first report must cover the time period from the date of signing and subsequent reports must be provided at six months intervals covering the period from the due date of the last report until all commodities have been distributed or sold and such distribution or sale reported to CCC. \* \* \*

(2) \* \* \* Cooperating Sponsors must submit reports on Form CCC-621 and submit the first report by May 16 for agreements signed during the period, October 1 through March 31 or by November 16 for agreements signed during the period, April 1 through September 30. The first report must cover the time period from the date of signing and subsequent reports must be provided at six months intervals

covering the period from the due date of the last report until all funds generated from commodity sales have been distributed and such distribution reported to CCC. \* \* \*

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Dated: November 20, 1997.

Christopher E. Goldthwait, General Sales Manager, FAS, and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 97-NM-199-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace (Jetstream) Model 4101 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 British Aerospace (Jetstream) Model 4101 airplanes. This proposal would require replacement of certain wheel tie bolts with new bolts; and placing a life limit on these wheel tie bolts. This proposal is prompted by issuance of mandatory continuing airworthiness information by a foreign civil airworthiness authority. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent metal fatigue failure of the wheel tie bolts, which could result in a tire burst or loss of the main wheel/tire assembly, and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 25, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 97-NM-199-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 AI(R) American Support, Inc., 13850 Mclearen Road, Herndon, Virginia 20171. This information may be

examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Norman B. Martenson, Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2110; fax (425) 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 97-NM-199-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-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 97-NM-199-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

**Discussion**

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), which is the airworthiness authority for the United Kingdom, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain British Aerospace (Jetstream) Model 4101 airplanes. The CAA advises that it has received reports indicating that the main wheel tie bolts are failing due to metal fatigue after repeated installations and removals during normal tire changes. This condition, if

not corrected, could result in a tire burst or loss of the main wheel/tire assembly, and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane.

**Explanation of Relevant Service Information**

The manufacturer has issued Jetstream Service Bulletin J41-32-058, dated May 9, 1997, which describes procedures for replacement of wheel tie bolts having part number BAC-B30M516 (DSR4528-1216) with new bolts; and establishing a life limit of five installations for those wheel tie bolts. The CAA classified this service bulletin as mandatory and issued British airworthiness directive 002-05-97 in order to assure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in the United Kingdom.

**FAA's Conclusions**

This airplane model is manufactured in the United Kingdom and is type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of section 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the CAA has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of the CAA, 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.

**Explanation of Requirements of Proposed Rule**

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 accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletin described previously.

**Interim Action**

This is considered to be interim action until final action is identified, at which time the FAA may consider further rulemaking.

**Cost Impact**

The FAA estimates that 57 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD; however, wheel tie bolts must be removed and reinstalled during each tire change, therefore no additional workhours would be required as a result of this AD. The required parts would be supplied by the manufacturer at no charge. Based on this information, the

cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be negligible.

**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:

**British Aerospace Regional Aircraft [Formerly Jetstream Aircraft Limited; British Aerospace (Commercial Aircraft) Limited];** Docket 97-NM-199-AD.

**Applicability:** Jetstream Model 4101 airplanes equipped with main wheels having part number (P/N) AHA1837, 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 request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (b) 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 metal fatigue failure of the wheel tie bolts, which could result in a tire burst or loss of the main wheel/tire assembly, and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane, accomplish the following:

(a) At the next tire change after the effective date of this AD, remove main wheel tie bolts having P/N BAC-B30M516 (DSR4528-1216), and replace them with new tie bolts in accordance with Jetstream Service Bulletin J41-32-058, dated May 9, 1997. Repeat this replacement thereafter at every fifth tire change.

(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, International Branch, ANM-116, 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, International Branch, ANM-116.

**Note 2:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the International Branch, ANM-116.

(c) 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.

**Note 3:** The subject of this AD is addressed in CAA airworthiness directive 002-05-97.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on February 17, 1998.

**Stewart R. Miller,**

*Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain British Aerospace (Jetstream) Model 4101 airplanes. This proposal would require a one-time inspection for corrosion of electrical connectors in certain areas on the pressure bulkhead and rear baggage bay areas, and repair, if necessary; and installation of improved sealing. This proposal is prompted by issuance of mandatory continuing airworthiness information by a foreign civil airworthiness authority. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent the accumulation of moisture inside the electrical connectors, which could result in a short circuit and consequent autopilot disconnect, or a latent failure of the stick pusher system.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by March 25, 1998.

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**Discussion**

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**Explanation of Relevant Service Information**

Jetstream has issued Service Bulletin J41-24-027, dated July 8, 1997, as

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