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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

12 CFR Part 357

RIN 3064-AA97

Determination of Economically Depressed Regions

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The FDIC is withdrawing a proposed rule to amend its regulation designating economically depressed regions at 12 CFR Part 357. The proposed rule, published at 57 FR 60140 on December 18, 1992, would have updated the list of states designated as "economically depressed regions" for purposes of section 13(k)(5) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. 1823(k)(5). No comments were received and the proposed rule was never adopted as final. Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, the FDIC is publishing a final rule that provides criteria to be used by the FDIC to determine which regions are "economically depressed" rather than identifying particular states by regulation.

DATES: The proposed rule published at 57 FR 60140, December 18, 1992 is withdrawn on March 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John P. O'Keefe, Chief, Economic Analysis Section, (202) 898-3945, David Horne, Financial Economist, (202) 898-3981, Division of Research and Statistics; Michael Phillips, Counsel, Legal Division, (202) 898-3581, FDIC, 550 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20429.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 10th day of February, 1998.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 97-SW-25-AD]

Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS-350B, BA, B1, B2, and D, and Model AS-355E, F, F1, F2, and N Helicopters

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 Eurocopter France (Eurocopter) Model AS-350B, BA, B1, B2, and D, and Model AS-355E, F, F1, F2, and N helicopters. This proposal would require inspections of the main gearbox suspension bi-directional cross-beam (cross-beam) for cracks, and replacement of the cross-beam if a crack is found. This proposal is prompted by several reports of cracks in the cross-beam. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to provide a terminating action to prevent failure of the cross-beam that could cause the main gearbox to pivot, resulting in severe vibrations and a subsequent forced landing.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, Attention: Rules Docket No. 96-SW-25-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.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from American Eurocopter Corporation, 2701 Forum Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas 75053-4005, telephone (972) 641-3460, fax (972) 641-3527. This information may be examined at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Mathias, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Rotorcraft Directorate, ASW-111,

2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137, telephone (817) 222-5123, fax (817) 222-5961.

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 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 No. 97-SW-25-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, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, Attention: Rules Docket No. 97-SW-25-AD, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137.

Discussion

The Direction Generale De L'Aviation Civile (DGAC), which is the airworthiness authority for France, recently notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on Eurocopter France Model AS-350B, BA, B1, B2, and D, and Model AS-355E, F, F1, F2, and N helicopters. The DGAC advises that cracks were discovered in the cross-beam. The DGAC issued AD 96-156-