

supervisory subgroup information fits. The proposal corrects this erroneous cross-reference.

Request for Comment

The Board requests comment on the proposed regulatory amendments described above. In particular, comment is requested regarding any adverse impact the shorter notice periods might have. If it is believed that a 15-day notice period would be insufficient, comment is requested as to what period would be minimally sufficient to prove reasonable notice.

Comment is further requested on any alternative means of permitting the use of more up-to-date capital data without shortening the notice periods. Possible alternatives might include, for example, moving the assessment payment date to a later date. It is requested that suggestions for alternative means to those proposed by the Board include a discussion of any benefits and disadvantages associated with the alternatives suggested.

The comment period has been set at 45 days to allow the proposal, if adopted, to be implemented beginning with the second semiannual assessment period of 2000 and to give insured institutions as much time as possible before implementation to adjust to the changes. The Board wishes to address the proposal expeditiously because of its belief that the use of more current capital data would be of significant benefit for both the industry and the risk-based assessment system.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Board hereby certifies that the proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). No new or increased reporting, recordkeeping, or other compliance requirements would be imposed by the proposed rule. Of the changes proposed, only one—lengthening the time for filing requests for review of assessment risk classifications—addresses actions to be initiated by insured institutions. The remaining proposals address actions to be undertaken by the FDIC. The proposal addressing actions to be initiated by institutions would relax an existing time restriction, and it is expected that any impact on insured institutions, of whatever size, would be positive rather than adverse.

Assessment of Impact of Federal Regulation on Families

The FDIC has determined that this proposed amendment would not affect

family well-being within the meaning of section 654 of the Treasury Department Appropriations Act, 1999, enacted as part of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Pub. L. 105–277, 112 Stat. 2681).

List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 327

Assessments, Bank deposit insurance, Banks, banking, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Savings associations.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Board proposes to amend 12 CFR part 327 as follows:

PART 327—ASSESSMENTS

1. The authority citation for part 327 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1441, 1441b, 1813, 1815, 1817–1819; Pub. L. 104–208, 110 Stat. 3009–479 (12 U.S.C. 1821).

2. Section 327.3 is amended by removing the phrase “30 days” and adding in its place the phrase “15 days” in paragraphs (c)(1) and (d)(1), respectively.

3. Section 327.4 is amended by removing the citation to “309.5(c)(8)” in paragraph (e) and adding in its place the citation “309.5(g)(8)”, and by revising paragraphs (a)(1) introductory text and (d) to read as follows:

§ 327.4 Annual assessment rate.

(a) * * *

(1) Capital factors. Institutions will be assigned to one of the following three capital groups on the basis of data reported in the institution's Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income, Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks, or Thrift Financial Report dated as of March 31 for the assessment period beginning the following July and as of September 30 for the assessment period beginning the following January 1.

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(d) Requests for review. An institution may submit a written request for review of its assessment risk classification. Any such request must be submitted within 90 days of the date of the assessment risk classification notice provided by the Corporation pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section. The request shall be submitted to the Corporation's Director of the Division of Insurance in Washington, DC, and shall include documentation sufficient to support the reclassification sought by the institution. If additional information is requested by the Corporation, such information shall be provided by the institution within 21 days of the date of

the request for additional information. Any institution submitting a timely request for review will receive written notice from the Corporation regarding the outcome of its request. Upon completion of a review, the Director of the Division of Insurance (or designee) or the Director of the Division of Supervision (or designee), as appropriate, shall promptly notify the institution in writing of his or her determination of whether reclassification is warranted. Notice of the procedures applicable to reviews will be included with the assessment risk classification notice to be provided pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section.

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By order of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 31st day of August, 1999.

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. 99–NE–24–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6–80C2 Series Turbofan Engines

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 General Electric Company (GE) CF6–80C2 series turbofan engines. This proposal would require replacement of the fuel tube connecting the flowmeter to the Integrated Drive Generator (IDG) and the fuel tube(s) connecting the Main Engine Control (MEC) or Hydromechanical (HMU) to the flowmeter with improved fuel tubes. This proposal is prompted by reports of fuel leaking in the core cowl cavity under high pressure that can be ignited by the hot engine case temperatures. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent high-pressure fuel leaks caused by improper seating of fuel tube flanges, which could result in an engine fire and damage to the airplane.

DATES: Comments must be received by November 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 99-NE-24-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: "9-ane-adcomment@faa.gov". Comments sent via the Internet must contain the docket number in the subject line. Comments may be inspected at this location between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from General Electric Aircraft Engines, c/o Commercial Technical Publications, 1 Neumann Way, Room 230, Cincinnati, OH 45215-1988; telephone (513) 552-2005, fax (513) 552-2816. This information may be examined at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ian Dargin, Aerospace Engineer, Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (781) 238-7178, fax (781) 238-7199.

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 proposed 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 99-NE-24-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, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 99-NE-24-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299.

Discussion

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) received reports of 21 incidents of fuel leaks on General Electric Company (GE) CF6-80C2 series engines at the fuel tube flanges at either the tube connecting the Main Engine Control (MEC) or Hydromechanical Unit (HMU) to the fuel flowmeter or the tube connecting the fuel flowmeter to the Integrated Drive Generator (IDG) cooler. Five of the incidents resulted in in-flight engine shutdowns, with the majority directly attributable to incorrect flange seating of one of the fuel tube flanges. One of these events resulted in an engine fire on a Boeing 747-400 aircraft. This engine fire was caused by fuel leaking due to improper fuel tube flange seating at the inlet mating flange end of the tube connecting with the IDG cooler. The improper fuel tube flange seating condition, if not corrected, could result in high-pressure fuel leaks, which could result in an engine fire and damage to the airplane.

The FAA has reviewed and approved the technical contents of GE Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. 73-A224, Revision 2, July 9, 1997, that describes procedures for replacing the fuel flowmeter to IDG cooler fuel tube with an improved tube; and ASB No. 73-A0231, Revision 1, May 3, 1999, that describes procedures for replacing the MEC or HMU to fuel flowmeter fuel tubes with improved tubes.

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other engines of the same type design, the proposed AD would require replacement of the fuel flowmeter to IDG cooler fuel tubes and MEC or HMU to fuel flowmeter fuel tubes with improved tubes. The improved design fuel tube prevents hang-up of the flange on the tube, thus allowing proper flange seating. The replacement would be required at the next time the tubes are disconnected, or the next shop visit after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first. The actions are required to be

accomplished in accordance with the ASBs described previously.

There are approximately 2,693 engines of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 581 engines installed on airplanes of US registry would be affected by this proposed AD, that it would take approximately 0.5 work hours per engine to accomplish the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Of the 581 engines, some have already complied with the ASBs. Required parts for complying with ASB 73-A224 would cost approximately \$659 per engine for the remaining 35 domestic engines. To comply with ASB 73-A0231, required parts would cost \$2,858 per engine for the remaining 204 domestic Full Authority Digital Engine Control (FADEC) engines, and \$1,229 per engine for the remaining 204 domestic Power Management Control (PMC) engines. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$856,813.

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:

General Electric Company: Docket No. 99-NE-24-AD.

Applicability: General Electric Company (GE) CF6-80C2 A1/ A2/ A3/ A5/ A8/ A5F/ B1/ B2/ B4/ B6/ B1F/ B2F/ B4F/ B6F/ B7F/ D1F turbofan engines, installed on but not limited to Airbus Industrie A300-600/ 600R series and A310-200Adv/ 300 series, and Boeing 747-200/ 300/ 400 series and 767-200ER/ 300/ 300ER/ 400ER and McDonnell Douglas MD-11 series airplanes.

Note 1: This airworthiness directive (AD) applies to each engine 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 engines 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 (c) 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 improper fuel tube flange seating, resulting in high pressure fuel leaks, which could result in an engine fire and damage to the airplane, accomplish the following:

(a) At the next time the tubes are disconnected for on-wing maintenance, or the next shop visit after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first, replace the old configuration fuel tubes with the improved tubes, as follows:

(1) Replace the fuel flowmeter to Integrated Drive Generator (IDG) cooler fuel tube, part number (P/N) 1321M42G01, with a serviceable part in accordance with paragraph 2 of GE Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. 73-A224, Revision 2, July 9, 1997 and perform a leak check after accomplishing the replacement.

(2) Replace Main Engine Control (MEC) to fuel flowmeter fuel tube, P/N 1334M88G01, and bolts, P/N MS9557-12, with serviceable parts, in accordance with paragraph 3A for engines with Power Management Controls, or Hydromechanical Unit (HMU) to fuel flowmeter fuel tubes, P/Ns 1383M12G01 and 1374M30G01 with serviceable parts, in accordance with paragraph 3B for engines with Full Authority Digital Electronic Controls, in accordance with GE ASB No. 73-A0231, Revision 1, May 3, 1999; and perform a leak check after accomplishing the replacement.

Note 2: Information on performing the leak check can be found in the Aircraft Maintenance Manual, 71-00-00.

(b) For the purpose of this AD, a shop visit is defined as any time an engine is removed from service and returned to the shop for any maintenance.

(c) For the purpose of this AD, a serviceable part is defined as any part other than tube, P/N 1321M42G01, for the fuel flowmeter to IDG cooler; tube; P/N 1334M88G01, and bolt, P/N MS9557-12, for the MEC to fuel flowmeter tube; and tubes, P/Ns 1383M12G01 and 1374M30G01, for the HMU to fuel flowmeter fuel tubes.

(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, Engine Certification Office. Operators shall submit their request through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Engine Certification Office.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this airworthiness directive, if any, may be obtained from the Engine Certification Office.

(e) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 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 Burlington, Massachusetts, on August 30, 1999.

David A. Downey,

Assistant Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. 99-NE-34-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; AlliedSignal Inc. 36-300(A), 36-280(B), and 36-280(D) Series Auxiliary Power Units

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 AlliedSignal Inc. 36-300(A), 36-280(B), and 36-280(D) series Auxiliary Power Units (APUs). This proposal would require installation of an external load compressor containment shield, or installation of a load compressor impeller with lower stress

concentrations. This proposal is prompted by reports of load compressor impeller failures. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent an uncontained APU failure and damage to the airplane.

DATES: Comments must be received by November 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 99-NE-34-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: "9-ane-adcomment@faa.gov". Comments sent via the Internet must contain the docket number in the subject line. Comments may be inspected at this location between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from AlliedSignal Aerospace Services Attn: Data Distribution, M/S 64-3/2101-201, P.O. Box 29003, Phoenix, AZ 85038-9003; telephone (602) 365-2493, fax (602) 365-5577. This information may be examined at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger Pesuit, Aerospace Engineer, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 3960 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90712-4137; telephone (562) 627-5251, fax (562) 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 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.

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