

To prevent failure of the titanium thrust links due to the life limit of the thrust links, which in combination with other failures, could result in the separation of an engine from the airplane, accomplish the following:

(a) Replace all titanium thrust links with steel thrust links in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A320-71-1020, dated May 25, 1998; at the later of the times specified in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this AD.

(1) Prior to the accumulation of the total flight cycles specified for each particular model in the tables of paragraph B.(5), "Accomplishment Timescale," of the service bulletin.

(2) Within 15 months after the effective date of this AD, or at the next engine removal, whichever occurs first.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(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.

Special Flight Permits

(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.

Incorporation by Reference

(d) The replacement shall be done in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A320-71-1020, dated May 25, 1998. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Airbus Industrie, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in French airworthiness directive 1999-050-126(B), dated February 10, 1999.

(e) This amendment becomes effective on November 17, 1999.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on October 4, 1999.

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Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 99-CE-26-AD; Amendment 39-11368; AD 99-21-23]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Avions Mudry et Cie Model CAP 10B Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to all Avions Mudry et Cie (Avions Mudry) Model CAP 10B airplanes. This AD requires restricting the entry speed for performing flick maneuvers to 97 knots. Inserting a copy of this AD into the Limitations Section of the CAP 10B flight manual is also required, along with fabricating and installing a placard (in the cockpit of the airplane within the pilot's clear view) that indicates this limitation. This AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for France. The actions specified by this AD are intended to provide the flight information necessary to the pilot so that excessive speed is not used during aerobatic maneuvers, which could result in the wing separating from the airplane.

DATES: Effective December 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 99-CE-26-AD, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl M. Schletzbaum, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1201 Walnut, suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone (816) 426-6934; facsimile (816) 426-2169.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Events Leading to the Issuance of This AD

A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that would apply to all Avions Mudry Model CAP 10B airplanes was published in the **Federal Register** as a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on July 19, 1999 (64 FR 38607). The NPRM proposed to require restricting the entry speed for performing flick maneuvers to 97 knots.

The NPRM also proposed to require inserting a copy of the AD into the Limitations Section of the CAP 10B flight manual, along with fabricating and installing a placard (in the cockpit of the airplane within the pilot's clear view) that indicates this limitation. The placard will incorporate the following language:

"THE NEVER-EXCEED AIRSPEED FOR POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE FLICK-MANEUVERS IS 180 KM/H (97 KTS)"

The NPRM was the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for France.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were received on the proposed rule or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public.

The FAA's Determination

After careful review of all available information related to the subject presented above, the FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed except for minor editorial corrections. The FAA has determined that these minor corrections will not change the meaning of the AD and will not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed.

Cost Impact

The FAA estimates that 39 airplanes in the U.S. registry will be affected by this AD. Accomplishing the flight manual and placard requirements of this AD may be performed by the owner/operator holding at least a private pilot certificate as authorized by section 43.7 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 43.7), and must be entered into the aircraft records showing compliance with this AD in accordance with section 43.9 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 43.9). The only cost impact of this AD is the time it will take each owner/operator of the affected airplanes to insert the information into the flight manual and fabricate and install the placard.

Regulatory Impact

The regulations adopted herein will 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 final rule does not have sufficient federalism

implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (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) 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 final 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.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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 a new airworthiness directive (AD) to read as follows:

99-21-23 Avions Mudry & Cie:

Amendment 39-11368; Docket No. 99-CE-26-AD.

Applicability: Model CAP 10B airplanes, all serial numbers, 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 (d) 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 within the next 25 hours time-in-service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD, unless already accomplished.

To provide the flight information necessary to the pilot so that excessive speed is not

used during aerobatic maneuvers, which could result in the wing separating from the airplane, accomplish the following:

(a) Restrict the entry speed for performing flick maneuvers to 97 knots through the incorporation of the following information into the CAP 10B flight manual. Accomplish this by inserting a copy of this AD into the Limitation Section of the flight manual:

"The never-exceed airspeed for positive or negative flick-maneuvers is 180 km/h (97 knots)."

(b) Fabricate a placard that incorporates the following words (using at least 1/8-inch letters), and install this placard on the instrument panel within the pilot's clear view:

"THE NEVER-EXCEED AIRSPEED FOR POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE FLICK-MANEUVERS IS 180 KM/H (97 KTS)"

Note 2: Although not required by this AD, the FAA recommends that the bonds between the plywood skins and the ribs are checked and corrected through the "tapping" method specified in Avions Mudry Service Bulletin No. 15. This procedure is especially recommended if it is suspected that the above-referenced speed limitation was exceeded during a previous flight.

(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.

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an equivalent level of safety may be approved by the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, 1201 Walnut, suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. The request shall be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Small Airplane Directorate.

(e) Questions or technical information related to Avions Mudry Service Bulletin No. 990501, dated May 20, 1999, should be directed to Avions Mudry & Cie, 9, rue de l'Aviation, 21121 Darois, France; telephone: 03 80 356 65 10; facsimile 03 80 35 65 15. This service information may be examined at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Note 4: The subject of this AD is addressed in French AD T1999-222(A), not dated.

(f) This amendment becomes effective on December 3, 1999.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 5, 1999.

Michael K. Dahl,

Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

22 CFR Parts 40 and 42

[Public Notice 2980]

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Technical Corrections to Regulations Regarding the Issuance of Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas

AGENCY: Bureau of Consular Affairs, State.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule makes minor technical and editorial changes to various sections of the Department of State's regulations, necessitated by changes to the Immigration and Nationality Act, and in certain cases, for greater overall clarity.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This rule takes effect October 13, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Edward Odom, Chief, Legislation and Regulations Division, 202/663-1204 (odomhe@state.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A number of revisions, both of an editorial variety and certain ones necessitated by changes in the law, are reflected herein.

22 CFR 40.1—Definitions

Section 631 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA) (Pub. L. 104-208) amended section 221(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by striking "four months" and adding "six months." Correspondingly, the Department amended the regulation at 22 CFR 42.72(a) extending the validity period of an immigrant visa to six months [see 62 FR 27693]. That statutory change is applicable to 22 CFR 40.1(a) as well, as an alien who is applying for an immigrant visa as the accompanying spouse or child of the principal alien may do so for the validity of the principal alien's visa, which IIRIRA increased to six months.

Also, editorial changes are made to paragraphs (f), (g), (i), (l), (m).

22 CFR 40.21—Crimes Involving Moral Turpitude and Controlled Substance Violators

Minor editorial corrections are made to 22 CFR 40.21, paragraphs (a) and (b).

22 CFR 40.81—Ineligible for Citizenship

An addition is made to 22 CFR 40.81 to clarify the meaning of the regulation. This is done to assist consular officers in ascertaining the visa eligibility of certain applicants, especially with respect to individuals who are former members of the armed services.