

**List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39**

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, 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 the following new airworthiness directive:

**99-26-15 AIRBUS:** Amendment 39-11475. Docket 98-NM-248-AD.

**Applicability:** Model A300 B2 and B4 series airplanes, manufacturer serial numbers 003 through 156 inclusive, 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 (f) 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 detect and correct stress corrosion cracking of the inner skin panel of the longitudinal lap joint, which could result in rapid depressurization of the airplane, accomplish the following:

**Initial Inspection**

(a) Within 400 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD, perform an external eddy current inspection for cracking of the inner skin panel of the longitudinal lap joint between frames 65 and 72 at stringer 57, in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-305, Revision 1, dated January 29, 1999.

**Repetitive Inspections**

(b) If no cracking is detected during the inspection performed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this AD: Thereafter, perform an internal or external eddy current inspection, as specified in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this AD, as applicable; at intervals not to exceed 1,250 flight cycles or

7 months, whichever occurs first; in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-305, Revision 1, dated January 29, 1999; until the requirements of paragraph (e) of this AD have been accomplished.

(1) If the most recent inspection was an internal eddy current inspection, perform an external eddy current inspection of the inner skin panel of the longitudinal lap joint.

(2) If the most recent inspection was an external eddy current inspection, perform an internal eddy current inspection of the inner skin panel of the longitudinal lap joint.

**Corrective Actions**

(c) If any cracking is detected during any inspection performed in accordance with paragraph (a) or (b) of this AD, prior to further flight, accomplish the actions required by either paragraph (c)(1) or paragraph (c)(2) of this AD.

(1) Repair the inner skin panel of the longitudinal lap joint in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-305, Revision 1, dated January 29, 1999. Thereafter, repeat the inspection of areas in which no cracking is detected at the interval specified in, and in accordance with, paragraph (b) of this AD; and repeat the inspection of the repaired area at the intervals specified in the service bulletin, in accordance with the service bulletin. If any cracking is found in the repaired area during any repetitive inspection, prior to further flight, repair in accordance with the service bulletin.

**Note 2:** Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-305, Revision 1, dated January 29, 1999, references Airbus Structural Repair Manual Chapter 53-17-00, as an additional source of service information to accomplish the repair specified in paragraph (c)(1) of this AD.

(2) Modify the inner skin panel of the longitudinal lap joint in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-306, dated September 5, 1995, and accomplish the requirements of paragraph (d) of this AD.

(d) For airplanes modified in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-306, dated September 5, 1995: Inspect the modified inner skin panel of the longitudinal lap joint to detect cracking at the applicable threshold and repetitive intervals specified in Table 1A, 1B, or 2 of Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-211, Revision 5, dated April 29, 1999, in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-211, Revision 5. If any cracking is found during any repetitive inspection, prior to further flight, repair in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-211, Revision 5.

**Optional Modification**

(e) Modification of the inner skin panel of the longitudinal lap joint in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-306, dated September 5, 1995, constitutes terminating action for the repetitive inspections required by paragraph (b) of this AD. Such modification does not terminate the repetitive inspections required by paragraph (d) of this AD.

**Alternative Methods of Compliance**

(f) 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. 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 3:** 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**

(g) 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**

(h) The actions shall be done in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-306, dated September 5, 1995; Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-211, Revision 5, dated April 29, 1999; and Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-305, Revision 1, dated January 29, 1999, which contains the following list of effective pages:

Page No.	Revision level shown on page	Date shown on page
1-6, 8-12 ..	1 .....	Jan. 29, 1999.
7 .....	Original .....	Sept. 5, 1995.

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 4:** The subject of this AD is addressed in French airworthiness directive 98-150-246(B), dated April 8, 1998.

(i) This amendment becomes effective on January 25, 2000.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on December 13, 1999.

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**FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION****16 CFR Part 0****Miscellaneous Rules**

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Trade Commission Rules of Practice are being amended to reflect a reconfiguration of the Commission's Regional Office structure and operations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 21, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the **Federal Register** notice should be sent to the Consumer Response Center, Room 130, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. The notice announcing the changes is available on the Internet at the Commission's website, "http://www.ftc.gov".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald S. Clark, Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, telephone number (202) 326-2514, E-mail "dclark@ftc.gov".

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In July 1999 the Commission implemented a plan to reconfigure its Regional Office structure and operations. In particular, the Commission reduced the number of regions from ten to seven; closed the Boston and Denver Regional Offices, effective July 10, 1999; and changed the names and geographic areas of responsibility of the remaining Regional Offices.

#### List of Subjects in 16 CFR Part 0

Organization and functions (Government agencies).

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Federal Trade Commission amends Title 16, Chapter I, of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

#### PART 0—ORGANIZATION

1. The authority for Part 0 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** Sec. 6(g), 38 Stat. 721 (15 U.S.C. 46); 80 Stat. 383 as amended (5 U.S.C. 552).

2. Section 0.19(b) is revised to read as follows:

#### § 0.19 The Regional Offices.

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(b) The names, geographic areas of responsibility, and addresses of the respective regional offices are as follows:

(1) *Northeast Region* (located in New York City, New York), covering Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Puerto Rico. Federal Trade Commission, One Bowling Green, Suite 318, New York, New York 10004.

(2) *Southeast Region* (located in Atlanta, Georgia), covering Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North

Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Federal Trade Commission, Suite 5M35, Midrise Building, 60 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

(3) *East Central Region* (located in Cleveland, Ohio), covering Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Federal Trade Commission, Eaton Center, Suite 200, 1111 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

(4) *Midwest Region* (located in Chicago, Illinois), covering Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Federal Trade Commission, 55 East Monroe Street, Suite 1860, Chicago, Illinois 60603-5701.

(5) *Southwest Region* (located in Dallas, Texas), covering Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Federal Trade Commission, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 2150, Dallas, Texas 75201.

(6) *Northwest Region* (located in Seattle, Washington), covering Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. Federal Trade Commission, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 2896, Seattle, Washington 98174.

(7) *Western Region* (located in San Francisco and Los Angeles, California), covering Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah.

(i) San Francisco Office: Federal Trade Commission, 901 Market Street, Suite 570, San Francisco, California 94103.

(ii) Los Angeles Office: Federal Trade Commission, 10877 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Los Angeles, California 90024.

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**Donald S. Clark,**  
Secretary.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Highway Administration

**23 CFR Parts 130, 480, 620, 630, 635, 645, 710, 712, and 713**

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-98-4315]

**RIN 2125-AE44**

##### Right-of-Way Program Administration

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document amends the right-of-way regulations for federally

assisted transportation programs administered under title 23, United States Code. The FHWA clarifies and reduces Federal regulatory requirements and places primary responsibility for a number of approval actions at the State level. Conforming revisions are made to several regulatory parts to remove outdated, redundant, and unnecessary content. Also, the regulations are arranged to follow the same sequence as the development and implementation of a Federal-aid project to assist the public and State transportation departments (STDs) in locating regulations applicable to a specific point of interest.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective January 20, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James E. Ware, (202) 366-2019, Office of Real Estate Services, HEPR-20, or Mr. Reid Alsop, Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-31, (202) 366-1371. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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#### Background

The FHWA began the process of revising its regulations with an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) published on November 6, 1995 (60 FR 56004). As a first step in the comprehensive revision of the regulations, the FHWA removed obsolete and redundant parts by publishing an interim final rule on April 25, 1996, at 61 FR 18246. This action removed from title 23, CFR, all of parts 720 and 740, and portions of parts 710 and 712. Comments received in response to the ANPRM also identified the need for a comprehensive rewrite of the existing real estate program regulations.