

ACTION: Notice of Re-opening Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: On November 24, 1999, the Department of Energy published a Supplemental Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR) to consider amending the energy conservation standards for central air conditioners and central air conditioning heat pumps. The comment period ended on February 7, 2000. In response to requests from the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) to extend the comment period, the Department is re-opening the comment period until February 28, 2000.

DATES: The Department will accept written comments, data, and information regarding the ANOPR until Monday, February 28, 2000. The Department requests 10 copies of the written comments and a computer diskette (WordPerfect 8).

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Attn: Brenda Edwards-Jones, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, "Energy Efficiency Standards for Consumer Products, Central Air Conditioners and Central Air conditioning Heat Pumps" (Docket No. EE-RM/STD-98-440), EE-41, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 1J-018, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-2945.

You can read copies of the transcript of the public workshop held on December 9, 1999, and public comments in the Freedom of Information Reading Room (Room No. 1E-190) at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The latest information regarding central air conditioner and heat pump rulemaking is available on the Building Research and Standards web site at the following address: http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/codes/standards/applbrf/central_air_conditioner.html

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael E. McCabe, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Forrestal Building, Mail Station EE-41, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-0121, (202) 586-0854, E-mail: Michael.E.McCabe@ee.doe.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department published a Supplemental Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on November 24, 1999, entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps." The notice announced a 75-day comment period, ending on February 7, 2000. At the December public workshop on the ANOPR, it was recommended the Department conduct additional analysis to examine the sensitivity of the Life Cycle Cost (LCC) results to a number of the underlying assumptions. DOE performed some of the requested sensitivity analyses and, on January 14, 2000, e-mailed the results to all workshop attendees who had provided an e-mail address. On January 20, 2000, the Department posted the results of the supplemental LCC sensitivity analysis to the DOE web site identified above under **ADDRESSES**.

In a letter dated January 28, 2000, ARI requested an extension of the comment period in order to allow members to evaluate the supplemental information and to respond to the Department's request for comments. In addition, the CEC also requested an extension of the comment period.

Because interested parties need adequate time to review the recently released LCC sensitivity analyses, we are re-opening the comment period until Monday, February 28, 2000. For those parties that plan to submit comments during this period, we ask that they make known to us the extent and nature of their comments they intend to submit, by either phone or E-mail to the address above, as soon as possible. This will enable us to plan for any additional data collection or analyses which may be necessary to resolve the comments. We hope that this re-opening will permit a more comprehensive review and commentary preparation for the supplemental LCC sensitivity results.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 11, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2000-NM-06-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 050, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, and 700 Series Airplanes; and Model F28 Mark 0070, 0100, 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 Series 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 Fokker Model F27 Mark 050, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, and 700 series airplanes, and Model F28 Mark 0070, 0100, 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 series airplanes. This proposal would require a one-time functional test to verify correct installation of the shoulder harnesses of the pilot's and co-pilot's seats and, if necessary, replacement of the shoulder harness assembly with a new or serviceable shoulder harness assembly. 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 failure of the shoulder harness, which could result in injury to the flight crew during turbulent flight conditions or during emergency landing conditions.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-NM-06-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 Fokker Services B.V., P.O. Box 231, 2150 AE Nieuw-Vennep, the Netherlands. 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,

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 2000-NM-06-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. 2000-NM-06-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

Discussion

The Rijksluchtvaartdienst (RLD), which is the airworthiness authority for the Netherlands, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain Fokker Model F27 Mark 050, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, and 700 series airplanes, and Model F28 Mark 0070, 0100, 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 series airplanes. The RLD advises that it has received a report indicating that, while bending forward during cockpit preparation, the pilot pulled the shoulder harness completely out of the reel mechanism. The co-pilot's shoulder harness was found in a similar condition. This incident occurred four flights after the affected shoulder

harnesses were replaced during maintenance. Investigation revealed that the shoulder harnesses had been incorrectly attached into the reel mechanism. Such incorrect attachment, if not corrected, could result in injury to the flight crew during turbulent flight conditions or during emergency landing conditions.

Explanation of Relevant Service Information

The manufacturer has issued Fokker Service Bulletins SBF50-25-051 (for Model F27 Mark 050 series airplanes); SBF27/25-65 (for Model F27 Mark 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, and 700 series airplanes); SBF100-25-088 (for Model F28 0070 and 0100 series airplanes); and SBF28/25-103 (for Model F.28 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 series airplanes); each dated October 14, 1999. These service bulletins describe procedures for a functional test (also referred to as an inspection and a functional check) to verify correct installation of the shoulder harnesses of the pilot's and co-pilot's seats, and replacement of an incorrectly installed shoulder harness assembly with a new or serviceable shoulder harness assembly. The RLD classified these service bulletins as mandatory and issued Dutch airworthiness directive 1999-139 (A), dated October 29, 1999, in order to assure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in the Netherlands.

FAA's Conclusions

These airplane models are manufactured in the Netherlands and are type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of § 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the RLD has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of the RLD, 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 a one-time functional test to verify correct installation of the shoulder harnesses of the pilot's and co-pilot's seats and replacement of an incorrectly

installed shoulder harness assembly with a new or serviceable shoulder harness assembly. The actions would be required to be accomplished in accordance with the applicable service bulletin described previously.

Cost Impact

The FAA estimates that 191 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD, that it would take approximately 1 work hour per airplane to accomplish the proposed functional test, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the functional test proposed by this AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$11,460, or \$60 per airplane.

The cost impact figure discussed above is based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the proposed requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this AD were not adopted.

Regulatory Impact

The regulations proposed herein would not have a substantial direct effect 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, it is determined that this proposal would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

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:

Fokker Services B.V.: Docket 2000–NM–06–AD.

Applicability: Model F27 Mark 050, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, and 700 series airplanes; and Model F28 Mark 0070, 0100, 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 series airplanes; certificated in any category; on which any Pacific Scientific Model 0108900 series flight crew shoulder harness assembly is installed.

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 failure of the shoulder harness, which could result in injury to the flight crew during turbulent flight conditions or during emergency landing conditions, accomplish the following:

Functional Test

(a) Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD, perform a one-time functional test to verify correct installation of the shoulder harnesses of the pilot's and co-pilot's seats, in accordance with paragraph (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), or (a)(4) of this AD, as applicable. If any shoulder harness is incorrectly installed, prior to further flight, replace the shoulder harness assembly with a new or serviceable shoulder harness assembly, in accordance with paragraph (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), or (a)(4) of this AD, as applicable.

(1) For Model F27 Mark 050 series airplanes: Accomplish the actions in accordance with Fokker Service Bulletin SBF50–25–051, dated October 14, 1999.

(2) For Model F27 Mark 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, and 700 series airplanes: Accomplish the actions in accordance with Fokker Service Bulletin SBF27/25–65, dated October 14, 1999.

(3) For Model F28 Mark 0070 and 0100 series airplanes: Accomplish the actions in accordance with Fokker Service Bulletin SBF100–25–088, dated October 14, 1999.

(4) For Model F28 Mark 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 series airplanes: Accomplish the actions in accordance with Fokker Service

Bulletin SBF28/25–103, dated October 14, 1999.

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 §§ 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 Dutch airworthiness directive BLA 1999–139 (A), dated October 29, 1999.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

36 CFR Part 1260

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Records Declassification

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: NARA has reviewed its regulations related to declassification of national security-classified information in records transferred to NARA's legal custody. NARA is updating them to incorporate changes resulting from Executive Order 12958, Classified National Security Information. The changes in this proposed rule include:

—Revising the timeline for systematic review from 30 years to 25 years.

—Redefining declassification responsibilities to reflect the E.O. 12958 requirement for agencies to maintain systematic review programs.

—Adding requirements for agencies that elect to review their accessioned records at NARA.

—Adding requirements for loaning records to agencies for declassification review.

—Revising requirements for reclassification of information to meet the provisions of E.O. 12958.

The proposed rule will affect members of the public who file mandatory review requests and Federal agencies.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Regulation Comment Desk, NPLN, Room 4100, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland, 10740–6001. You may also fax comments to (301) 713–7270.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Allard or Shawn Morton at (301) 713–7360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following is a discussion of substantive changes contained in this proposed rule. The proposed rule is written in plain language in accordance with the Presidential Memorandum of June 1, 1998, Plain Language in Government Writing. Additional nonsubstantive changes, such as updated addresses, have been made throughout this proposed rule.

We are reorganizing Subpart A to include general information that is found in the current § 1260.1, including definitions for systematic review and mandatory review, and sections on the purpose, scope, and authority of this regulation. Executive Order 12958 changes the timeline for systematic review from 30 years to 25 years, and it also requires that agencies retain the responsibility for systematic review for older records; however, they may delegate declassification authority to NARA by providing declassification guidance to NARA. This redefinition of responsibilities is reflected in the proposed § 1260.20, which is a change to the existing § 1260.2(c) that gave NARA declassification responsibility for records more than 30 years old. The proposed §§ 1260.22 and 1260.26 detail declassification responsibilities for White House originated information and intelligence and cryptography information. The responsibilities in these proposed sections are unchanged from the responsibilities outlined in the existing § 1260.2. The proposed § 1260.24 assigns declassification responsibility for foreign government information to the agency that received the information regardless of the age of the information. This is a change from the existing § 1260.2(b) and (c) that gave NARA the responsibility for