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

[Docket No. 2000-NM-07-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

**Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-300 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 Dornier Model 328-300 series airplanes. This proposal would require replacement of the hydraulic line tube assemblies with improved tube assemblies and flexible hose assemblies. This action is necessary to prevent cracking of the hydraulic lines, which could result in loss of hydraulic pressure for certain braking systems on the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by July 17, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-NM-07-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. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: 9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via the Internet must contain "Docket No. 2000-NM-07-AD" in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from

FAIRCHILD DORNIER, DORNIER Luftfahrt GmbH, P.O. Box 1103, D-82230 Wessling, Germany. 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, FAA, 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.

Submit comments using the following format:

- Organize comments issue-by-issue. For example, discuss a request to change the compliance time and a request to change the service bulletin reference as two separate issues.
- For each issue, state what specific change to the proposed AD is being requested.
- Include justification (*e.g.*, reasons or data) for each request.
- 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-07-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-07-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

**Discussion**

The Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA), which is the airworthiness authority for Germany, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain Dornier Model 328-300 series airplanes. The LBA advises that pressure spikes and vibration during manual activation of the hydraulic changeover valve may cause cracking of the hydraulic lines that pressurize the braking systems of these airplanes. The pressure spikes create a high bending stress near the sleeve at the changeover valve. Such cracking of the hydraulic lines, if not corrected, could result in loss of hydraulic pressure for certain braking systems on the airplane.

**Explanation of Relevant Service Information**

Dornier has issued Alert Service Bulletin ASB-328J-32-003 (including Annex 1), dated December 17, 1999. The alert service bulletin describes procedures for replacement of the hydraulic line tube assemblies with improved tube assemblies and flexible hose assemblies. Accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletin is intended to adequately address the identified unsafe condition. The LBA classified this service bulletin as mandatory and issued German airworthiness directive 2000-050, dated February 24, 2000, in order to assure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in Germany.

**FAA's Conclusions**

This airplane model is manufactured in Germany and is type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of section 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the LBA has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of the LBA, 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

accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletin described previously.

#### Cost Impact

The FAA estimates that 9 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD, that it would take approximately 5 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed replacement, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Required parts would be provided free of charge by the manufacturer. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$2,700, or \$300 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:

**Dornier Luftfahrt GMBH:** Docket 2000-NM-07-AD.

**Applicability:** Model 328-300 series airplanes, serial numbers 3108 through 3144 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 (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 cracking of the hydraulic lines, which could result in loss of hydraulic pressure for certain braking systems on the airplane, accomplish the following:

#### Replacement

(a) Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, replace the hydraulic line tube assemblies with new, improved tube assemblies and flexible hose assemblies; in accordance with Dornier Alert Service Bulletin ASB-328J-32-003 (including Annex 1), dated December 17, 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.

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**Note 3:** The subject of this AD is addressed in German airworthiness directive 2000-050, dated February 24, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### 19 CFR Parts 4 and 113

**RIN 1515-AC58**

#### Deferral of Duty on Large Yachts Imported for Sale

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes to amend the Customs Regulations to set forth procedures for the deferral of entry filing and duty collection on certain yachts imported for sale at boat shows in the United States. The proposed regulatory amendments reflect a change in the law effected by section 2406 of the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be addressed to, and inspected at, the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20229.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*Legal matters:* Larry L. Burton, Office of Regulations and Rulings (202-927-1287).

*Operational matters:* Robert Watt, Office of Field Operations (202-927-3654).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 2406(a) of the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999 (the Act, Public Law 106-36, 113 Stat. 127) amended the Tariff Act of 1930 by the addition of a new section 484b (19 U.S.C. 1484b). Section 484b provides that an otherwise dutiable "large yacht" (defined in the section as "a vessel that exceeds 79 feet in length, is used primarily for recreation or pleasure, and has been previously sold by a manufacturer or dealer to a retail consumer") may be imported without the payment of duty if the yacht is