

2. In § 72.214, Certificate of Compliance (CoC) 1004 is revised to read as follows:

§ 72.214 List of approved spent fuel storage casks.

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Certificate Number: 1004.

Initial Certificate Effective Date:

January 23, 1995.

Amendment Number 1 Effective Date:

April 27, 2000.

Amendment Number 2 Effective Date:

September 5, 2000.

Amendment Number 3 Effective Date:

September 12, 2001.

SAR Submitted by: Transnuclear West, Inc.

SAR Title: Final Safety Analysis Report for the Standardized NUHOMS® Horizontal Modular Storage System for Irradiated Nuclear Fuel.

Docket Number: 72-1004.

Certificate Expiration Date: January 23, 2015.

Model Number: Standardized NUHOMS® -24P, NUHOMS® -52B, and NUHOMS® -61BT.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of June, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

William D. Travers,

Executive Director for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2000-NM-420-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB SF340A 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 Saab Model SAAB SF340A series airplanes. This proposal would require replacement of the air recirculation fans in the flight compartment and the passenger compartment. These fans may be replaced with upgraded fans with new brushes having insulation on the brush leads or they may be replaced with modified fans, having new, brushless motors. This action is prompted by

mandatory continuing airworthiness information by a foreign civil airworthiness authority. This action is necessary to prevent incidents of smoke or a burning smell in the cabin during flight, caused by incorrect brush insulation in the motors of the air recirculation fans in the flight compartment and the passenger compartment. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-NM-420-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 be submitted via fax to (425) 227-1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: 9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain "Docket No. 2000-NM-420-AD" in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Saab Aircraft AB, SAAB Aircraft Product Support, S-581.88, Linköping, Sweden. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Lium, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 980545-4056; telephone (425) 227-1112; fax (425) 227-1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

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- 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 action must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 2000-NM-420-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 Number 2000-NM-420-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

Discussion

The Luftfartsverket (LFV), which is the airworthiness authority for Sweden, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain Saab Model SAAB SF340A series airplanes. The LFV advises that incorrect brush insulation, used in the motors of the air recirculation fans for the flight compartment and the passenger compartment, has produced smoke or a burning smell in the cabin on a number of occasions. Such incorrect brush insulation could result in additional incidents of smoke or a burning smell in the cabin during flight.

Explanation of Relevant Service Information

Saab has issued Service Bulletin 340-21-039, dated August 23, 2000, which describes procedures for removing the air recirculation fans and replacing them with upgraded air recirculation fans with new brushes having insulation on the brush leads. The LFV classified

this service bulletin as mandatory and issued Swedish airworthiness directive 1-160, dated August 24, 2000, in order to assure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in Sweden.

In addition, Saab has issued Service Bulletin 340-21-018, Revision 02, dated June 21, 2000, which describes procedures for removing the air recirculation fans, modifying them by removing the motors and installing new, brushless motors. The LFV has not classified this service bulletin as mandatory but indicates that it may be performed to satisfy the requirements of Swedish airworthiness directive 1-160, dated August 24, 2000.

FAA's Conclusions

This airplane model is manufactured in Sweden 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 LFV has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of the LFV, 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 action specified in either of the two service bulletins described previously.

Cost Impact

There are approximately 35 Model SAAB SF340A series airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates that it would take approximately 4 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed replacement of the two air recirculation fans having part number (P/N) C209-690C with two upgraded air recirculation fans having P/N C209-690D, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the proposed replacement is estimated to be \$240 per airplane.

The FAA estimates that it would take approximately 2 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed optional modification of the two air recirculation fans by installing new, brushless motors, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. The cost

of a kit containing two brushless motors is estimated to be \$38,000. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the proposed modification is estimated to be \$38,120 per airplane.

The cost impact figures discussed above are 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 proposed AD were not adopted. The cost impact figures discussed in AD rulemaking actions represent only the time necessary to perform the specific actions actually required by the AD. These figures typically do not include incidental costs, such as the time required to gain access and close up, planning time, or time necessitated by other administrative actions.

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:

Saab Aircraft AB: Docket 2000-NM-420-AD.

Applicability: Model SAAB SF340A, serial numbers -004 through 1-08, certificated in any category

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been otherwise 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 (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 incidents of smoke or a burning smell in the cabin during flight, caused by incorrect brush insulation in the motors of the air recirculation fans in the flight compartment and the passenger compartment, accomplish the following:

Replacement

(a) Within 1,000 flight hours after the effective date of this AD: Perform either paragraph (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this AD.

(1) Remove the two air recirculation fans having part number (P/N) C209-690C and replace them with two upgraded air recirculation fans having P/N C209-690D, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Saab Service Bulletin 340-21-039, dated August 23, 2000, OR,

(2) Remove the two air recirculation fans and replace them with modified air recirculation fans with brushless motors having P/N 9302882-002, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Saab Service Bulletin 340-21-018, Revision 02, dated June 21, 2000.

Spares

(b) As of the effective date of this AD, no air recirculation fans having P/N C209-690C may be installed on any airplane.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(c) 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, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA. 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

(d) 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.

Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in Swedish airworthiness directive 1-160, dated August 24, 2000.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 22, 2001.

Kalene C. Yanamura,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-NM-20-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-600, -700, and -800 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the superseding of an existing airworthiness directive (AD); applicable to certain Boeing Model 737-600, -700, and -800 series airplanes; that currently requires repetitive inspections of certain elevator hinge plates, and corrective action, if necessary. That AD also provides for an optional replacement of the elevator hinge plates with new, improved hinge plates, which would end the repetitive inspections. This action proposes to require accomplishment of the previously optional replacement of the elevator hinge plates with new, improved hinge plates, as terminating action for the repetitive inspections. This action is necessary to prevent fatigue cracking of the elevator hinge plates, which could lead to the loss of the attachment of the elevator to the horizontal stabilizer, and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 13, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001-NM-20-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 be submitted via fax to (425) 227-1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: 9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain "Docket No. 2001-NM-20-AD" in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Marsh, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2028; fax (425) 227-1181.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Discussion

On March 15, 2001, the FAA issued AD 2001-06-08, amendment 39-12155 (66 FR 16116, March 23, 2001); applicable to certain Boeing Model 737-600, -700, and -800 series airplanes; to require repetitive inspections of certain elevator hinge plates, and corrective action, if necessary. That AD also provides for an optional replacement of the elevator hinge plates with new, improved hinge plates, which would end the repetitive inspections. That action was prompted by a report that—during flight testing of Boeing Model 737-600, -700, and -800 series airplanes—the elevator hinge plates at elevator hinges 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 experienced higher-than-expected loads due to buffeting by the spoiler. The requirements of that AD are intended to detect and correct fatigue cracking of the elevator hinge plates, which could lead to the loss of the attachment of the elevator to the horizontal stabilizer, and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane.

Actions Since Issuance of Previous Rule

In the preamble to AD 2001-06-08, the FAA indicated that the actions required by that AD were considered "interim action" and that further rulemaking action was being considered to require the replacement of the elevator hinge plates with new parts, which was provided as optional in AD 2001-06-08, and which would terminate the repetitive inspections currently required by that AD. The FAA now has determined that further rulemaking action is indeed necessary,