

Actions	Compliance	Procedures
(1) Inspect the aileron assembly for proper configuration	Within the next 30 days after the effective date of this AD.	In accordance with Pilatus Service Bulletin No. 62B, dated May 1967, as specified in Pilatus PC-6 Service Bulletin No. 57-001, dated December 20, 2001.
(2) If the aileron assembly configuration incorporates aileron part number (P/N) 6106.10.xxx or P/N 6106.0010.xxx, modify the assembly in accordance with Pilatus Service Bulletin No. 62B, dated May 1967, and install a placard.	Prior to further flight after the inspection required in paragraph (d)(1) of this AD.	Modify in accordance with Pilatus Service Bulletin No. 62B, dated paragraph May 1967. Install the placard in accordance with Pilatus PC-6 Service Bulletin No. 57-001, dated December 20, 2001.
(3) If the aileron assembly configuration differs from that specified in Pilatus Service Bulletin No. 62B, dated May 1967, or if the part numbers are missing and cannot be verified: (i) obtain a repair scheme from the manufacturer through the FAA at the address specified in paragraph (f) of this AD; and (ii) incorporate this repair scheme.	Prior to further flight after the inspection required in paragraph (d)(1) of this AD.	In accordance with Pilatus PC-6 Service Bulletin No. 57-001, dated December 20, 2001.
(4) Do not install any aileron assembly unless the inspection, modification, placard, and repair requirements (as applicable) of paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(2), (d)(3), (d)(3)(i), and (d)(3)(ii) of this AD are accomplished.	As of the effective date of this AD.	In accordance with Pilatus PC-6 Service Bulletin No. 57-001, dated December 20, 2001.

(e) *Can I comply with this AD in any other way?* You may use an alternative method of compliance or adjust the compliance time if:

(1) Your alternative method of compliance provides an equivalent level of safety; and

(2) The Standards Office Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, approves your alternative. Submit your request through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Standards Office Manager.

**Note 1:** This AD applies to each airplane identified in paragraph (a) of this AD, 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 (e) 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 you have not eliminated the unsafe condition, specific actions you propose to address it.

(f) *Where can I get information about any already-approved alternative methods of compliance?* Contact Doug Rudolph, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4059; facsimile: (816) 329-4090.

(g) *What if I need to fly the airplane to another location to comply with this AD?* The FAA can issue a special flight permit under sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate your airplane to a location where you can accomplish the requirements of this AD.

(h) *How do I get copies of the documents referenced in this AD?* You may get copies of the documents referenced in this AD from Pilatus Aircraft Ltd., Customer Liaison Manager, CH-6371 Stans, Switzerland; telephone: +41 41 619 63 19; facsimile: +41 41 619 6224; or from Pilatus Business Aircraft Ltd., Product Support Department, 11755 Airport Way, Broomfield, Colorado

80021; telephone: (303) 465-9099; facsimile: (303) 465-6040. You may view these documents at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

**Note 2:** The subject of this AD is addressed in Swiss AD HB 2002-001, dated February 8, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 99-NM-90-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9 Airplanes and Model MD-88 Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); reopening of the comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This document extends the period for public comment on the above-referenced NPRM that would apply to certain McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9 airplanes and Model MD-88 airplanes. The NPRM proposes to require replacement of certain power relays, and subsequent repetitive cleaning, inspecting, repairing, and testing of certain replaced power relays. The NPRM is prompted by reports

indicating that the alternating current (AC) cross-tie relay shorted out internally, which caused severe smoke and burn damage to the relay, aircraft wiring, and adjacent panels. This extension of the comment period is necessary to assure that all interested persons have ample opportunity to present their views on the proposed requirements of the NPRM.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by August 26, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 99-NM-90-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](mailto:9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov). Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain "Docket No. 99-NM-90-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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elvin Wheeler, Aerospace Engineer, Systems and Equipment Branch, ANM-130L, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712-4137; telephone (562) 627-5344; fax (562) 627-5210.

**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 action 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 action must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 99-NM-90-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

## Events Leading to This Extension of the Comment Period

A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that would apply to certain McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9 airplanes and Model MD-88 airplanes was published as a second supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 2002 (67 FR 44119). The second supplemental NPRM proposed to require replacement of certain power relays, and subsequent repetitive cleaning, inspecting, repairing, and testing of certain replaced power relays.

The FAA has received a request from the National Transportation Safety

Board (NTSB) to extend the comment period of the second supplemental NPRM by three weeks to allow additional time to prepare comments. The FAA has considered this request and finds it appropriate to extend the comment period to give all interested persons more time to examine the proposed requirements of the second supplemental NPRM and to submit comments. In light of the fact that some of the additional time requested to prepare comments has passed, we have determined that extending the comment period by 7 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register** is appropriate, and that such an extension will not compromise the safety of these airplanes.

## The Extension

The comment period for Docket No. 99-NM-90-AD is hereby extended to August 26, 2002.

Since no portion of the second supplemental NPRM or other regulatory information has been changed, that entire NPRM is not being republished.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on August 12, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

### 33 CFR Parts 148, 149, and 150

[USCG-1998-3884]

RIN 2115-AF63

### Deepwater Ports; Reopening of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** In response to public requests, the Coast Guard is reopening the comment period on its notice of proposed rulemaking on deepwater ports published in the **Federal Register** on May 30, 2002, (67 FR 37920). Reopening the comment period gives the public more time to submit comments and recommendations on the issues raised in the proposed rule. This rulemaking is necessary to update the regulations with current technology and industry standards. It will also align them with certain regulations for other fixed offshore facilities.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed rule and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before September 18, 2002. Comments sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on collection of information must reach OMB on or before September 18, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** To make sure that your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-1998-3884), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

You must also mail comments on collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer, U.S. Coast Guard.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for the rulemaking. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in the preamble to the proposed rule as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this proposed rule, call Commander Mark Prescott, Vessel and Facility Operating Standards Division (G-MSO-2), Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-0225. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-5149.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in the rulemaking by submitting comments