

11. Section 110.20 would be added to read as follows:

§ 110.20 Prohibition on contributions, donations, expenditures and disbursements by foreign nationals.

(a) A foreign national shall not, directly or indirectly, make a contribution or a donation of money or other thing of value, or expressly or impliedly promise to make a contribution or donation in connection with any local, State or Federal election as defined in 11 CFR 100.2 and paragraph (j) of this section.

(b) A foreign national shall not, directly or indirectly, make a contribution or donation to a committee of a political party. For purposes of this section, a committee of a political party includes a national party committee, a national congressional campaign committee, a State, district, or local party committee, or a subordinate committee of a State party committee, whether or not it is a political committee.

(c) A Presidential inaugural committee shall not knowingly accept any donation from a foreign national.

(d) A foreign national shall not, directly or indirectly, make any expenditure, independent expenditure, or disbursement in connection with any Federal, State, or local election as defined in 11 CFR 100.2 and paragraph (j) of this section.

(e) A foreign national shall not, directly or indirectly, make any disbursement for an electioneering communication as defined in 11 CFR 100.29.

(f) A Foreign national shall not, directly or indirectly, make a contribution or donation to a committee of a political party for the purchase or construction of an office building. See 11 CFR 300.10 and 300.35.

(g) No person shall knowingly solicit, accept, or receive from a foreign national any contribution or donation prohibited by paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section.

(2) No person shall knowingly receive funds as a conduit or intermediary for a contribution or donation prohibited by paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section.

(3) No person shall knowingly provide substantial assistance with regard to the making of a contribution or donation prohibited by paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section.

(4) For purposes of paragraphs (c) and (g) of this section, knowingly means that a person must:

(i) Have actual knowledge that the source of the funds solicited, accepted or received is a foreign national, or

(ii) Have been aware of facts that would lead a reasonable person to conclude that there is a substantial probability that the source of the funds solicited, accepted or received is a foreign national; or

(iii) Have been aware of facts that would have led a reasonable person to inquire whether the source of the funds solicited, accepted, or received is a foreign national, but the person failed to conduct a reasonable inquiry.

(5) For purposes of paragraphs (g)(4)(ii) and (iii) of this section, pertinent facts include, but are not limited to:

(i) The use by the contributor or donor of a foreign passport or passport number for identification purposes;

(ii) The provision by the contributor or donor of a foreign address;

(iii) The contribution or donation is made by means of a check or other written instrument drawn on a foreign bank or by a wire transfer from a foreign bank; or

(iv) The contributor or donor resides abroad.

(h) A foreign national shall not direct, dictate, control, or directly or indirectly participate in the decision-making process of any person, such as a corporation, labor organization, or political committee, with regard to such person's Federal or non-Federal election-related activities, such as decisions concerning the making of contributions or expenditures in connection with elections for any local, State, or Federal office or decisions concerning the administration of a political committee.

(i) For purposes of this section, *foreign national* means—

(1) A foreign principal, as defined in 22 U.S.C. 611(b); or

(2) An individual who is not a citizen of the United States and who is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(20); however,

(3) *Foreign national* shall not include any individual who is a citizen of the United States, or who is a national of the United States as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22).

(j) For purposes of this section, *election* means the process by which individuals, whether opposed or unopposed, seek nomination for election, or election, to public office. This definition includes any general, primary, special and runoff election, and a caucus or convention of a political party.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 25

[Docket No. 26015; Notice No. 89-25]

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Airplane Engine Cowling Retention

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The FAA is withdrawing a previously published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) (54 FR 38610, September 19, 1989) that would provide improved engine cowling retention for transport category airplanes by adding specific design requirements for cowling retention systems. The proposed rule would have promoted design and construction of cowling retention systems to withstand vibration, inertial loads, over-pressure, normal air loads, and thermal conditions of an engine compartment fire after failure or improper fastening of latching devices. We are withdrawing the proposed rule because the proposal has been surpassed by technological advances. The issues will be addressed by future regulatory action based on recommendations from the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee, and will be harmonized with similar regulations in Europe and Transport Canada.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background

On September 19, 1989, the FAA published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking No. 89-25 (54 FR 38610) to propose an amendment to 14 CFR part 25, and invited public comment on the issue of engine cowling retention. Section 25.1193, Cowling and nacelle skin, addresses the design of engine cowlings, but does not address the single failure of a latch or hinge, or an improperly fastened latch. Several in-

flight incidents of engine cowling separation resulted in damage to airplanes and property on the ground, and highlighted the need to re-evaluate the design and maintenance requirements applicable to engine cowlings. Notice No. 89-25 proposes to specify standards for failsafe criteria in the design of engine cowling retention systems, which would enable the systems to withstand the loss of a single latch and easily detect unlocked or improperly closed latches. The comment period for Notice No. 89-25 closed March 19, 1990.

Discussion of Comments

Fifteen commenters responded to the NPRM. In general, most commenters are in favor of the proposed requirement for direct visual inspection of cowling retention systems, and are not in favor of the proposed cockpit visual warning system. A few commenters suggest additional enhancements to the proposal.

Four commenters favor direct visual inspection of the cowling but oppose the cockpit visual warning system. One of these commenters states that the direct visual inspection makes redundant the proposed addition of a cockpit visual warning system. Another opposes the cockpit visual warning system stating that the system would not be justified economically or functionally. Others state that the cockpit visual warning system would be impractical, introduce the potential for false signal indications, add complexity, and increase potential for failures detrimental to safety.

One commenter states that the real problem is inadequate preflight inspections. Another commenter notes concern about the clarity of terms, and the low probability of a double failure condition of an engine fire and an unlatched latch. An additional commenter considers the fundamental problem to be the lack of preload and resulting wear, plus any accidental damage done while opening or closing the latch. In response to commenters' interest in direct visual inspections, the FAA continues to require pilots to determine that an aircraft is in a condition safe for flight and encourage an on-going focus on appropriate preflight inspections to uphold safety standards.

Commenters also express concern about harmonization of any engine cowling requirements. The withdrawal of Notice No. 89-25 will allow the FAA to consider harmonization concerns and address the issues more completely in future regulatory actions in

consideration of recommendations developed within ARAC.

ICAO and Harmonization

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) established the International Standards and Recommended Practices to promote international cooperation towards the highest possible degree of uniformity in regulations and standards. The FAA and the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) of Europe came together to standardize their respective codes of regulation and identified a number of significant regulatory differences. Both consider harmonization a high priority. The FAA tasked ARAC with the harmonization effort. In 1999, the FAA and JAA agreed on a Fast Track Harmonization Program to expedite the standardization process. ICAO Resolution A29-3, Global Rule Harmonization, urges States to take positive action to promote global harmonization of national rules for application of ICAO standards. The FAA actively supports ICAO initiatives and programs to achieve a safe and efficient aviation system worldwide.

Reason for Withdrawal

The FAA is involved in eliminating unnecessary differences and harmonizing where practical similar requirements with the JAA and Transport Canada. The FAA finds that including the issues of Notice No. 89-25 within harmonization efforts assigned to ARAC will contribute to a more complete analysis of the issues and will better serve the public interest. We will propose future changes to the Code of Federal Regulations to achieve harmonization through an NPRM with an opportunity for public comment. Therefore, the FAA withdraws Notice No. 89-25, (54 FR 38610) published September 19, 1989.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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14 CFR Part 25

[Docket No. 25263; Notice No. 87-3]

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Low Fuel Quantity Alerting System

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The FAA is withdrawing a previously published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to amend airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes by requiring a means to alert the flight crew to potentially unsafe low fuel quantities. We are withdrawing the proposed rule because information has been surpassed by technological advances. The issues will be addressed by future regulatory action based on recommendations from the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC). The FAA has determined that future regulatory action, including the broader scope of a harmonized proposal, will better serve the public interest.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background

On May 12, 1987, the FAA published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking No. 87-3 (52 FR 17890) to propose an amendment to part 25 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, and invited public comment on the subject of a low fuel quantity alerting system. Notice No. 87-3 proposes to amend airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes by requiring a means to alert the flight crew to potentially unsafe low fuel quantities. The alerting system would be required to be independent of the normal fuel quantity measurement system, and the alert would have to occur with no less fuel remaining than that required to operate for 30 minutes at normal cruising conditions. The comment period closed September 9, 1987.

Discussion of Comments

Ten comments were received in response to the NPRM. In general, most commenters were in favor of the NPRM for the low fuel quantity alerting system,