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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 25

Draft Proposed Changes to 14 CFR 25.1329 and Draft Advisory Circular 25.1329

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) recommendations.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of the ARAC-recommended draft proposed changes to 14 CFR 25.1329 and draft Advisory Circular 25.1329 for potential use, upon request, in the certification of applicable aircraft systems. The said ARAC recommendations have not yet been adopted by the FAA.

DATES: The FAA received the ARAC submittal on March 21, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gregg Bartley, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Airplane and Flight Crew Interface Branch, ANM-111, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2889; fax (425) 227-1320; e-mail: Gregg.Bartley@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Reference:* FAA policy memorandum 00-113-1034 "Use of ARAC (Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee) Recommended Rulemaking not yet formally adopted by the FAA, as a basis for equivalent level of safety or exemption to part 25."

This policy memorandum describes a standardized, streamlined approach for the use of draft FAA/JAA harmonized regulations as a basis for an equivalent level of safety finding or an exemption to part 25. It may be found on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/aninfo/document/final/araces/index.htm>.

Background

After a multi-year review of the current 25.1329 rule and AC 25.1329-1A, the ARAC submitted to the FAA their recommendations for a rule amendment and revised advisory

materials in March 2002. The ARAC-recommended draft proposed changes to 14 CFR 25.1329 and draft AC 25.1329 are available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www1.faa.gov/avr/arm/aracflightguiderecommendation.cfm?nav=6>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the policy by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The procedure for using ARAC-recommended rules that are not yet adopted by the FAA is described in the FAA policy memorandum 00-113-1034 referenced above. The memorandum describes the process for requesting an equivalent safety finding, as well as petitioning for an exemption.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2003-CE-12-AD]

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Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Model PC-6 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) that would apply to all Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. (Pilatus) Model PC-6 airplanes. This proposed AD would require you to inspect the integral fuel tank wing ribs for cracks and the top and bottom wing skins for distortion and repair before further flight, and accomplish a fuel tank ventilating system installation. This proposed AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for Switzerland. The actions specified by this proposed AD are intended to detect and correct cracks in the ribs of the inboard integral fuel tanks in the left and right wings, which could lead to wing failure during flight.

DATES: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must receive any comments on this proposed rule on or before May 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-CE-12-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. You may view any comments at this location between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also send comments electronically to the following address: 9-ACE-7-Docket@faa.gov. Comments sent electronically must contain "Docket No. 2003-CE-12-AD" in the subject line. If you send comments electronically as attached electronic files, the files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

You may get service information that applies to this proposed 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 also view this information at the Rules Docket at the address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

How do I comment on this proposed AD? The FAA invites comments on this proposed rule. You may submit whatever written data, views, or arguments you choose. You need to include the rule's docket number and submit your comments to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES**. We will consider all comments received on or before the closing date. We may amend this proposed rule in light of comments received. Factual information that supports your ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of this proposed AD action and determining whether we need to take additional rulemaking action.

Are there any specific portions of this proposed AD I should pay attention to? The FAA specifically invites comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. You may view all comments we receive before and after the closing date of the rule in the Rules Docket. We will file a report in the Rules Docket that summarizes each