

Pork and pork products	Article description	Assessment	
		cents/lb	cents/kg
1601 .....	Sausages and similar products, of meat, meat offal or blood; food preparations based on these products:	.....	.....
1601.00.2010 .....	Pork canned .....	.28	.617288
1601.00.2090 .....	Pork other .....	.28	.617288
1602 .....	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood.	.....	.....
1602.41.2020 .....	Of swine: Boned and cooked and packed in airtight containers holding less than 1 kg.	.30	.661380
1602.41.2040 .....	Of swine: Other boned and cooked and packed in airtight containers.	.30	.661380
1602.41.9000 .....	Of swine: Other .....	.20	.440920
1602.42.2020 .....	Of swine: Shoulders and cuts thereof: Boned and cooked and packed in airtight containers holding less than 1 kg.	.30	.661380
1602.42.2040 .....	Of swine: Shoulders and cuts thereof: Other boned and cooked and packed in airtight containers.	.30	.661380
1602.42.4000 .....	Of swine: Other shoulders and cuts thereof .....	.20	.440920
1602.49.2000 .....	Of swine: Other, including mixtures: Not containing cereals or vegetables: Boned and cooked and packed in airtight containers.	.28	.617288
1602.49.4000 .....	Of swine: Other, including mixtures: Not containing cereals or vegetables: Other.	.23	.507058
1602.49.9000 .....	Of swine: Other, including mixtures: Other .....	.23	.507058

Dated: December 9, 2003.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. 2003-NM-34-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

**Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-135 and -145 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 EMBRAER Model EMB-135 and -145 series airplanes. This proposal would require modification of the of the mid, aft, and forward upper liners in the baggage compartment. The modification would involve replacing the plastic lens protection grids on all upper liners with new, light metal lens protection grids. This action is necessary to prevent the plastic lens protection grids from breaking away and exposing the lens as a source of fire, which could lead to fire damage to the aircraft systems and

structure, and expose the passengers and crew to hazardous quantities of smoke. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by January 16, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-NM-34-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 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. 2003-NM-34-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 or 2000 or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER), P.O. Box 343-CEP 12.225, Sao Jose dos Campos-SP, Brazil. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Todd Thompson, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington

98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-1175; 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 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 2003-NM-34-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. 2003-NM-34-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

#### Discussion

The Departamento de Aviação Civil (DAC), which is the airworthiness authority for Brazil, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain EMBRAER Model EMB-135 and -145 series airplanes. The DAC advises that the plastic lamp/smoke detector covers and joints in the baggage compartment do not comply with Section 25.855 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs). Section 25.855 ("Improved Flammability Standards for Thermal/Acoustic Insulation Materials Used in Transport Category Airplanes") of the FAR (14 CFR 25.855) requires that materials used in the construction of cargo or baggage compartments meet prescribed flammability tests. This noncompliance with the flammability tests of the affected model airplanes has been determined to be an unsafe condition. This condition, if not corrected, could result in the plastic lens protection grids breaking away and exposing the lens as a source of fire, which could lead to fire damage to the aircraft systems and structure, and expose the passengers and crew to hazardous quantities of smoke.

#### Explanation of Relevant Service Information

EMBRAER has issued Service Bulletin 145-25-0168, Change 02, dated August 8, 2000, which describes procedures for modification of the mid, aft, and forward baggage compartment upper liners to replace the plastic lens protection grids on all upper liners with new, light metal lens protection grids. Accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletin is intended to adequately address the identified unsafe condition. The DAC classified this service bulletin as mandatory and issued Brazilian airworthiness directive 2000-06-01, dated July 3, 2000, to ensure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in Brazil.

EMBRAER Service Bulletin 145-25-0168 references C&D Aerospace Service Bulletin 145-20216-25-03, Revision 2, dated June 9, 2000, as an additional source of service information for accomplishment of the modification. The C&D Aerospace service bulletin is included within the EMBRAER service bulletin.

#### FAA's Conclusions

These airplane models are manufactured in Brazil and are 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 DAC has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of the DAC, 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 160 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD, that it would take approximately 7 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is \$65 per work hour. Parts will be provided by the manufacturer at no charge. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$72,800, or \$455 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. 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:

#### Empresa Brasileira de Aeronáutica S.A.

(EMBRAER): Docket 2003-NM-34-AD.

*Applicability:* Model EMB-135 and -145 series airplanes, having serial numbers (S/Ns) 145004 through 145187 inclusive, S/Ns 145191 through 145196 inclusive, S/N 145200, and S/N 145204; certificated in any category.

*Compliance:* Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent the plastic lens protection grids in the baggage compartment from breaking away and exposing the lens as a source of fire, which could lead to fire damage to the aircraft systems and structure, and expose the passengers and crew to hazardous quantities of smoke, accomplish the following:

**Note 1:** EMBRAER Service Bulletin 145–25–0168, Change 02, dated August 8, 2000, references C&D Aerospace Service Bulletin 145–20216–25–03, Revision 2, dated June 9, 2000, as an additional source of service information for accomplishment of the modification. The C&D Aerospace Service Bulletin is included within the EMBRAER service bulletin.

#### Modification

(a) Within 2,000 flight hours after the effective date of this AD: Modify the mid, aft, and forward baggage compartment upper liners to replace the plastic lens protection grids on all upper liners with new, light metal lens protection grids, according to the Accomplishment Instructions of EMBRAER Service Bulletin 145–25–0168, Change 02, dated August 8, 2000.

#### Actions Accomplished Per Previous Issue of Service Bulletin

(b) Modifications accomplished before the effective date of this AD per EMBRAER Service Bulletin 145–25–0168, Change 01, dated April 13, 2000, are considered acceptable for compliance with the corresponding action specified in this AD.

#### Parts Installation

(c) As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install on any airplane a smoke detector cover having part number 7161119–507, or a ceiling panel having part number 7161011–507, 7161011–517, 7161011–519, 7161011–523, 7161011–525, 7161011–527, 7161011–529, 7161011–531, or 7161011–533.

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance

(d) In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, is authorized to approve alternative methods of compliance for this AD.

**Note 2:** The subject of this AD is addressed in Brazilian airworthiness directive 2000–06–01, dated July 3, 2000.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on December 5, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002–NM–211–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4 Series Airplanes and Model A300 B4–600, A300 B4–600R, and A300 F4–600R (Collectively Called A300–600) 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 Airbus Model A300 B4 series airplanes and all Airbus Model A300–600 series airplanes. That AD currently requires a one-time high frequency eddy current inspection to detect cracking of the splice fitting at fuselage frame (FR) 47 between stringers 24 and 25; and corrective actions if necessary. This action would require new repetitive inspections of an expanded area, and would add airplanes to the applicability in the existing AD. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to detect and correct cracking of the splice fitting at fuselage FR 47, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by January 16, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2002–NM–211–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 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. 2002–NM–211–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 or 2000 or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Airbus Industrie, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Rodriguez, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056; telephone (425) 227–1137; fax (425) 227–1149.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

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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.

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#### Discussion

On February 9, 2001, the FAA issued AD 2001–03–14, amendment 39–12118 (66 FR 10957, February 21, 2001), applicable to certain Airbus Model A300 series airplanes and all Airbus Model A300–600 series airplanes. That AD requires a one-time high frequency eddy current (HFEC) inspection to detect cracking of the splice fitting at fuselage frame (FR) 47 between stringers 24 and 25; and corrective actions if necessary. That action was prompted by issuance of mandatory continuing airworthiness information by a foreign