Unsafe Condition

(f) This AD results from a review of all currently effective ADs. That review determined that Priority Letter AD 88–24–15 was not published in the Federal Register to make it effective to all operators, as opposed to just the operators who received actual notice of the original Priority Letter AD. This AD also results from the discovery that the original AD omitted an airplane model with certain STC from the applicability. We are issuing this AD to prevent possible blade failure near the hub which can result in blade separation, engine separation, damage to the airplane, and possible loss of the airplane.

Compliance

(g) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified unless the actions have already been done.

Required Actions

(h)(1) The propeller blades meet the initial and repetitive compliance requirements of Priority Letter AD 88–24–15.

(h)(2) The P/N T10282( ) propeller blades have been replaced with P/N T10282N( ), T10282N(B), T10282N(K), or T10282N(E) propeller blades.

(i) If the actions in paragraph (h)(1) or (h)(2) of this AD have not been done, then do one of the following:

(1) Inspect the blades using Paragraph 3 of the Accomplishment Instructions of Hartzell Service Bulletin (SB) No. 136, Revision Letter “I,” dated April 25, 2003, within 500 hours time-since-new (TSN) or time-since-last-overhaul (TSLO) and not to exceed two years after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first; and thereafter within 500 service-hour intervals; or

(2) Replace with P/N T10282N( ), T10282N(B), T10282N(K), or T10282N(E) propeller blades as applicable, within 500 hours TSN or TSLO and not to exceed two years after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first.

(j) If the actions in paragraph (h)(1) of this AD have been done, but not the actions in paragraph (h)(2) of this AD, then do the following:

(1) Inspect the blades within 500 hours since the last Hartzell SB No. 136F, or later Revision, inspection, and thereafter within 500 service hour intervals, using Paragraph 3 of the Accomplishment Instructions of Hartzell SB No. 136, Revision Letter “I,” dated April 25, 2003.

(2) Replace before further flight all blades showing evidence of cracks or other unairworthy conditions, as noted in Hartzell SB No. 136, Revision Letter “I,” dated April 25, 2003, with airworthy blades.

Hartzell SB No. 136

(k) Since Hartzell SB No. 136E was issued, the SB has been revised to 136F, 136G, 136H, and 136I. Any of these revisions are suitable for determining past compliance, as they are all approved as alternative methods of compliance (AMOC). After the effective date of this AD, compliance is restricted to SB No. 136, Revision Letter “I,” or later versions when approved by an AMOC.

Optional Terminating Action

(l) Installation of propeller blades, P/N T10282N( ), T10282N(B), T10282N(K), or T10282N(E) as applicable, onto a Hartzell Propeller Inc. model HC–B3TN–5( ) propeller constitutes terminating action to the inspections, repairs, and replacements specified in paragraphs (i) through (j)(2) of this AD.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(m) The Manager, Chicago Aircraft Certification Office, has the authority to approve alternate methods of compliance for this AD if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

Material Incorporated by Reference

(n) You must use Hartzell SB No. 136 (HC–SB–61–136), Revision Letter “I,” dated April 25, 2003, to perform the inspections required by this AD. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of this service bulletin in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. You can get a copy from Hartzell Propeller Inc. Technical Publications Department, One Propeller Place, Piqua, OH 45356; telephone (937) 778–4200; fax (937) 778–4391. You can review copies at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA, or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202–741–6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.

Related Information

(o) None.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Customs and Border Protection

19 CFR Part 162

[CBP Dec. 05–02]

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Publication of Administrative Forfeiture Notices


ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document adopts as a final rule, a proposed amendment to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Regulations published in the Federal Register on January 14, 2004, to raise the threshold value of seized property for which CBP must publish a forfeiture notice in a newspaper from $2,500 to $5,000. By changing the requirements for publication of administrative forfeiture notices, the amendment significantly reduces the publication costs incurred by CBP, which have often exceeded the value of seized property.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 24, 2005.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 162.45 of the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Regulations (19 CFR 162.45) sets forth the procedure that CBP must follow when it seizes and gives notice of intent to forfeit property under administrative forfeiture proceedings, as required by section 607 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1607). The statutory language

TABLE 1.—APPLICABILITY

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allows for administrative forfeiture when CBP seizes (1) a prohibited importation; (2) a transporting conveyance if used to import, export, transport or store a controlled substance or listed chemical; (3) any monetary instrument within the meaning of 31 U.S.C. 5312(a)(3); or (4) any conveyance, merchandise or baggage for which its value does not exceed $500,000.

Specifically, § 162.45(b), CBP Regulations, addresses publication of notices under administrative forfeiture proceedings. If the value of seized property exceeds $2,500, current paragraph (b)(1) requires publication of administrative forfeiture notices in a newspaper circulated at the Customs port and in the judicial district where the seizure occurred. All known parties-in-interest are notified of the newspaper and expected dates of publication of the notice.

When the value of the seized property does not exceed $2,500, current paragraph (b)(2) of § 162.45 allows CBP to publish a notice of seizure and intent to forfeit by posting it in a conspicuous place accessible to the public at the customhouse nearest the place of seizure.

Proposal

On January 14, 2004, CBP published a document in the Federal Register (69 FR 2093) proposing to amend the CBP Regulations by changing the requirements for publication of administrative forfeiture notices in § 162.45(b)(1) by raising the value threshold of property for which CBP must publish an administrative forfeiture notice in a newspaper from $2,500 to $5,000.

Consequently, the applicability of paragraph (b)(2) would be automatically expanded to seizures of property valued at $5,000 or under, allowing CBP to publish the notice by posting it in a conspicuous place accessible to the public at the customhouse nearest the place of seizure.

CBP had last changed the regulation in 1985, when it increased the dollar threshold from $250 to $2,500. Since then, inflation has often caused the costs of publication in large metropolitan areas to exceed $2,500. Thus, in many cases the publication costs can be prohibitive when compared to the value of the property advertised.

Adoption of Proposal as Final Rule

Comments on the proposed amendment to the CBP Regulations were solicited. No comments were received during the public comment period, which closed on March 15, 2004. Upon further consideration of the matter, CBP has determined to adopt the proposal as published on January 14, 2004.

Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866

The amendment is changing the dollar value threshold governing only the form of public notice, not its substance. Accordingly, CBP certifies that the amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, pursuant to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.). Accordingly, it is not subject to the regulatory analysis or other requirements of 5 U.S.C. 603 and 604.

For the same reasons, this document does not meet the criteria for a “significant regulatory action” as specified in E.O. 12866.

Drafting Information

The principal author of this document is Mr. Fernando Peña, Office of Regulations and Rulings, Customs and Border Protection. However, personnel from other Bureau offices participated in its development.

Signing Authority

This regulation is being issued by CBP in accordance with 19 CFR 0.1(b)(1).

List of Subjects in 19 CFR Part 162

Administrative practice and procedure, Customs duties and inspection, Drug traffic control, Exports, Imports, Inspection, Law enforcement, Penalties, Prohibited merchandise, Restricted merchandise, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Search warrants, Seizures and forfeitures.

Amendment to the Regulations

For the reasons stated above, part 162 of the CBP Regulations (19 CFR part 162) is amended as follows.

PART 162—INSPECTION, SEARCH, AND SEIZURE

1. The general authority citation for part 162 and the specific authority citation for § 162.45 continues to read as follows:


2. The first sentence of paragraph (b)(1) of § 162.45 is amended by removing the monetary amount “$2,500” and adding “$5,000” in its place.