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Background

On April 18, 2006, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published Notice No. 06-04, Widespread Fatigue Damage (71 FR 19928). Comments on that document were to be received by July 17, 2006.

Six petitioners, the Air Transport Association of America, Inc. (ATA), Airbus, the Cargo Airline Association (CAA), Boeing Commercial Airplanes, the National Air Carrier Association, Inc. (NACA), and Lynden Air Cargo, have requested that the FAA extend the comment period for Notice No. 06-04. Many of these petitioners said that Notice No. 06-04 as well as other Aging Aircraft proposals and related guidance material present complex issues that would take time to review together.

Lynden Air Cargo requested an extension of 180 days, and all other petitioners requested an extension of 90 days to fully evaluate this proposal and send comments to the FAA.

The FAA concurs with the petitioners' requests for an extension of the comment period on Notice No. 06-04, but we believe that an extension of 90 days or more would be excessive. As Notice No. 06-04 presents some complex issues, the FAA initially provided a 90-day comment period. Although the FAA agrees that additional time may facilitate industry's assessment of the combined impacts of Notice 06-04 and other Aging Aircraft proposals and related guidance material, we must balance that need against the need to proceed expeditiously with the Widespread Fatigue Damage rulemaking. We believe that an additional 60 days would be adequate for the petitioners to review and comment on Notice No. 06-04. Absent unusual circumstances, the FAA does not anticipate any further extension of the comment period for this rulemaking.

Extension of Comment Period

In accordance with § 11.47(c) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the FAA has reviewed the petitions made by ATA, Airbus, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, CAA, NACA, and Lynden Air

Cargo for extension of the comment period to Notice No. 06-04. These petitioners have shown substantial interest in the proposed rule and have provided good cause for the extension. The FAA has determined that extension of the comment period is consistent with the public interest and that good cause exists for taking this action.

Accordingly, the comment period for Notice No. 06-04 is extended to September 18, 2006.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 29, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 25, 121, and 129

[Docket No. FAA-2005-21693; Notice No. 05-11]

RIN 2120-AI32

Damage Tolerance Data for Repairs and Alterations

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This action extends the comment period for an NPRM that was published on April 21, 2006. In that document, the FAA proposed requirements for holders of design approvals to make available to operators damage tolerance data for repairs and alterations to fatigue critical structure. This extension is a result of requests from the Air Transport Association of America, Inc. (ATA), Airbus, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Cargo Airline Association (CAA), and National Air Carrier Association, Inc. (NACA) to extend the comment period to the proposal.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 18, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2005-21693 using any of the following methods:

- DOT Docket Web site: Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- Government-wide rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-001.

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

- Hand Delivery: 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.

For more information on the rulemaking process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. We also invite comments relating to the economic, environmental, energy, or federalism impacts that might result from adopting the proposals in this document. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. We ask that you send us two copies of written comments.

We will file in the docket all comments we receive, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed rulemaking. The docket is available for public inspection before and after the comment closing date. If you wish to review the docket in person, go to the address in the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble

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Privacy Act: Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Before acting on this proposal, we will consider all comments we receive by the closing date for comments. We will consider comments filed late if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. We may change this proposal in light of the comments we receive.

If you want the FAA to acknowledge receipt of your comments on this proposal, include with your comments a pre-addressed, stamped postcard on which the docket number appears. We will stamp the date on the postcard and mail it to you.

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- (1) Searching the Department of Transportation's electronic Docket Management System (DMS) Web page (<http://dms.dot.gov/search>);
- (2) Visiting the FAA's Regulations and Policies Web page at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/; or
- (3) Accessing the Government Printing Office's Web page at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>.

You can also get a copy by sending a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-1, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-9680. Make sure to identify the docket number, notice number, or amendment number of this rulemaking.

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Background

On April 21, 2006, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published Notice No. 05-11, Damage Tolerance Data for Repairs and Alterations (71 FR 20574). Comments to that document were to be received by July 20, 2006.

By letters dated May 26 and 30, and June 6, 9, and 12, the Air Transport Association of America, Inc. (ATA), Airbus, the Cargo Airline Association (CAA), Boeing Commercial Airplanes, and National Air Carrier Association, Inc. (NACA), respectively, asked the FAA to extend the comment period for Notice No. 05-11. Many of the petitioners said Notice No. 05-11, as well as other Aging Aircraft proposals and related guidance material, present complex issues that would take time to review together. Each petitioner requested a 60-day extension, except Boeing Commercial Airplanes, who requested a 90-day extension, to fully evaluate this proposal before sending comments to the FAA.

The FAA concurs with the petitioners' requests for an extension of the comment period on Notice No. 05-11. The FAA believes that a 90-day extension, as requested by Boeing Commercial Airplanes, would be excessive. As Notice No. 05-11 presents some complex issues, the FAA initially provided a 90-day comment period. Although the FAA agrees that additional time will allow industry to assess the impact of this regulation and provide meaningful comments, this need must be balanced against the need to proceed expeditiously with a rulemaking that will allow airline operators to comply with existing regulations.¹ We believe an additional 60 days, as requested by most of the petitioners, would be adequate for them to review and provide comment to Notice No. 05-11. Absent

¹ Aging Airplane Safety final rule: 70 FR 5518, February 2, 2005.

unusual circumstances, the FAA does not anticipate any further extension of the comment period for this rulemaking.

Extension of Comment Period

In accordance with § 11.47(c) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the FAA has reviewed the petitions made by ATA, Airbus, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, CAA, and NACA for extension of the comment period to Notice No. 05-11. These petitioners have shown a substantive interest in the proposed rule and good cause for the extension. The FAA also has determined that extension of the comment period is consistent with the public interest, and that good cause exists for taking this action.

Accordingly, the comment period for Notice No. 05-11 is extended until September 18, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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14 CFR Parts 25, 91, 121, 125, and 129

[Docket No. FAA-2004-18379; Notice No. 05-08]

RIN 2120-A131

Enhanced Airworthiness Program for Airplane Systems/Fuel Tank Safety (EAPAS/FTS)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Alignment of compliance times for EAPAS and FTS.

SUMMARY: On October 6, 2005, the FAA published the "Enhanced Airworthiness Program for Airplane Systems/Fuel Tank Safety (EAPAS/FTS)" proposed rule. This proposal includes a discussion about our intent to coordinate the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness (ICA) for fuel tank system and electrical wiring interconnection systems (EWIS) to avoid redundancies in those ICA. It also discusses our intent to align the compliance dates for operators to include those ICA in their maintenance programs. The purpose of this document is to advise industry that while we still intend to avoid redundancies in the fuel