

under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

We prepared a summary of the costs to comply with this AD and placed it in the AD Docket. You may get a copy of this summary at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

#### Adoption of the Amendment

■ Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

**2009-04-17 General Electric Company:**  
Amendment 39-15823. Docket No. FAA-2006-24145; Directorate Identifier 2006-NE-06-AD.

#### Effective Date

(a) This airworthiness directive (AD) becomes effective April 2, 2009.

#### Affected ADs

(b) None.

#### Applicability

(c) This AD applies to General Electric Company (GE) CF6-45A, CF6-45A2, CF6-50A, CF6-50C, CF6-50CA, CF6-50C1, CF6-50C2, CF6-50C2B, CF6-50C2D, CF6-50E, CF6-50E1, CF6-50E2, and CF6-50E2B series turbofan engines with a long fixed core exhaust nozzle (LFCEN) assembly forward centerbody, part number (P/N) 1313M55G01 or G02, P/N 9076M28G09 or G10, and aft centerbody P/N 1313M56G01 or 9076M46G05, installed. These engines are installed on, but not limited to, Airbus A300 series, Boeing 747 series, McDonnell Douglas DC-10 series, and DC-10-30F (KDC-10) airplanes.

#### Unsafe Condition

(d) This AD results from reports of separation of LFCEN assembly forward and aft centerbodies due to high imbalance engine conditions. This AD results from the GE issuing new service information. We are issuing this AD to prevent the forward and aft centerbody of the LFCEN assembly from separating due to high imbalance engine conditions, leading to damage to the airplane.

#### Compliance

(e) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within 42 months after the effective date of this AD, unless the actions have already been done.

(f) Replace the forward centerbody, P/N 1313M55G01 or G02, P/N 9076M28G09 or G10, and aft centerbody, P/N 1313M56G01 or 9076M46G05 with a forward and aft centerbody that have been modified using with the Accomplishment Instructions, Section 3, of GE Service Bulletin No. CF6-50 S/B 78-0244, Revision 1, dated March 13, 2008, CF6-50 S/B 78-0244, dated July 30, 2007, or CF6-50 S/B 78-0242, dated September 26, 2005.

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance

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

#### Related Information

(h) Contact Robert Green, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803; e-mail: [robert.green@faa.gov](mailto:robert.green@faa.gov); telephone (781) 238-7754; fax (781) 238-7199, for more information about this AD.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference

(i) None.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on February 12, 2009.

**Francis A. Favara,**

*Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

**[Docket No. FAA-2008-1006; Directorate Identifier 2008-NM-110-AD; Amendment 39-15822; AD 2009-04-16]**

**RIN 2120-AA64**

#### **Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is superseding an existing airworthiness directive (AD), which applies to certain Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747SR, and 747SP series airplanes. That AD currently requires an inspection to determine if acceptable external skin doublers are installed at the stringer 6 (S-6) lap splices, between station (STA) 340 and STA 400. For airplanes without the acceptable external skin doublers, the existing AD also requires repetitive

related investigative actions and corrective actions if necessary. The existing AD also provides an optional terminating modification for the repetitive related investigative actions. This new AD mandates the optional terminating modification. This AD results from a report of cracked fastener holes at the right S-6 lap splice between STA 340 and STA 380. We are issuing this AD to prevent cracking in the fuselage skin, which could result in rapid decompression and loss of structural integrity of the airplane.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective April 2, 2009.

On May 20, 2008 (73 FR 29042, May 20, 2008), the Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2748, dated May 9, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207; telephone 206-544-9990; fax 206-766-5682; e-mail [DDCS@boeing.com](mailto:DDCS@boeing.com); Internet <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>.

#### Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>; or in person at the Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The address for the Docket Office (telephone 800-647-5527) is the Document Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ivan Li, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 917-6437; fax (425) 917-6590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Discussion

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an AD that supersedes AD 2008-10-15, amendment 39-15522 (73 FR 29042, May 20, 2008). The existing AD applies to certain Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747SR, and 747SP series airplanes. That NPRM was published in the **Federal**

**Register** on September 23, 2008 (73 FR 54755). That NPRM proposed to continue to require an inspection to determine if acceptable external skin doublers are installed at the stringer 6 (S-6) lap splices, between station (STA) 340 and STA 400. For airplanes without the acceptable external skin doublers, that NPRM also proposed to continue to require repetitive related investigative actions and corrective actions if necessary. That NPRM also proposed to require a previously optional terminating modification for the repetitive related investigative actions.

#### Comments

We provided the public the opportunity to participate in the development of this AD. We have considered the single comment that has been received on the NPRM. The commenter, Boeing, concurs with the NPRM.

#### Conclusion

We have carefully reviewed the available data, including the comment that has been received, and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting the AD as proposed.

#### Costs of Compliance

The inspection for acceptable external skin doublers that is required by AD 2008-10-15 and retained in this AD takes about 2 work hours per airplane, at an average labor rate of \$80 per work hour. Based on these figures, the estimated cost of the inspection for U.S. operators is \$27,840, or \$160 per airplane.

The cost for the terminating action depends on the results of the inspections. Therefore, we cannot calculate those costs because we do not know what doubler conditions operators will find.

#### Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, Section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701, "General requirements." Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority

because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

#### Regulatory Findings

We have determined that this AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will 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.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866;
- (2) Is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and
- (3) 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.

We prepared a regulatory evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this AD and placed it in the AD docket. See the **ADDRESSES** section for a location to examine the regulatory evaluation.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

#### Adoption of the Amendment

■ Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) amends § 39.13 by removing amendment 39-15522 (73 FR 29042, May 20, 2008) and by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

**2009-04-16 Boeing:** Amendment 39-15822. Docket No. FAA-2008-1006; Directorate Identifier 2008-NM-110-AD.

##### Effective Date

(a) This AD becomes effective April 2, 2009.

##### Affected ADs

(b) This AD supersedes AD 2008-10-15.

#### Applicability

(c) This AD applies to Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747SR, and 747SP series airplanes, certificated in any category; as identified in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2748, dated May 9, 2008.

#### Unsafe Condition

(d) This AD results from a report of cracked fastener holes at the right stringer 6 (S-6) lap splice between station (STA) 340 and STA 380. We are issuing this AD to prevent cracking in the fuselage skin, which could result in rapid decompression and loss of structural integrity of the airplane.

#### Compliance

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

#### Requirements of AD 2008-10-15

##### Service Bulletin Reference Paragraph

(f) The term "alert service bulletin," as used in this AD, means the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2748, dated May 9, 2008.

##### Inspection for Acceptable External Skin Doublers

(g) For airplanes identified as Group 1, Configuration 2, in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2748, dated May 9, 2008: At the latest of the times specified in paragraphs (g)(1), (g)(2), and (g)(3) of this AD, do an external general visual inspection to determine if acceptable external skin doublers are installed at the left- and right-side S-6 lap splices, in accordance with Part 1 of the alert service bulletin.

(1) Prior to the accumulation of 10,000 total flight cycles.

(2) Within 8,000 flight cycles after a modification was done in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin 747-53-2253.

(3) Within 15 days or 100 flight cycles after May 20, 2008 (the effective date of AD 2008-10-15), whichever occurs first.

##### Acceptable External Skin Doublers Found at Both Sides

(h) If, during the inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD, acceptable external skin doublers in accordance with the alert service bulletin are found installed at both the left- and right-side S-6 lap splices, no further work is required by this AD.

##### Acceptable External Skin Doublers Not Found—Repetitive Related Investigative Actions and Corrective Actions

(i) If, during the inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD, acceptable external skin doublers in accordance with alert service bulletin are not found installed at either the left- or right-side S-6 lap splice: Before further flight, do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions by doing all actions specified in Part 2 of the alert service bulletin. Repeat the applicable related investigative actions thereafter at intervals not to exceed 300 flight cycles until the modification specified in paragraph (j) of this AD is done.

**New Requirement of This AD****Terminating Modification**

(j) If, during the inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD, acceptable external skin doublers as specified in the alert service bulletin are not found installed at either the left- or right-side S-6 lap splice: Within 3,000 flight cycles after doing the initial related investigative actions in paragraph (i) of this AD, or within 300 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, install acceptable external skin doublers at both the left- and right-side S-6 lap splices, as applicable. The installation of the acceptable skin doublers is required on the side of the airplane that does not have the acceptable doublers already. The installation includes doing an open-hole high-frequency eddy current (HFEC) inspection of the skin for cracking, and trimming out cracking as applicable. Do all actions in accordance with the alert service bulletin. Doing this installation terminates the repetitive related investigative actions required by paragraph (i) of this AD.

**Note 1:** The alert service bulletin refers to Boeing Service Bulletins 747-53-2253, Revision 3, dated March 24, 1994; and 747-53-2272, Revision 18, dated May 16, 2002; as additional sources of service information for accomplishment of the modification (installation of acceptable external skin doublers).

**Note 2:** AD 90-06-06, amendment 39-6490, requires, among other actions, a modification as specified in Boeing Service Bulletin 747-53-2253, dated December 14, 1984.

**Note 3:** AD 90-23-14, amendment 39-6801, requires inspections as specified in Boeing Service Bulletin 747-53-2253, Revision 2, dated March 29, 1990.

**Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)**

(k)(1) The Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, ATTN: Ivan Li, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Seattle ACO, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 917-6437; fax (425) 917-6590; has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

(2) To request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD, follow the procedures in 14 CFR 39.19. Before using any approved AMOC on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify your appropriate principal inspector (PI) in the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), or lacking a PI, your local FSDO.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair required by this AD, if it is approved by an Authorized Representative for the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Delegation Option Authorization Organization who has been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO, to make those findings. For a repair method to be approved, the repair must meet the certification basis of the airplane and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

**Material Incorporated by Reference**

(l) You must use Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2748, dated May 9, 2008, to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(1) The Director of the Federal Register previously approved the incorporation by reference of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2748, dated May 9, 2008, on May 20, 2008 (73 FR 29042, May 20, 2008).

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207; telephone 206-544-9990; fax 206-766-5682; e-mail [DDCS@boeing.com](mailto:DDCS@boeing.com); Internet <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>.

(3) You may review copies of the service information that is incorporated by reference at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425-227-1221 or 425-227-1152.

(4) You may also review copies of the service information 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](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html).

Issued in Renton, Washington, on February 2, 2009.

**Ali Bahrami,**

*Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

**[Docket No. FAA-2008-0861; Airspace Docket No. 08-AWP-8]**

**RIN 2120-AA66**

**Amendment of Class D Airspace; Anderson AFB, GU; Guam International Airport, GU; and Saipan International Airports, CQ**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends the legal descriptions for Anderson AFB, and the Guam and Saipan International Airports. The Guam Air Route Traffic Control Center personnel conducted a review of their airspace and determined that current airspace descriptions needed to be updated. These are editorial revisions to reflect name changes and to update coordinates of the facilities. The changes will not affect the current area boundaries, altitudes, or the times of designation.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* 0901 UTC, May 7, 2009. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken McElroy, Airspace and Rules Group, Office of System Operations Airspace and AIM, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

During an airspace review conducted Guam ARTCC personnel it was determined that the Class D airspace descriptions in their area of responsibility were outdated and required revision. They are editorial revisions to reflect name changes and to update airport reference point coordinates. This change does not affect the current area boundaries, altitudes, or the times of designation.

Class D Airspace descriptions are published in paragraph 5000 of FAA Order 7400.9S signed October 3, 2008, and effective October 31, 2008, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D Airspace descriptions listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

**The Rule**

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by revising the description of Guam Island Anderson AFB, and Guam International Airport, by inserting the city name into each Class D airspace description. The Saipan Island Class D airspace description is amended by removing reference to the Saipan RBN and to the Airport Facility Directory. Additionally, this action updates the airport reference points.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under Department of Transportation (DOT) Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when