published on March 12, 2010. In that
document, the FAA proposed to amend
the airworthiness standards for fatigue
tolerance evaluation (FTE) of transport
category metallic rotorcraft structures.
This notice responds to a request from
the European Aviation Safety Agency
(EASA) to extend the comment period
to the proposal.

DATES: The comment period for the
NPRM published on March 12, 2010 (75
FR 11799) which was scheduled to close
on June 10, 2010, is extended until July
30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments
identified by Docket Number FAA–
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Operations, M–30, U.S. Department of
Transportation, 1200 New Jersey
Avenue, SE., Room W12–140, West
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Room W12–140 of the West Building
Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey
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Statement in the Federal Register
published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR
19477–78) or you may visit http://
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Minh-Hai Tran-Lam, ARM–207, Office
of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation
Administration, 800 Independence
Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591,
telephone (202) 493–4963.

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. To ensure the docket
does not contain duplicate comments,
please send only one copy of written
comments, or if you are filing comments
electronically, please submit your
comments only one time.

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

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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 or notice
number of this rulemaking.

Background

On March 7, 2010, the Federal
Aviation Administration (FAA)
published Notice No. 10–04, Fatigue
Tolerance Evaluation of Metallic
Structures (75 FR 11799, 3/12/2010),
Comments to that document were to be
received on or before June 10, 2010.

By letter dated March 22, 2010, the
European Aviation Safety Agency
(EASA) addressed the joint interest in
this rulemaking objective on the
international level. EASA will be
issuing an associated Notice of Proposed
Amendment (NPA) with anticipated
close of comment period in the July
2010 timeframe. EASA stated that in
order to provide final rules that are
harmonized as much as possible, it will
be essential that technical cooperation is
maintained and that comments arising
from both the NPRM and NPA processes
are jointly dispositioned by technical
experts from each aviation authority.
EASA requested that the FAA extend
the comment period for Notice No. 10–
04 to coincide with their NPA close of
comment period, to allow the
rulemaking processes of the FAA and
EASA to better align and to facilitate
achieving the objective of common
international standards.

Extension of Comment Period

In accordance with § 11.47(c) of title
14, Code of Federal Regulations, the
FAA has reviewed the petition made by
EASA for extension of the comment
period to Notice No. 10–04. This
petitioner has shown a substantive
interest in the proposed rule and 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. 10–04 is extended until July
30, 2010.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 30,
2010.

Pamela Hamilton-Powell,
Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 27 and 29

[Docket No. FAA–2009–0660; Notice No. 10–09]

RIN 2120–AJ52

Damage Tolerance and Fatigue
Evaluation of Composite Rotorcraft
Structures; Reopening of Comment
Period

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking
(NPRM); reopening of comment period.
SUMMARY: On January 6, 2010, the FAA published a NPRM proposing to revise airworthiness standards for type certification requirements of normal and transport category rotorcraft. The amendment would address advances in composite structures technology and provide internationally harmonized standards. The public was invited to comment for a 90-day period. The comment period closed on April 6, 2010; however, the FAA is reopening the comment period until July 16, 2010 in response to a request from the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). Reopening of the comment period would allow the rulemaking processes of the FAA and EASA to better align and facilitate achieving the objective of common international standards.


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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. To ensure the docket does not contain duplicate comments, please send only one copy of written comments, or if you are filing comments electronically, please submit your comments only one time.

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

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Background


By request dated March 22, 2010, EASA addressed the joint interest in this rulemaking objective on the international level. EASA will be issuing an associated Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) with anticipated close of comment period in the July 2010 timeframe. EASA stated that in order to provide final rules that are harmonized as much as possible, it will be essential that technical cooperation is maintained and that comments arising from the NPRM and NPA processes are jointly dispositioned by technical experts from each aviation authority. EASA requested that the comment period be extended to coincide with their NPA close of comment period, to allow the rulemaking processes of the FAA and EASA to better align and to facilitate achieving the objective of common international standards.

Reopening of Comment Period

In accordance with § 11.47(c) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the FAA has reviewed the petition made by EASA to reopen the comment period to Notice No. 10–09. This petitioner has shown a substantive interest in the proposed rule and good cause for reopening the comment period. The FAA has determined that reopening the comment period will allow EASA and others additional time for a more thorough review of applicable issues and questions raised by the NPRM and drafting of responsive comments.

To give all interested persons additional time to complete their comments, the FAA finds it is in the public interest to reopen the comment period until July 16, 2010.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 30, 2010.

Pamela Hamilton-Powell, Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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