is the sum over time of the discounted net savings each year, which consists of the difference between total operating cost savings and increases in total installed costs. Critical inputs to this analysis include shipments projections, retirement rates (based on estimated product lifetimes), and estimates of changes in shipments and retirement rates in response to changes in product costs due to standards. Chapters 2 and 10 of the preliminary TSD provide detail on the NIA.

DOE consulted with interested parties on all of the analyses and invites further input on these topics. The preliminary analytical results are subject to revision following review and input from the public. A revised TSD will be made available upon issuance of a NOPR. The final rule will contain the final analysis results and be accompanied by a final rule TSD.

DOE encourages those who wish to participate in the public meeting to obtain the preliminary TSD and be prepared to discuss its contents. However, public meeting participants need not limit their comments to the topics identified in the preliminary TSD. DOE is also interested in receiving information on other relevant issues that participants believe would affect energy conservation standards for this equipment or that DOE should address in the NOPR.

DOE welcomes all interested parties, regardless of whether they participate in the public meeting, to submit comments and information in writing by May 16, 2011.

The public meeting and associated Webinar will be conducted in an informal, conference style. A court reporter will be present to record the minutes of the meeting. There shall be no discussion of proprietary information, costs, prices, market shares, or other commercial matters regulated by U.S. antitrust laws.

After considering all comments and additional information it receives from interested parties or through further analyses, DOE will prepare and publish in the Federal Register a NOPR. The NOPR will include proposed energy conservation standards for the equipment covered by the rulemaking. Members of the public will have an opportunity to submit written and oral comments on the proposed standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration
14 CFR Part 33
[Docket No. NE132; Notice No. 33–11–01–SC]

Special Conditions: Turbomeca Arriel 2D Turboshaft Engine

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed special conditions.

SUMMARY: This action proposes special conditions for Turbomeca SA model Arriel 2D engines. The engine model will have a novel or unusual design feature which is a 30-minute power rating. This rating is generally intended to be used for hovering at increased power for search and rescue missions. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These proposed special conditions contain the added safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.

DATES: We must receive your comments by May 2, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You must mail two copies of your comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Attn: Marc Bouthillier, Rules Docket (ANE 111), Docket No. NE132, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803–5299. You may deliver two copies to the Engine and Propeller Directorate at the above address. You must mark your comments: Docket No. NE 132, You can inspect comments in the Rules Docket weekdays, except Federal holidays, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical questions concerning this proposed rule contact Marc Bouthillier, ANE–111, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803–5299; telephone (781) 238–7120; facsimile (781) 238–7199; e-mail marc.bouthillier@faa.gov. For legal questions concerning this proposed rule contact Vincent Bennett, ANE–7 Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803–5299; telephone (781) 238–7044; facsimile (781) 238–7055; e-mail vincent.bennett@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite interested people to take part in this rulemaking by sending written comments, data, or views. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the special conditions, 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 about these special conditions. You can inspect the docket 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 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. 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 these special conditions based on the comments we receive.

If you want us to let you know we received your comments on this proposal, send us a pre-addressed, stamped postcard on which the docket number appears. We will stamp the date on the postcard and mail it back to you.

Background

On August 26, 2010, Turbomeca applied for type certification for a new model Arriel 2D turboshaft engine. This engine consists of an axial air intake, an axial compressor and a centrifugal compressor driven by a single-stage turbine, a direct-flow annular combustion chamber, and a single-stage free turbine which drives a reduction gear assembly located at the rear end. The accessory gearbox, located at the front end, is driven by the gas generator turbine.

The engine will incorporate a novel or unusual design feature, which is a 30-minute power rating. This rating was requested by the applicant to support rotorcraft search and rescue missions that require extensive operations at high power. This type of rating is generally associated with multi-engine
applications and has usually been named an all-engine-operating (AEO) rating. However, this model will be installed on a single engine rotorcraft, and the rating name for the purpose of this special condition is now 30-minute power rating. The number of times this new rating can be used during a flight is not intended to be limited.

The applicable airworthiness standards do not contain adequate or appropriate airworthiness standards to address this design feature. Therefore a special condition is necessary to apply additional requirements for rating definition, instructions for continued airworthiness (TCA) and endurance testing. The 30 minute time limit applies to each instance the rating is used, however there is no limit to the number of times the rating can be used during any one flight, and there is no cumulative time limitation. The ICA requirement is intended to address the unknown nature of actual rating usage and associated engine deterioration. The applicant is expected to make an assessment of the expected usage and publish ICA’s and ALS limits in accordance with those assumptions, such that engine deterioration is not excessive. The endurance test requirement of 25 hours operation at 30 minute rating is similar to several special conditions issued over the past 20 years addressing the same subject. It must be noted that test time required for the takeoff rating, may not be counted toward the 25 hours of operation required for the 30 minute rating.

These special conditions contain the additional airworthiness standards necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to the level that would result from compliance with the applicable standards of airworthiness in effect on the date of application.

Type Certification Basis

Under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.17(a) and 21.101(a), Turbomeca must show that the model Arriel 2D turboshaft engine meets the provisions of the applicable regulations in effect on the date of application, unless otherwise specified by the FAA. The current certification basis for engines in this model series varies, being either 14 CFR part 33, Amendment 14 or Amendment 15. Turbomeca proposes a certification basis of 14 CFR part 33, Amendment 15. In accordance with §21.101(b), the FAA concurs with the Turbomeca proposal. Therefore, the certification basis for the Turbomeca Arriel 2D will be part 33, effective February 1, 1965, as amended by Amendment 33–18 through 33–15 inclusive. If the Administrator finds that the applicable airworthiness regulations in part 33, as amended, do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for the model Arriel 2D turboshaft engine, because of a novel or unusual design feature, special conditions are prescribed under the provisions of § 21.16.

The FAA issues special conditions, as defined by 14 CFR 11.19, in accordance with 14 CFR 11.38, which become part of the type certification basis in accordance with § 21.17(b)(2). Special conditions are initially applicable to the model for which they are issued. Should the type certificate for that model be amended later to include another related model that incorporates the same or similar novel or unusual design feature, or should any other model already included on the same type certificate be modified to incorporate the same or similar novel or unusual design feature, the special conditions would also apply to the other model.

Novel or Unusual Design Features

The Turbomeca model Arriel 2D turboshaft engine will incorporate a novel or unusual design feature which is a 30-minute power rating, for use up to 30 minutes at any time between the take-off and landing phases of a flight. Special conditions for a 30-minute rating are proposed to address this novel and unusual design feature. The special conditions are discussed below.

Discussion

The Turbomeca model Arriel 2D turboshaft engine is a free turbine turboshaft designed for a normal category, single engine helicopter. The helicopter manufacturer anticipates that for search and rescue, extended hovering maneuvers may require more than maximum continuous power for periods up to 30 minutes. Turbomeca has requested a 30-minute rating, for use up to 30 minutes at any time between the take-off and landing phases of a flight. Turbomeca has indicated that the number of times this rating can be used in one flight is not limited.

Applicability

As discussed above, these special conditions are applicable to the Turbomeca model Arriel 2D turbo shaft engine. If Turbomeca applies later for a change to the type certificate to include another closely related model incorporating the same novel or unusual design feature, these special conditions would apply to that model as well, and would be made part of the certification basis for that model.

Conclusion

This action affects only certain novel or unusual design features on one model of engine. It is not a rule of general applicability, and it affects only the applicant who applied to the FAA for approval of these features on the engine.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 33

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The authority citation for these special conditions is as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701–44702, 44704.

The Proposed Special Conditions

Accordingly, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes the following special conditions as part of the type certification basis for the Turbomeca model Arriel 2D turbo shaft engine:

1. PART 1 DEFINITION. Unless otherwise approved by the Administrator and documented in the appropriate manuals and certification documents, the following definition applies to this special condition: “Rated 30 Minute Power”, means the approved shaft horsepower developed under static conditions at the specified altitude and temperature, and within the operating limitations established under part 33, and limited in use to periods not exceeding 30 minutes each.

2. PART 33 REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Sections 33.1 Applicability and 33.3 General: As applicable, all documentation, testing and analysis required to comply with the part 33 certification basis, must account for the 30 minute rating, limits and usage.

(b) Section 33.4, instructions for continued airworthiness (ICA). In addition to the requirements of 33.4, the ICA must:

(1) Include instructions to ensure that in-service engine deterioration due to rated 30 minute power usage will not be excessive, meaning that all other approved ratings are available within associated limits and assumed usage, for successive flights; and that deterioration will not exceed that assumed for declaring a time between overhaul (TBO) period.

(i) The applicant must validate the adequacy of the maintenance actions required under paragraph (b)(1) above.

(2) Include in the airworthiness limitations section (ALS), any mandatory inspections and serviceability limits related to the use of the 30-minute rating.

(c) Section 33.87, Endurance Test. In addition to the requirements of 33.87(a) and 33.87(b), the overall test run must
include a minimum of 25 hours of operation at 30 minute power and limits, divided into periods of 30 minutes power with alternate periods at maximum continuous power or less.  

(1) Modification of the §33.87 test requirements to include the 25 hours of operation at 30 minute power rating, must be proposed by the Applicant and accepted by the FAA. Note that the test time required for the takeoff rating may not be counted toward the 25 hours of operation required for the 30-minute rating.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Department of The Treasury  
19 CFR Parts 4 and 24  
[Docket No. USCBP–2008–0085]  
RIN 1515–AD74  
Interest on Untimely Paid Vessel Repair Duties  
AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Department of the Treasury.  
ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations (19 CFR) to provide that where an owner or master of a vessel documented under the laws of the United States fails to timely pay the duties determined to be due to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) that are associated with the purchase of equipment for, or repair to, the vessel while it is outside the United States, interest will accrue on the amounts owed to CBP and that person will be liable for interest. The purpose of this document is to ensure that title 19 of the CFR reflects that CBP collects interest as part of its inherent revenue collection functions in situations where an owner or master of a vessel fails to pay the vessel repair duties determined to be due within 30 days of CBP issuing the bill.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 31, 2011.

ADDRESS: You may submit comments, identified by docket number, by one of the following methods:


Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this proposed rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the proposed rulemaking process, see the “Public Participation” heading of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to http://www.regulations.gov. Submitted comments may also be inspected during regular business days between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, Customs and Border Protection, 799 9th Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC. Arrangements to inspect submitted comments should be made in advance by calling Joseph Clark at (202) 325–0118.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Owens, Chief, Entry Process and Duty Refunds, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, (202) 325–0266.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:  
Public Participation  

Interested persons are invited to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments on all aspects of the proposed rule. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) also invites comments that relate to the economic, environmental, or federalism effects that might result from this proposed rule. If appropriate to a specific comment, the commenter should reference the specific portion of the proposed rule, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include data, information, or authority that support such recommended change.

Background  

Section 466 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1466), and Subchapter XVIII, Chapter 98, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (19 U.S.C. 1202), provide, in pertinent part, that equipment purchased for, or repairs made to, an American vessel in a foreign country are subject to entry and the payment of ad valorem duty on the first arrival of the affected vessel in any port of the United States.

Section 498 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1498) provides that the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to prescribe rules and regulations for the declaration and entry of merchandise. Within that statute, paragraph (a)(10) provides, in pertinent part, that the Secretary may prescribe rules and regulations pertaining to the entry of merchandise within the provisions of section 1466 of this title (relating to vessel repairs and equipment purchases).

The Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, codified at 31 U.S.C. 3701–3720A, as amended, establishes general federal claim and interest collection authority. Section 3717(a) directs the head of an executive, judicial, or legislative agency to charge interest on any outstanding debt to the United States Government. Sections 3737(b) and (d) provide that interest accrues from the date notice is mailed, however no interest will be charged if the amount on the claim is paid within 30 days from the mailing date.

Based on the authority conferred by these statutory provisions, this document proposes to amend title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations (19 CFR) to provide that where an owner or master of a vessel documented under the laws of the United States fails to timely pay the duties determined to be due to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) that are associated with the purchase of equipment for, or repair to, the vessel while it is outside the United States, interest will accrue on the amounts owed to CBP and that person will be liable for interest. The purpose of this document is to ensure that title 19 of the CFR reflects that CBP collects interest as part of its inherent revenue collection functions in situations where an owner or master of the vessel fails to pay the vessel repair duties determined to be due within 30 days of CBP issuing the bill.

These proposed changes, other than those involving non-substantive editorial changes, are discussed below in more detail.