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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 121

[Docket No. FAA–2012–0429]

Airbus Operations GmbH Grant of Exemption No. 10611

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of FAA Grant of Exemption No. 10611

SUMMARY: This document contains a summary of the agency’s decision on a petition for exemption. The purpose of the document is to improve the public’s awareness and inform affected operators of the FAA’s decision.

DATES: The exemption became effective on August 28, 2012.


DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 121 and 129


RIN 2120–A105

Aging Airplane Program: Widespread Fatigue Damage; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; technical amendment; correction.

SUMMARY: The FAA is correcting a technical amendment published May 24, 2012 to a final rule published November 15, 2010. The final rule required design approval holders of certain existing airplanes and all applicants for type certificates of future transport category airplanes to establish a limit of validity of the engineering data that supports the structural maintenance program (hereinafter referred to as LOV). It also required that operators of any affected airplane incorporate the LOV into the maintenance program for that airplane. The technical amendment to the final rule was issued to correct errors, but within its publication, it contained inadvertent errors due to pagination in two tables. This document corrects the errors in those tables.

DATES: This corrective action becomes effective September 7, 2012.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 24, 2012, the FAA published a technical amendment to a final rule. The technical amendment is entitled “Aging Airplane Program: Widespread Fatigue Damage” (77 FR 30877), which corrected a final rule published November 15, 2010 (75 FR 69746).

In that technical amendment, the FAA intended to correct compliance dates of §§26.21, 121.1115, and 129.115 for Airbus A310 and A300–600 series airplanes. Upon publication, however, the technical amendment contained inadvertent errors due to pagination in two of the tables.

Accordingly, FAA amends 14 CFR parts 121 and 129 by making the following technical amendments:

PART 121—OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: DOMESTIC, FLAG, AND SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 121 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 40119, 41706, 44101, 44701, 44702, 44705, 44709–44711, 44713, 44716–44717, 44722, 46105.

2. In §121.1115, revise the table entitled “Table 1—Airplane Subject to §26.21” to read as follows:

§121.1115 Limit of validity.

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On August 28, 2012, the FAA granted an exemption in the matter of the petition of Airbus Operations GmbH. The exemption from 14 CFR 121.344(f) and Appendix M is granted to the extent necessary to allow the operators of the Airbus model 318, 319, 320 and 321 airplanes listed in Exemption No. 10611 to temporarily operate these airplanes without complying with the digital flight data recorder sampling rate requirement, subject to the conditions and limitations listed in the exemption.

Among other conditions and limitations, each operator of an affected airplane must, within 90 days of issuance of the exemption (August 28, 2012), submit a letter to its principal inspector that, among other things, includes a request to use Exemption No. 10611.

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