(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A330–71–3024, Revision 01, excluding Appendices 01 through 03, dated September 27, 2011.


For Airbus service information identified in this AD, contact Airbus SAS—Airworthiness Office—EAL, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France; telephone +33 5 61 93 36 96; fax +33 5 61 93 45 80; email airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com; Internet http://www.airbus.com. For Rolls-Royce service information identified in this AD, contact Rolls-Royce plc, P.O. Box 31, Derby, DE24 8BJ, England; telephone 011 44 1332 242242; fax 011 44 1332 249936; Internet https://www.aeromanager.com.

You may view copies of the service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

(5) You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference in 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/cfr/ibr-locations.html.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on October 31, 2012.

Ali Bahrami,
Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

Related Information

Discussion

We issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an AD that would apply to the specified products. That NPRM was published in the Federal Register on July 2, 2012 (77 FR 39186). That NPRM proposed to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information (MCAI) states:

Two occurrences on Airbus A320 aeroplanes have been reported where the escape slide raft inflation system did not deploy when activated, due to the rotation of the cable guide in a direction which resulted in jamming of the inflation control cable. Additionally, there has been one reported case where the system did not deploy properly due to a cracked inflation hose fitting.

Investigation conducted by the slide raft manufacturer showed that the hose fitting could be subject to a bending moment if improperly packed. Subsequently, the hose fitting could separate from the reservoir and the inflation of the slide raft may be impaired.

This condition, if not corrected, could delay the evacuation from the aeroplane in case of emergency, possibly resulting in injury to the occupants.

For the reasons described above, this [European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)] AD requires modification of the affected slide rafts or [optional] replacement thereof with modified units.

The modification includes installing a cable guide adaptor, an anti-rotation bracket, and a new hose assembly. You may obtain further information by examining the MCAI in the AD.

Comments

We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this AD. We considered the comments received. United Airlines (UAL) supports the compliance time of 36 months after the effective date of this AD.

Request To Clarify Concurrent Requirements

UAL requested that we highlight that Air Cruisers Service Bulletin B.S.A.320 004–25–85 has a concurrent requirement to accomplish Air Cruisers Service Bulletin B.S.A.320 004–25–56. UAL stated that it would like to receive a confirmation that Air Cruisers Service Bulletin B.S.A.320 004–25–56 must also be accomplished to comply with the proposed AD (77 FR 39186, July 2, 2012).

We agree with UAL’s comment. For the optional replacement in paragraph (h) of this final rule, we have clarified that the concurrent requirement specified in paragraph 1.B. of Air Cruisers Service Bulletin B.S.A.320 004–25–85, Revision 2, dated January 3, 2012, is necessary. We have revised paragraphs (h), (j)(1), and (j)(2) in this final rule accordingly.

Request To Remove the Parts Installation Limitation in Paragraph (j)(1) of the Proposed AD (77 FR 39186, July 2, 2012)

UAL requested that the parts installation limitation in paragraph (j)(1) of the proposed AD (77 FR 39186, July 2, 2012) be removed. UAL stated that the proposed requirement will remove the operator’s flexibility to replace a post-AD part number with a pre-AD part number prior to the AD limit. UAL stated that, after the proposed AD effective date, it agrees that any new slide-rafts released by the home shop should have the AD requirements incorporated to prevent unit on-wing installation beyond the AD limit, but not on the ones currently installed on-wing. UAL stated that it believes the intent of the proposed AD is to eliminate pre-AD part numbers after 36 months of the effective date.
We disagree with UAL’s request to remove paragraph (jj)(1) of this final rule. Paragraph (jj)(1) of this final rule only applies to those airplanes that have accomplished the modification or replacement. The intent of this AD is to prevent installation of the unsafe escape slide rafts after accomplishing the required modification or replacement. Operators have a compliance time of within 36 months after the effective date of this AD to do the modification required by paragraph (g) of this AD, or the alternative action specified in paragraph (h) of this AD. We have not changed the AD in this regard.

**Request To Incorporate New Service Information**

Airbus requested that we revise the proposed AD (77 FR 39186, July 2, 2012) to incorporate Air Cruisers Service Bulletin S.B.A320 004–25–85, Revision 1, dated September 30, 2011, and Revision 2, dated January 3, 2012; and to refer to EASA AD 2011–0160R1, dated March 15, 2012; into the proposed AD.

We agree with Airbus’ request to reference the latest service information. We have revised this AD to reference Air Cruisers Service Bulletin S.B.A320 004–25–85, Revision 2, dated January 3, 2012, for the actions specified in paragraphs (h) and (j) of this AD. Air Cruisers Service Bulletin S.B.A320 004–25–85, Revision 2, dated January 3, 2012, clarifies certain actions and figures. We have also added a new paragraph (k) of this AD to provide credit for actions done using Air Cruisers Service Bulletin S.B.A320 004–25–85, dated November 30, 2010; or Air Cruisers Service Bulletin S.B.A320 004–25–85, Revision 1, dated September 30, 2011; before the effective date of this AD. In addition, we have revised paragraph (m) of this AD to reference EASA AD 2011–0160R1, dated March 15, 2012, which clarifies the parts installation limitations specified in that EASA AD.

**Conclusion**

We reviewed the available data, including the comments received, and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting the AD with the changes described previously—except for minor editorial changes. We have determined that these changes:

- Are consistent with the intent that was proposed in NPRM (77 FR 39186, July 2, 2012) for correcting the unsafe condition; and
- Do not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed in the NPRM (77 FR 39186, July 2, 2012).

**Costs of Compliance**

We estimate that this AD will affect 745 products of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it will take about 19 work-hours per product to comply with the basic requirements of this AD. The average labor rate is $85 per work-hour. Required parts will cost about $341 per product. Where the service information lists required parts costs that are covered under warranty, we have assumed that there will be no charge for these parts. As we do not control warranty coverage for affected parties, some parties may incur costs higher than estimated here. Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of this AD to the U.S. operators to be $1,457,220, or $1,956 per product.

**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 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, 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; and
2. Is not a “significant rule” under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979);
3. Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska; and
4. Will not have a significant economic impact 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.

**Examining the AD Docket**

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov: or in person at the Docket Operations office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains the NPRM (77 FR 39186, July 2, 2012), the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations office (telephone (800) 647–5527) is in the ADDRESSES section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

**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 FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new AD:


   (a) Effective Date

   This airworthiness directive (AD) becomes effective December 31, 2012.

   (b) Affected ADs

   None.

   (c) Applicability


   (d) Subject

   Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 25: Equipment/Furnishings.

   (e) Reason

   This AD was prompted by reports of the escape slide of the raft inflation system not deploying when activated due to the rotation of the cable guide in a direction which
resulted in jamming of the inflation control table. We are issuing this AD to prevent non-deployment of the inflation system of the escape slide raft, which could result in delayed evacuation from the airplane during an emergency, and consequent injury to the passengers.

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

(g) Modification
Except as provided by paragraph (i) of this AD, within 36 months after the effective date of this AD: Modify the escape slide rafts that have a part number (P/N) specified in table 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airline Service Bulletin A320–25–1723, dated December 17, 2010 (for Model A319, A320, and A321 series airplanes); or Airline Service Bulletin A320–25–1724, dated December 17, 2010 (for Model A318 series airplanes).

Table 1 to Paragraph (g) of This AD—Escape Slide Raft

Airline and Aerazur escape slide rafts part number if fitted with a reservoir and valve assembly P/N D18309–105 or P/N D18309–205

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(h) Replacement in Accordance With Airline Service Bulletin
Replacement of all affected escape slide rafts on any affected airplane with slide rafts that have been modified in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airline Service Bulletin S.B.A320 004–25–85, Revision 2, dated January 3, 2012, is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of paragraph (g) of this AD, provided that prior to or concurrently with accomplishing the modification (i), the installation of the cable guide assembly is done in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airline Service Bulletin S.B.A320 004–25–56, dated November 12, 1999.

(i) Airplanes Not Affected by Paragraph (g) of This AD
Airplanes on which Airbus modification 151459 or modification 151502 has been embodied in production, and on which no escape slide raft replacements have been made since first flight, are not affected by the requirement specified in paragraph (g) of this AD.

(j) Parts Installation Limitations
(1) For airplanes other than those identified in paragraph (i) of this AD: After accomplishment of the modification required by paragraph (g) of this AD or after accomplishment of the alternative modification specified in paragraph (h) of this AD, no person may install, on any airplane, an escape slide raft specified in table 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD, unless it has been modified in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airline Service Bulletin A320–25–1723, dated December 17, 2010 (for Model A319, A320, and A321 series airplanes); or Airline Service Bulletin A320–25–1724, dated December 17, 2010 (for Model A318 series airplanes); or Airline Service Bulletin S.B.A320 004–25–85, Revision 2, dated January 3, 2012 (for Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 series airplanes), including the installation of the cable guide assembly in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airline Service Bulletin S.B.A320 004–25–56, dated November 12, 1999.

(2) For airplanes identified in paragraph (i) of this AD: As the effective date of this AD, no person may install, on any airplane, an escape slide raft specified in table 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD, unless it has been modified in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airline Service Bulletin A320–25–1723, dated December 17, 2010 (for Model A319, A320, and A321 series airplanes); or Airline Service Bulletin A320–25–1724, dated December 17, 2010 (for Model A318 series airplanes); or Airline Service Bulletin S.B.A320 004–25–85, Revision 2, dated January 3, 2012 (for Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 series airplanes), including the installation of the cable guide assembly in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airline Service Bulletin S.B.A320 004–25–56, dated November 12, 1999.

(k) Credit for Previous Actions
This paragraph provides credit for the actions required by paragraphs (h) and (j) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using Airline Service Bulletin S.B.A320 004–25–85, dated November 30, 2010; or Airline Service Bulletin S.B.A320 004–25–85, Revision 2, dated September 30, 2011; which are not incorporated by reference in this AD.

(l) Other FAA AD Provisions
The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCS): The Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCS for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the International Branch, send it to ATTN: Sanjay Ralhan, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98057–3356; telephone (425) 227–1405; fax (425) 227–1149. Information may be emailed to: 9-ANM-116-AMOC-REQUESTS@faa.gov.

(2) Airworthy Product: For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer or other source, use the actions if they are FAA-approved. Corrective actions are considered FAA-approved if they are approved by the State of Design Authority (or their delegated agent). You are required to assure the product is airworthy before it is returned to service.

(m) Related Information
(1) Refer to MCAI European Aviation Safety Agency Airworthiness Directive 2011–0160R1, dated March 15, 2012, and the service information specified in paragraphs (m)(1)(i) through (m)(1)(iv) of this AD, for related information.


(2) For Airline service information identified in this AD, contact Zodiac Services Americas, Cage Code S67V9, 4900 St. Joe Boulevard, Building 200, Suite 400, College Park, Georgia 30337; telephone 678–228–8153; fax 404–599–0941; email techpubs@zodiac.com; Internet http://www.zodiacaerospace.com.

(n) Material Incorporated by Reference
(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.


(3) For Airline Service information identified in this AD, contact Airbus, Airworthiness Office—EAS, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France; telephone +33 5 61 93 36 96; fax +33 5 61 93 44 51; email account.airworth-eas@airbus.com; Internet http://www.airbus.com.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2012–0930]

RIN 1625–AA09

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Shark River (South Channel), Avon Township, NJ

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is removing the existing drawbridge operation regulation that governs the opening of the S35 Bridge, mile 0.9, across Shark River (South Channel) at Avon Township, NJ. The existing regulation contains a drawbridge operation schedule for the S35 Bridge. However, the existing bridge was modified in 2006 from a movable bridge to a fixed bridge. Since the bridge is no longer a movable bridge, the regulation controlling the opening and closing of the bridge is no longer necessary.

DATES: This rule is effective November 26, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket USCG–2012–0930 and are available by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2012–0930 in the “Keyword” box, and then clicking “Search.” This material is also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Jim Rousseau, Bridge Management Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District; telephone 757–398–6557, email James.L.Rousseau2@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Table of Acronyms

| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| DHS | Department of Homeland Security |
| FR  | Federal Register |
| NPRM | Notice of Proposed Rulemaking |

§ 117.751 - Removal of regulation

A. Regulatory History and Information

The Coast Guard is issuing this final rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because the S35 bridge that once required drawbridge operations as outlined in 33 CFR 117.751 was modified from a movable bridge to a fixed bridge. As such, the bridge no longer opens for the passage of vessels. Therefore, the regulation is no longer applicable and should be removed from publication. It is unnecessary to publish an NPRM because this regulatory action does not purport to place any restrictions on mariners but rather removes a restriction that has no further use or value.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1), a rule that relieves a restriction is not required to provide the 30 day notice period before its effective date. Since the purpose of this rule is to remove the S35 Bridge operation requirements under 33 CFR 117.751, the Coast Guard is removing a regulatory restriction currently imposed on the public. As such, the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective in less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. The bridge has been a fixed bridge for 6 years and this rule merely requires an administrative change to the Federal Register in order to omit a regulatory requirement that is no longer applicable or necessary. The modification has already taken place and the removal of the regulation will not affect mariners currently operating on this waterway.

B. Basis and Purpose

On June 25, 1999, a Coast Guard Bridge Permit (1–99–5) was issued to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to replace the existing bascule bridge, which carries S35 over Shark River (South Channel) at Avon Township NJ, with a new fixed bridge. NJDOT completed construction for a new fixed bridge in June 2006. The elimination of this drawbridge necessitates the removal of the drawbridge operation regulation, in 33 CFR 117.751 that contains an operating schedule pertaining to the former drawbridge.

C. Discussion of the Final Rule

The Coast Guard is changing the regulation in 33 CFR part 117 without publishing an NPRM. The change removes the regulation governing a movable bridge that was modified to a fixed bridge. Specifically, this rule will remove the section of 33 CFR 117.751 that refers to the S35 Bridge at mile 0.9, from the Code of Federal Regulations since it governs a bridge that is no longer able to be opened.

D. Regulatory Planning and Review

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes or executive orders.

1. Regulatory Analysis

This rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, as supplemented by Executive Order 13563, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of Order 12866 or under section 1 of Executive Order 13563. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under those Orders. We reached this conclusion based on the fact that a special operating regulation exists for movable bridges and as this bridge has been modified to a fixed bridge, the regulation is unnecessary.

2. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small