to conform to any recomputed average. The Committee expects to carry a $25,000 reserve into the 2013–14 crop year. It expects to add $11,300 to the reserve during the year, for a desired carryout of approximately $36,300, which is below the limit specified in the order.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously recommended 2013–14 crop year expenditures of $97,700. Prior to arriving at this budget, the Committee considered information from various sources, such as the Committee’s Marketing Subcommittee and Budget Committee. Alternative expenditure levels and assessment rates were discussed by these groups, based upon the relative value of various projects to the date industry. The assessment rate of $0.40 per hundredweight of dates was then recommended after consideration of several factors, including the anticipated 2013–14 crop size, the Committee’s estimates of the incoming reserve funds and other income, and their anticipated expenses.

A review of historical and preliminary information pertaining to the upcoming crop year indicates that the grower price for the 2013–14 crop year could range between $45.00 and $55.00 per hundredweight of dates. Utilizing these estimates and the assessment rate of $0.40 per hundredweight, the estimated assessment revenue for the 2013–14 crop year as a percentage of total grower revenue could range between 0.7 and 0.9 percent.

This action decreases the assessment obligation imposed on handlers. Assessments are applied uniformly on all handlers, and some of the costs may be passed on to producers. However, decreasing the assessment rate reduces the burden on handlers, and may reduce the burden on producers. In addition, the Committee’s meeting was widely publicized throughout the California date industry, and all interested persons were invited to attend the meeting and encouraged to participate in Committee deliberations on all issues. Like all Committee meetings, the June 20, 2013, meeting was a public meeting and all entities, both large and small, were able to express views on this issue. Industry members also discussed the various possible assessment rates, potential crop size, and estimated expenses at the Budget Committee meeting on June 6, 2013. Finally, interested persons are invited to submit comments on this interim rule, including the regulatory and informational impacts of this action on small businesses.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the order’s information collection requirements have been previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and assigned OMB No. 0581–0178, “Vegetable and Specialty Crop Marketing Orders.” No changes in those requirements as a result of this action are necessary. Should any changes become necessary, they would be submitted to OMB for approval.

This action imposes no additional reporting or recordkeeping requirements on either small or large Riverside County, California date handlers. As with all Federal marketing order programs, reports and forms are periodically reviewed to reduce information requirements and duplication by industry and public sector agencies.

AMS is committed to complying with the E-Government Act, to promote the use of the internet and other information technologies to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

USDA has not identified any relevant Federal rules that duplicate, overlap, or conflict with this rule.

A small business guide on complying with fruit, vegetable, and specialty crop marketing agreements and orders may be viewed at: http://www.ams.usda.gov/MarketingOrdersSmallBusinessGuide. Any questions about the compliance guide should be sent to Jeffrey Smutny at the previously mentioned address in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

After consideration of all relevant material presented, including the information and recommendation submitted by the Committee and other available information, it is hereby found that this rule, as hereinafter set forth, will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, it is also found and determined upon good cause that it is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest to give preliminary notice prior to putting this rule into effect, and that good cause exists for not postponing the effective date of this rule until 30 days after publication in the Federal Register because: (1) The 2013–14 crop year begins on October 1, 2013, and the marketing order requires that the rate of assessment for each crop year apply to all assessable dates handled during such crop year; (2) the action decreases the assessment rate for assessable dates beginning with the 2013–14 crop year; (3) handlers are aware of this action which was unanimously recommended by the Committee at a public meeting and is similar to other assessment rate actions issued in past years; and (4) this interim rule provides a 60-day comment period, and all comments timely received will be considered prior to finalization of this rule.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 987

Dates, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 987 is amended as follows:

PART 987—DATES PRODUCED OR PACKED IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 987 continues to read as follows:


2. Section 987.339 is revised to read as follows:

§ 987.339 Assessment rate.

On and after October 1, 2013, an assessment rate of $0.40 per hundredweight is established for Riverside County, California, dates.

Dated: August 27, 2013.

Rex A. Barnes, Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc (RR) Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

inspections for the Trent 500 engines, and to add on-wing and in-shop inspections for the Trent 900 engines. This AD was prompted by detection of a crack in a Trent 500 IP compressor rotor shaft rear balance land during a shop visit. Further engineering evaluation, done by RR, concluded that the cracking may also exist in Trent 900 engines. We are issuing this AD to detect cracking on the IP compressor rotor shaft rear balance land, which could lead to uncontained engine failure and damage to the airplane.

DATES: This AD is effective October 8, 2013.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of certain publications listed in the AD as of October 8, 2013.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the IBR of certain other publications listed in this AD as of June 29, 2012 (77 FR 31176, May 25, 2012).

ADDRESSES: The Docket Operations office is located at Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.


Exchanging 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 Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information (MCAI), the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Office (phone: 800–647–5527) is provided in the ADDRESSES section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion


Comments

We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this AD. The following presents the comments received on the proposal and the FAA’s response to each comment.

Request To Not Include Revision Level of Service Bulletin (SB)

Texas Aero Engine Service LLC (TAESL) requested that we not include the revision of the SB or that we include “or later revision” in the AD. The commenter’s justification for this request is that the SBs are revised often.

We do not agree. The SBs contain unique methods that require IBR. We do not know how a SB will be revised in the future; therefore, we cannot use “or later revision”. Any future revisions can be addressed using paragraph (m) of this AD. We did not change the AD.

Request To Include an Alternate Method of Compliance

TAESL requested that RR SB No. RB.211–72–AG401 be included as an alternative means of compliance and that the requirement to perform an eddy current inspection (ECI), on engines which have had the new balance weights fitted using RR SB No. RB.211–72–AG401, be removed. The justification for this request is that the SB describes procedures for replacing the existing balance weights with new balance weights.

We do not agree. The unsafe condition was identified in the existing balance weights that were installed. RR SB No. RB.211–72–AG401 introduces the new balance weights. In paragraph (j) of this AD we mandate removal of the existing balance weights as terminating action, as opposed to installation of the new balance weights. We did not IBR RR SB No. RB.211–72–AG401 because there could be future versions of the balance weights that would also be acceptable. We did not change the AD.

Conclusion

We reviewed the relevant data, considered the comments received, and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting this AD as proposed except for minor editorial changes. We have determined that these minor changes:

• Are consistent with the intent that was proposed in the NPRM (78 FR 17300, March 21, 2013) for correcting the unsafe condition; and

• Do not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed in the NPRM (78 FR 17300, March 21, 2013).

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this AD will affect about 136 engines installed on airplanes of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it will take about 14 hours per engine to perform the required inspections. The average labor rate is $85 per hour. Replacement parts are estimated to cost about $2,271 per engine. Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of the AD on U.S. operators to be $470,696.

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),

(3) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, to the extent that it justifies making a regulatory distinction, and

(4) 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.

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 removing airworthiness directive (AD) 2012–10–12, Amendment 39–17061 (77 FR 31176, May 25, 2012), and adding the following new AD:


(a) Effective Date

This AD is effective October 8, 2013.

(b) Affected ADs


(c) Applicability


(d) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by detection of a crack in a Trent 500 intermediate-pressure (IP) compressor rotor shaft rear balance land with follow-on RR engineering evaluation concluding that cracking may also exist in Trent 900 engines. We are issuing this AD to detect cracking on the IP compressor rotor shaft rear balance land, which could lead to uncontained engine failure and damage to the following airplane:

(e) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(f) RB211–Trent 700 Series Engines—Rear Balance Land Inspections


(2) Thereafter, repeat the inspection within every 625 cycles-since-last inspection (CSLI). You may count CSLI from the last borescope inspection or the last eddy current inspection (ECI), whichever occurred last.

(3) At each shop visit after the effective date of this AD, perform an ECI and visually inspect the IP compressor rotor shaft rear balance land, and visually inspect the balance weights. Use RB211 Trent 700 and Trent 800 Series Propulsion Systems NMSB No. RB.211–72–AG063, Revision 2, dated July 7, 2011, sections 3.A. through 3.C., to do the inspections.

(g) RB211–Trent 800 Series Engines—Rear Balance Land Inspections


(2) Thereafter, repeat the inspection within every 475 CSLI. You may count CSLI from the last borescope inspection or the last ECI, whichever occurred last.


(h) RB211–Trent 500 Series Engines—Rear Balance Land Inspections


(2) Thereafter, repeat the inspection within every 340 CSLI. You may count CSLI from the last borescope inspection or the last ECI, whichever occurred last.


(i) RB211–Trent 900 Series Engines—Rear Balance Land Inspections


(2) Thereafter, repeat the inspection within every 280 CSLI. You may count from the last borescope inspection or the last ECI, whichever occurred last.


(j) Mandatory Termination Action for RB211–Trent 700 and RB211–Trent 800 Engines

(1) For RB211–Trent 700 engines. At the next shop visit in which any level of inspection or strip is scheduled to be carried out on the IP compressor, remove the existing IP compressor balance weights.

(2) For RB211–Trent 800 engines. At the next shop visit in which any level of inspection or strip is scheduled to be carried out on the IP compressor, remove the existing IP compressor balance weights.

(3) Once you have removed the balance weights, do not re-install them on any IP compressor shaft rear balance land.

(k) Credit for Previous Actions

(1) For RB211–Trent 700 series engines:

(i) If you borescope inspected your RB211–Trent 700 series engine using RB211 Trent 700 Series Propulsion System NMSB No. RB.211–72–G448, Revision 1, dated December 14, 2009, or Revision 2, dated December 21, 2010, or Revision 3, dated February 25, 2011, before the effective date of this AD, you have satisfied the requirements of paragraph (f)(1) of this AD.

(ii) If you performed visual inspection of your RB211–Trent 700 series engine using RB211 Trent 700 and Trent 800 Series Propulsion Systems NMSB No. RB.211–72–AG085, Revision 1, dated September 27, 2010, before the effective date of this AD, you have satisfied the ECI and visual inspections required by paragraph
(f)(3) of this AD. You are still required to perform the repetitive inspections required by paragraphs (f)(2) and (f)(3) of this AD.

(2) For RB211–Trent 800 series engines:
(i) If you borescope inspected your RB211–Trent 800 series engine using RB211 Trent 800 Series Propulsion Systems NMSB No. RB.211–72–AG085, Revision 1, dated September 27, 2010, before the effective date of this AD, you have satisfied the ECI and visual inspections required by paragraph (g)(1) of this AD. You are still required to perform the repetitive inspections required by paragraphs (g)(2) and (g)(3) of this AD.
(ii) If you performed the ECI and in-shop visual inspection of your RB211–Trent 800 series engine using RB211 Trent 700 and Trent 800 Series Propulsion Systems NMSB No. RB.211–72–AG085, Revision 1, dated September 27, 2010, before the effective date of this AD, you have satisfied the ECI and visual inspections required by paragraph (g)(1) of this AD. You are still required to perform the repetitive inspections required by paragraphs (g)(2) and (g)(3) of this AD.

(3) For RB211–Trent 500 and 900 series engines:
(i) If you borescope inspected your RB211–Trent 500 series engine using RB211 Trent 500, 700 and 800 Series Propulsion Systems NMSB No. RB.211–72–AF260, Revision 4, dated July 28, 2009, or using RB211 Trent 500 and Trent 900 Series Propulsion Systems NMSB No. RB.211–72–G448, Revision 2, dated December 23, 2010, before the effective date of this AD, you have satisfied the ECI and visual inspections required by paragraph (h)(3) of this AD.
(ii) If you performed the ECI and in-shop visual inspection of your RB211–Trent 500 series engine using RB211 Trent 500 and Trent 900 Series Propulsion Systems NMSB No. RB.211–72–G448, Revision 2, dated December 23, 2010, before the effective date of this AD, you have satisfied the ECI and visual inspections required by paragraph (h)(3) of this AD. You are still required to perform the repetitive inspections required by paragraphs (h)(2) and (h)(3) of this AD.

(4) For RB211–Trent 900 series engines:
(i) If you borescope inspected your RB211–Trent 900 series engine using RB211 Trent 500 and Trent 900 Series Propulsion Systems NMSB No. RB.211–72–G448, Revision 2, dated December 23, 2010, before the effective date of this AD, you have satisfied the requirements of paragraph (i)(1) of this AD.
(ii) If you performed the ECI and in-shop visual inspection of your RB211–Trent 900 series engine using RB211 Trent 500 and Trent 900 Series Propulsion Systems NMSB No. RB.211–72–G448, Revision 2, dated December 23, 2010, before the effective date of this AD, you have satisfied the ECI and visual inspections required by paragraph (i)(3) of this AD. You are still required to perform the repetitive inspections required by paragraphs (i)(2) and (i)(3) of this AD.

(l) Definitions

For the purpose of this AD, a shop visit is defined as introduction of an engine into the shop and disassembly sufficient to expose the IP compressor module rear face.

(m) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

The Manager, Engine Certification Office, FAA, may approve AMOCs for this AD. Use the procedures in 14 CFR 39.19 to make your request.

(o) 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) The following service information was approved for IBR on October 8, 2013:


(n) Related Information

The Manager, Engine Certification Office, FAA, may approve AMOCs for this AD.


DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211–524B–02; –524B–19; –524B–21; –524B–32; –524B–42; –524B–53; –524C–19; –524D–19; –524D–4–39; –535C–37; –535E4–37; –535E4–B–37; and –535E4–B–75 turbofan engines, and all RB211–524C2–19; –524G3–19; –524H–36 turbofan engines. This AD requires a one-time inspection of the front combustion liner (FCL) metering panel to determine if it is made from N75 material and, if so, replacing it with an FCL made from C263 material. This AD was prompted by the discovery of a cracked and distorted FCL metering panel, which was made from N75 material. We are issuing this AD to prevent hot gases from burning through the engine casing, which could result in an under-cowl fire and damage to the airplane.

DATES: This AD becomes effective October 8, 2013.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD as of October 8, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The Docket Operations office is located at Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

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