DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39
[Docket No. FAA-2013-0962; Directorate Identifier 2013-CE-028-AD]

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Airworthiness Directives; DORNIER LUFTFAHRT GmbH Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all DORNIER LUFTFAHRT GmbH Model 228–212 airplanes. This proposed AD results from mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) originated by an aviation authority of another country to identify and correct an unsafe condition on an aviation product. The MCAI describes the unsafe condition as main landing gear axle failure caused by initial fatigue cracking and small pre-damage by corrosion. We are issuing this proposed AD to require actions to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by January 3, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:
• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
• Fax: (202) 493–2251.
• Mail: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590.

For service information identified in this proposed AD, contact Rockwell Collins, Inc., Customer Support, P.O. Box 1253, Collins Aviation Services, 350 Collins Road NE, M/S 153–250, Cedar Rapids, IA 52498–0001; telephone: 888–265–5467 (U.S.); fax: 319–295–4941 (outside U.S.); email: techmanuals@rockwellcollins.com; Internet: http://www.rockwellcollins.com/Services_and_Support/Publications.aspx. You may review this referenced service information at the FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (816) 329–4148.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 11, 2013.

Earl Lawrence,
Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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Comments Invited

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the ADDRESSES section. Include “Docket No. FAA–2013–0962; Directorate Identifier 2013–CE–028–AD” at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposed AD because of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to http://regulations.gov in Docket No. FAA–2013–0962, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact we receive about this proposed AD.

Discussion

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Community, has issued EASA AD No.: 2013–0209, dated September 10, 2013 (referred to after this as “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states:

An event of a main landing gear (MLG) axle break during touchdown has been reported. The results of the subsequent technical investigation indicated that improper restoration of corrosion protection was the likely cause of the initial fatigue cracking.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to failure of the main landing gear axle, possibly resulting in a runway excursion with consequent damage to the airplane and injury to the occupants.

To address this potential unsafe condition, RUAG Aerospace Services GmbH issued Service Bulletin (SB) SB–228–300, Rev. 1.

For the reason described above, this AD requires a one-time inspection of the MLG axle and, depending on findings, accomplishment of applicable corrective actions.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating it in Docket No. FAA–2013–0962.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl Schletzbaum, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329–4123; fax: (816) 329–4090; email: karl.schletzbaum@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Relevant Service Information

RUAG Aerospace Services GmbH has issued Dornier 228 Service Bulletin No. SB–228–300, Revision 1, dated April 25, 2013. The actions described in this service information are intended to correct the unsafe condition identified in the MCAI.
FAA’s Determination and Requirements of the Proposed AD

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country, and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, they have notified us of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all information and determined the unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this proposed AD would affect 2 products of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it would take about 150 work-hours per product to comply with the basic requirements of this proposed AD. The average labor rate is $85 per work-hour.

Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of the proposed AD on U.S. operators to be $27,200, or $13,600 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 proposed 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 proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would 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 this proposed regulation:

1. Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
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, 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.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

§ 39.39—Airworthiness Directives

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

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

§ 39.39 [Amended]

2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new AD:


(a) Comments Due Date

We must receive comments by January 3, 2014.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to DORNIER LUFTFAHRT GmbH 228–212 airplanes, all serial numbers, certified in any category.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association of America (ATA) Code 32: Landing Gear.

(e) Reason

This proposed AD results from mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) originated by an aviation authority of another country to identify and correct an unsafe condition on an aviation product. This AD was prompted by a report of a main landing gear axle failure caused by initial fatigue cracking and detection of small pre-damage by corrosion. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct possible corrosion and cracking of the MLG axle, which could lead to failure of the MLG axle resulting in a runway excursion with consequent damage to the airplane and injury to the occupants.

(f) Actions and Compliance

Unless already done, do the actions in paragraphs (f)(1) through (f)(2) of this AD:

1. Inspect the MLG axle following the Accomplishment Instructions in RUAG Aerospace Services GmbH Dornier 228 Service Bulletin No. SB–228–300, Revision 1, dated April 25, 2013, at the time specified in paragraphs (f)(1)(i) or (f)(1)(ii) of this AD.

(ii) If, as of the effective date of this AD, the main landing gear (MLG) has 6,000 or more hours time-in-service (TIS) since new or is more than 10 years old: Within the next 400 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD or within the next 6 months after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first.

(ii) If, as of the effective date of this AD, the MLG has less than 6,000 hours TIS since new or is between 5 to 10 years old: Before or upon accumulating 6,400 hours TIS or within 6 months after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first.

(ii) If, during the inspections required in paragraph (f)(1) of this AD, any discrepancies are found outside the limits as specified in RUAG Aerospace Services GmbH Dornier 228 Service Bulletin No. SB–228–300, Revision 1, dated April 25, 2013, before further flight, make all necessary corrective actions following the Accomplishment Instructions in RUAG Aerospace Services GmbH Dornier 228 Service Bulletin No. SB–228–300, Revision 1, dated April 25, 2013.

(g) Other FAA AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

1. Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, Standards Office, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. Send information to ATTN: Karl Schlietzbaum, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329–4123; fax: (816) 329–4090; email: karl.schliettzbaum@faa.gov. Before using any approved AMOC on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify your appropriate principal inspector (PI) in the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), or lacking a PI, your local FSDO.

2. Airworthiness Product: For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer or other source, use these 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.

3. Reporting Requirements: For any reporting requirement in this AD, a federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number for this information collection is 2120–0056. Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be approximately 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, completing and reviewing the collection of information. All responses to this collection
of information are mandatory. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden and suggestions for reducing the burden should be directed to the FAA at: 800 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20591. Attn: Information Collection Clearance Officer, AES–200.

(h) Related Information

Refer to MCAI European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD No.: 2013–0209, dated September 10, 2013, for related information. You may examine the MCAI on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating it in Docket No. FAA–2013–0962. For service information related to this AD, contact RUAG Aerospace Services GmbH, Dornier 228 Customer Support, P.O. Box 1253, 82231 Wessling, Germany; telephone: +49–(0)8153–30–2280; fax: +49–(0)8153–30–3030. You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (816) 329–4148.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

19 C.F.R Part 351

[Docket No. 130930854–3854–01]

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Modification of Regulations Regarding Time Limits for Submission of Information Pertaining to Requests for Sampling in Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) proposes to modify its regulations to establish time limits for the submission of requests for sampling, and comments on sampling in antidumping (AD) administrative reviews. The modifications to the time limits, if adopted, will more clearly prescribe the time for filing requests for sampling in AD administrative reviews, and the time for filing comments and rebuttal comments with respect to such requests. The modifications will provide sufficient opportunity for the Department to determine whether it will employ sampling in selecting respondents for individual examination when conducting administrative reviews in which a request for sampling is timely submitted.

DATES: To be assured of consideration, comments must be received no later than December 31, 2013.

ADDRESSES: All comments must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov, Docket No. ITA–2013–0001, unless the commenter does not have access to the internet. Commenters who do not have access to the internet may submit the original and two copies of each set of comments by mail or hand delivery/courier. All comments should be addressed to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, formerly Import Administration, Room 1870, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230. The comments should also be identified by Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 0625–AA95. The Department will consider all comments received before the close of the comment period. The Department will not accept comments accompanied by a request that part or all of the material be treated confidentially because of its business proprietary nature or for any other reason. All comments responding to this notice will be a matter of public record and will be available for inspection at Enforcement and Compliance’s Central Records Unit (Room 7046 of the Herbert C. Hoover Building) and online at http://www.regulations.gov and on the Department’s Web site at http://trade.gov/enforcement/.

Any questions concerning file formatting, document conversion, access on the Internet, or other electronic filing issues should be addressed to IA ACCESS Helpdesk, at (202) 482–3150, email address: iaaccess@trade.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sapna Sharma at (202) 482–5285 or Shauna Bihy at (202) 482–4267.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 777A of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, the Department is directed to determine the individual weighted average dumping margin for each known exporter and producer of subject merchandise. For administrative reviews, the requirement pertains to all exporters and producers that have been requested for review. However, when the number of producers/exporters (“companies”) involved in an antidumping investigation is so large that the Department finds it impracticable to examine each company individually, section 777A(c)(2) allows the Department to limit its examination to: (A) a sample of exporters, producers, or types of products that is statistically valid based on the information available to the administering authority at the time of selection, or (B) exporters and producers accounting for the largest volume of subject merchandise from the exporting country that can reasonably be examined. The Department has, to date, generally used option (B) in proceedings in which limited examination has been necessary. One consequence of this is that companies under investigation or review with relatively small import volumes have generally been effectively excluded from individual examination. Over time, this creates a potential enforcement concern in AD administrative reviews because, as exporters accounting for smaller volumes of subject merchandise become aware that they are effectively excluded from individual examination by the Department’s respondent selection methodology, they may decide to lower their prices as they recognize that their pricing behavior will not impact the AD rates assigned to them. Sampling such companies under section 777A(c)(2)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the “Act”), is one way to address this enforcement concern. Accordingly, the Department is refining its practice with respect to the methodology for respondent selection in certain AD proceedings, which the Department is publishing elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.

To facilitate sampling in administrative reviews generally, the Department is proposing to amend section 351.301 of its regulations to establish time limits for filing requests for sampling in administrative reviews, and time limits for comments and rebuttal comments to be filed by interested parties with respect to any such requests for sampling. Currently, 19 CFR 351.301 sets forth the time limits for submission of factual information, including, more recently, specific time limits, time limits for certain submissions such as responses to questionnaires, and time limits for certain allegations. The Department proposes to modify 19 CFR 351.301 so that it also includes a specific time limit for interested parties to submit a request that the Department use sampling in selecting exporters or producers for individual examination. These time limits should ensure that parties may request the Department to sample, while allowing the agency to complete its proceedings in accordance with statutory deadlines.