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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[DOE-HQ-2025-0015]

RIN 1903-AA24

Rescinding New Construction Requirements Related to Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs or Activities

AGENCY: Office of Civil Rights and EEO, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Direct final rule; further delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is further extending the effective date of the direct final rule “Rescinding Construction Requirements Related to Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs or Activities,” published on May 16, 2025.

DATES: As of December 9, 2025, the effective date of the direct final rule published May 16, 2025, at 90 FR 20783, delayed until September 12, 2025 (90 FR 31140) and December 10, 2025 (90 FR 43907), is further delayed until March 9, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeffrey Novak, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, GC-1, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-5281 or *DOEGeneralCounsel@hq.doe.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 16, 2025, DOE published a direct final rule. 90 FR 20783. DOE stated in that direct final rule that if significant adverse comments were received by June 16, 2025, DOE would withdraw the direct final rule. *Id.* On July 14, 2025, DOE published a document delaying the effective date to consider comments submitted in response to the direct final rule. 90 FR 31140.

In this document, due to delays related to the lapse in appropriations,

DOE is further extending the effective date in order to follow the Department of Justice direction on the topic of the direct final rule under Executive Order 14281, “Restoring Equality of Opportunity and Meritocracy” and Executive Order 12250, “Leadership and Coordination of Nondiscrimination Laws.” 90 FR 17537 (April 28, 2025); 45 FR 72995 (Nov. 4, 1980).

To the extent that 5 U.S.C. 553 applies to this action, it is exempt from notice and comment because it constitutes a rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A) and for which no notice or hearing is required by statute. Additionally, this action is not a “substantive rule” for which a 30-day delay in effective date is required under 5 U.S.C. 553(d).

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on December 4, 2025, by Chris Wright, Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

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RIN 1903-AA22

Rescinding Regulations Related to Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Office of Civil Rights and EEO, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Direct final rule; further delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is further extending the effective date of the direct final rule

“Rescinding Regulations Related to Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,” published on May 16, 2025.

DATES: As of December 9, 2025, the effective date of the direct final rule published May 16, 2025, at 90 FR 20788, delayed until September 12, 2025 (90 FR 31141), further delayed until December 9, 2025 (90 FR 43540, 90 FR 45317), is further delayed until March 9, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeffrey Novak, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, GC-1, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-5281 or *DOEGeneralCounsel@hq.doe.gov*.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2025-0758; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00651-T; Amendment 39-23192; AD 2025-23-09]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2022-15-05, which applied to certain Airbus SAS Model A318 series airplanes; Model A319-111, -112, -113, -114, -115, -131, -132, and -133 airplanes; Model A320-211, -212, -214, -216, -231, -232, and -233 airplanes; and Model A321-111, -112, -131, -211, -212, -213, -231, and -232 airplanes. AD 2022-15-05 required repetitive high frequency eddy current (HFEC) inspections for cracks on the web horizontal flange and inner cap, and applicable corrective actions. Since the FAA issued AD 2022-15-05, additional cracks have been found at the door stop fitting number 1 holes at frame (FR) 68, after disassembly of the door stop fitting as part of the inspections required by AD 2022-15-05. This AD continues to require the actions in AD 2022-15-05, but with reduced compliances times for some inspections, and requires an additional inspection at door stop fitting number 1. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective January 13, 2026.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of January 13, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket

No. FAA-2025-0758; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email *ADs@easa.europa.eu*. You may find this material on the EASA website at *ad.easa.europa.eu*.
- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195. It is also available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2025-0758.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Dowling, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: 206-231-3667; email: *timothy.p.dowling@faa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to supersede AD 2022-15-05, Amendment 39-22125 (87 FR 45013, July 27, 2022) (AD 2022-15-05). AD 2022-15-05 applied to all Airbus SAS Model A318-111, A318-112, A318-121, A318-122, A319-111, A319-112, A319-113, A319-114, A319-115, A319-131, A319-132, A319-133, A320-211, A320-212, A320-214, A320-216, A320-231, A320-232, A320-233, A321-111, A321-112, A321-131, A321-211, A321-212, A321-213, A321-231, and A321-232 airplanes, except those airplanes with certain modifications installed that convert the airplane to a corporate jet. AD 2022-15-05 required repetitive HFEC inspections for cracks on the web horizontal flange and inner cap and applicable corrective actions, in accordance with EASA AD 2022-0030, dated February 25, 2022 (EASA AD 2022-0030) which specifies using the original or later-approved revisions of Airbus Service Bulletin A320-53-1491. The FAA issued AD 2022-15-05 to address a report that cracks were found on the web horizontal flange and inner cap on FR 68, left-hand (LH) and right-

hand (RH) sides, at stringer (STGR) 22, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the fuselage.

The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on May 16, 2025 (90 FR 20952). The NPRM was prompted by AD 2024-0210, dated October 29, 2024, issued by EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union (EASA AD 2024-0210) (also referred to as the MCAI). The MCAI states that after EASA AD 2022-0030 was issued, cracks have been found at the door stop fitting number 1 holes at FR 68, after the door stop fitting disassembly as part of the inspections in Airbus Service Bulletin A320-53-1491 Revision 1. Therefore, Airbus issued revision 2 of its service bulletin to include an additional inspection of the FR 68 door stop fitting number 1 holes with a larger inspection area, and an additional HFEC inspection on FR68 around the door stop fitting number 1 nuts. Some compliance times have been reduced and the procedures in the service bulletin have been updated.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to continue to require the actions in AD 2022-15-05, but with reduced compliances times for some inspections, and proposed to require an additional inspection at door stop fitting number 1, as specified in EASA AD 2024-0210. The FAA is issuing this AD to address cracks on the door stop 1, web horizontal flange and inner cap on FR 68, LH and RH sides, at STGR 22, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the fuselage.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2025-0758.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received a comment from Delta Air Lines (Delta). The following presents the comment and the FAA's response.

Request for an Exception To Address Outdated Material Number Reference

Delta requested that the FAA modify paragraph (h) of the proposed AD to allow use of a compound having consumable material list (CML) code 12ADB1 instead of the compound having CML code 12ABC1 that is specified in the service information referenced by EASA AD 2024-0210. Delta explained that CML code 12ABC1 references a Type I corrosion inhibiting compound (CIC) which is a water dispersing compound used in the old temporary protection system (TPS) configuration which was phased out in