

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. FAA-2025-1725; Project Identifier AD-2025-00583-E; Amendment 39-23244; AD 2026-02-08]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; CFM International, S.A. Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2018-19-16 for all CFM International, S.A. (CFM) Model LEAP-1A23, -1A24, -1A24E1, -1A26, -1A26E1, -1A26CJ, -1A29, -1A29CJ, -1A30, -1A32, -1A33, -1A33B2, and -1A35A engines with certain FADEC and PHM software installed. AD 2018-19-16 required removing certain FADEC and PHM software and installing versions eligible for installation. Since the FAA issued AD 2018-19-16, the manufacturer has developed a new pressure subsystem (PSS) with a heater element to evaporate potential moisture on the PSS manifold/transducer interface and prevent freezing at low temperature. This AD requires replacing certain FADEC and PHM software with new versions that are eligible for installation, replacing certain harnesses with newly designed harnesses, and replacing the PSS with a newly designed heated PSS. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective February 25, 2026.

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at regulations.gov under Docket No. FAA-2025-1725; 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, 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to supersede AD 2018-19-16, Amendment 39-19416 (83 FR 50818, October 10, 2018) (AD 2018-19-16). AD 2018-19-16 applied to all CFM Model LEAP-1A23, -1A24, -1A24E1, -1A26, -1A26E1, -1A26CJ, -1A29, -1A29CJ, -1A30, -1A32, -1A33, -1A33B2, and -1A35A engines with certain FADEC and PHM software installed. AD 2018-19-16 was prompted by aborted takeoffs after engines did not advance to the desired takeoff fan speed due to icing in the pressure sensor line which, if not addressed, could result in loss of engine thrust control and reduced control of the airplane. The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on August 6, 2025 (90 FR 37808). The NPRM was prompted when the manufacturer developed a new PSS with a heater element to evaporate potential moisture on the PSS manifold/transducer interface and prevent freezing at low temperature. In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require replacing certain FADEC and PHM software with new versions that are eligible for installation, replacing certain harnesses with newly designed harnesses, and replacing the PSS with a newly designed heated PSS. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive**Comments**

The FAA received comments from three commenters. The commenters were Airline Pilots Association International (ALPA), American Airlines (AAL), and CFM. ALPA supported the NPRM without change. The following presents the comments received on the NPRM and the FAA's response to each comment.

Request for Additional Material References

AAL and CFM requested that the FAA include additional material references in the required actions. CFM stated that the material referenced in paragraph (g)(1) of the NPRM includes concurrent actions and refers to specific material for each of those actions. CFM also indicated that the concurrent

requirements are necessary to fully enable the newly installed PSS heater system. AAL pointed out that operators may not be aware that there is additional material which may be used to help complete the concurrent actions and that a useful method to alert the operators is by including the specific material for the concurrent actions in additional notes to the required actions in the NPRM.

The FAA agrees that the actions required by this AD are not independent actions, and must all be done concurrently to fully enable the newly installed PSS heater system, and that additional material is helpful to complete the actions required by this AD. Therefore, the FAA has revised this final rule by adding note 2 to paragraphs (g)(2) and (3) of this AD and note 3 to paragraph (g)(4) of this AD, with each note referring to specific material that may be used as guidance in completing the actions required by paragraphs (g)(2), (3), and (4) of this AD.

Request for Clarification of the Unsafe Condition

CFM requested that the FAA revise the unsafe condition statement throughout the NPRM to be consistent. CFM noted that in the NPRM, the unsafe condition statement is not consistent between the Background section and paragraph (e) of the NPRM.

The FAA agrees for the reasons provided and has revised the wording of the unsafe condition in the Background section to be consistent with the wording used in paragraph (e) of this AD.

Conclusion

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting the AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. Except for minor editorial changes, and any other changes described previously, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 306 engines installed on airplanes of U.S. registry.

The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Install electronic engine control software	1 work-hour × \$85 per hour = \$85	\$0	\$85	\$26,010
Replace PSS with heated PSS	1 work-hour × \$85 per hour = \$85	185,950	186,035	56,926,710
Replace HJ6A and HJ6B harnesses	1 work-hour × \$85 per hour = \$85	57,510	57,595	17,624,070

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.

The FAA is 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

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) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) 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 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:
 - a. Removing Airworthiness Directive AD 2018–19–16, Amendment 39–19416 (83 FR 50818, October 10, 2018); and
 - b. Adding the following new airworthiness directive:

2026–02–08 CFM International, S.A.:

Amendment 39–23244; Docket No. FAA–2025–1725; Project Identifier AD–2025–00583–E.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective February 25, 2026.

(b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2018–19–16, Amendment 39–19416 (83 FR 50818, October 10, 2018) (AD 2018–19–16).

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to CFM International, S.A. (CFM) Model LEAP–1A23, LEAP–1A24, LEAP–1A24E1, LEAP–1A26, LEAP–1A26E1, LEAP–1A26CJ, LEAP–1A29, LEAP–1A29CJ, LEAP–1A30, LEAP–1A32, LEAP–1A33, LEAP–1A33B2, and LEAP–1A35A engines.

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 7600, Engine Controls.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by aborted takeoffs after engines did not advance to the desired takeoff fan speed due to icing in the pressure sensor line. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent icing in the pressure sensor lines and inaccurate pressure sensor readings. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in loss of engine thrust control and reduced control of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Required Actions

At the next engine shop visit after the effective date of this AD, do the following actions:

- (1) Install electronic engine control (EEC) full authority digital electronic control (FADEC) software having part number (P/N) 2590M00P13, version L1A0850, or later

approved version; and prognostic health monitoring (PHM) software having P/N 2784M64P08, version PL1A0850, or later approved version.

Note 1 to paragraph (g)(1): The software release that includes EEC FADEC software P/N 2590M00P13, version L1A0850, and PHM software P/N 2784M64P08, version PL1A0850, is commonly referred to as "FCS8.5." Guidance for replacing the EEC FADEC software and PHM software may be found in CFM Service Bulletin LEAP–1A–73–00–0050–01A–930A–D, Issue 001–00, dated January 03, 2024.

(2) For engines with an installed HJ6A harness having P/N 362–085–905–0 (significant item number (SIN) 65004), remove the HJ6A harness from service and replace with an HJ6A harness having P/N 362–085–906–0, or later approved P/N.

Note 2 to paragraph (g)(2): This note applies to paragraphs (g)(2) and (g)(3). Guidance for replacing the HJ6A harness P/N 362–085–905–0 and the HJ6B harness P/N 362–086–004–0 with an HJ6A harness P/N 362–085–906–0 or an HJ6B harness P/N 362–086–005–0, or later approved P/N, as applicable, may be found in CFM Service Bulletin LEAP–1A–73–00–0042–01A–930A–D, Issue 003–00, dated July 11, 2024.

(3) For engines with an installed HJ6B harness having P/N 362–086–004–0 (SIN 65005), remove the HJ6B harness from service and replace with an HJ6B harness having P/N 362–086–005–0, or later approved P/N.

(4) For engines with an installed pressure subsystem (PSS) having P/N 2474M65P05 (vendor identification number (VIN) 261811055–0303), remove the PSS from service and replace with a heated PSS having P/N 2474M65P08 (VIN 261811055–0410), or later approved P/N.

Note 3 to paragraph (g)(4): Guidance for replacing the PSS P/N 2474M65P05 with a heated PSS P/N 2474M65P08, or later approved P/N may be found in CFM Service Bulletin LEAP–1A–73–00–0051–01A–930A–D, Issue 002–00, dated January 03, 2024.

(h) Definitions

For the purpose of this AD, an "engine shop visit" is the induction of the engine into the shop for maintenance involving the separation of major mating engine flanges, except for the separation of engine flanges solely for the purposes of transportation without subsequent engine maintenance.

(i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, AIR–520 Continued Operational Safety Branch, 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 manager of the AIR-520 Continued Operational Safety Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j)(1) of this AD and email to: AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(j) Additional Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Mehdi Lamnyi, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: (781) 238-7743; email: mehdi.lamnyi@faa.gov.

(2) For material identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference, contact CFM, GE Aviation Fleet Support, 1 Neumann Way, M/D Room 285, Cincinnati, OH 45215; phone: (877) 432-3272; email: aviation.fleetsupport@ge.com.

(k) Material Incorporated by Reference

None.

Issued on January 16, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

15 CFR Parts 740 and 774

[Docket No. 251222-0187]

RIN 0694-AK30

Streamlining Export Controls for Drone Exports

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Interim final rule.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is easing export controls on certain civil Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and related technologies, which currently need a license to be exported to most countries. In particular, this interim final rule (IFR): a) allows less sensitive UAVs—namely, commercial UAVs with a maximum endurance of less than one hour, for which there is broad foreign availability—to be exported to most Wassenaar Arrangement Participating States (Country Group A:1) without a license; and b) allows more capable non-military UAVs—namely, certain long-range cargo delivery and agricultural spraying drones—to be

exported to certain U.S. partners and allies (Country Group A:5) under License Exception Strategic Trade Authorization (STA). Exports pursuant to License Exception STA are subject to notification and reporting requirements to ensure the security of the exports. BIS is making these changes pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 14307, “Unleashing American Drone Dominance.”

DATES:

Effective date: This rule is effective on January 20, 2026.

Comment date: Comments on this IFR must be received by BIS no later than February 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this IFR may be submitted to the Federal rulemaking portal at: www.regulations.gov. The *regulations.gov* ID for this IFR is BIS-2025-0092. Please refer to RIN 0694-AK30 in all comments.

All filers using the portal should use the name of the person or entity submitting the comments as the name of their files, in accordance with the instructions below. Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion at the time of submission, file a statement justifying nondisclosure and referring to the specific legal authority claimed, and provide a non-confidential version of the submission.

For comments submitted electronically containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters “BC.” Any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked “BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL” on the top of that page. The corresponding non-confidential version of those comments must be clearly marked “PUBLIC.” The file name of the non-confidential version should begin with the character “P.” Any submissions with file names that do not begin with either a “BC” or a “P” will be assumed to be public and will be made publicly available at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Commenters submitting business confidential information are encouraged to scan a hard copy of the non-confidential version to create an image of the file, rather than submitting a digital copy with redactions applied, to avoid inadvertent redaction errors which could enable the public to read business confidential information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical questions regarding this IFR, contact Sharon Bragonje, Nuclear and Missile Technology Division, Office of

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For all other questions regarding this IFR, contact Logan Norton, Export Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, Phone: 202-482-5334, Email: RPD2@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On June 6, 2025, the President issued E.O. 14307, “Unleashing American Drone Dominance” (90 FR 24727). E.O. 14307 tasked the Secretary of Commerce to review and, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, amend the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) “to enable the expedited export of U.S.-manufactured civil UAVs to foreign partners, provided such end users and recipient countries are not identified as foreign adversaries and the export does not pose a risk of diversion to programs of concern, or are otherwise restricted under applicable statutes or regulations.” See Sec. 8(a) of E.O. 14307 that tasked the Secretary of Commerce to take these actions. Through this IFR, BIS is taking action in response to this tasking in E.O. 14307.

E.O. 14307 promotes the U.S. UAV industry, which is enhancing United States productivity, creating highly-skilled jobs, and reshaping the future of aviation. UAVs are already transforming industries from logistics and infrastructure inspection to precision agriculture, emergency response, and public safety. Although the UAV industry has made significant technological advancements in the past decade, and capabilities that once provided a military advantage have become increasingly available to consumers at significantly reduced costs, relevant export controls have not kept pace with the advancement of the commercial UAV market. Expanding the export of trusted, U.S.-manufactured UAVs and related technologies to global markets supports a strong and secure domestic UAV industry vital to the U.S. defense industrial base and advances U.S. national security interests as articulated in the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (ECRA) (50 U.S.C. 4811(2) and (7)).

With this IFR, BIS has identified specific regulatory changes, detailed in section II below, which achieve the President’s objectives of facilitating the export, reexport, and transfer (in-country) of UAVs and related technologies subject to the EAR under conditions that do not pose a risk to U.S. national security and foreign policy interests. Pursuant to ECRA, BIS administers U.S. laws, regulations, and