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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

11 CFR Part 104

[Notice 2006–11]

Statement of Policy; Recordkeeping Requirements for Payroll Deduction Authorizations

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Statement of policy.

SUMMARY: The Commission has previously sought copies of original signed payroll deduction authorization forms as the sole adequate proof that contributors intended to authorize payroll deduction to make contributions to the separate segregated fund of a corporation, labor organization, or trade association. As a matter of general policy, the Commission intends to accept certain other forms of documentation as proof of payroll deduction authorization, which are described in the supplementary information below.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 7, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard T. Ewell, Attorney, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463, (202) 694–1650 or (800) 424–9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Corporations, labor organizations, and trade associations may use a payroll deduction system to collect and forward voluntary contributions from certain persons to their separate segregated funds (“SSFs”), which are political committees they establish. 11 CFR 114.2(f)(4)(i). Political committees must maintain records that provide sufficient detail to enable the Commission to verify that the source and amount of contributions received by the committee are accurately and completely reported. See 11 CFR 104.14(b)(1); see also 11 CFR 104.8(b) (reporting contributions received through payroll deductions). For contributions collected by payroll

deduction, the Commission’s past practice had been to request copies of original signed payroll deduction authorization (“PDA”) forms as proof that the SSF satisfied the recordkeeping requirements of 11 CFR 104.14(b)(1). Through this statement of policy, the Commission announces that signed PDA forms are not the only adequate form of proof for meeting the recordkeeping requirements of 11 CFR 104.14(b)(1).

As a matter of general policy, the Commission intends to accept other evidence that the requirements of 11 CFR 104.14 have been satisfied, which may include records of the transmittal of funds from employers or collecting agents, including spreadsheets or other computerized records, wire transfer records, or other written or electronic records.

SSFs are advised, however, that the Commission considers the retention of signed PDA forms to be a sound recordkeeping practice, and in many cases, signed PDA forms may serve as the best documentation that a deduction was authorized at a particular time for a particular amount. Additionally, some SSFs are subject to independent PDA recordkeeping requirements under State law. The Commission’s policy does not alter or affect a committee’s recordkeeping obligations under any applicable State law.

This **Federal Register** notice represents a general statement of policy announcing the general course of action that the Commission intends to follow. This policy statement does not constitute an agency regulation requiring notice of proposed rulemaking, opportunities for public participation, prior publication, and delay in effective date under 5 U.S.C. 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”). As such, it does not bind the Commission or any member of the general public. The provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, which apply when notice and comment are required by the APA or another statute, are not applicable.

Dated: June 30, 2006.

Michael E. Toner,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 25

[Docket No. NM340; Special Conditions No. 25–318–SC]

Special Conditions: Airbus Model A380–800 Airplane, Design Roll Maneuver

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final special conditions.

SUMMARY: These special conditions are issued for the Airbus A380–800 airplane. This airplane will have novel or unusual design features when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes. Many of these novel or unusual design features are associated with the complex systems and the configuration of the airplane, including its full-length double deck. For these design features, the applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for design roll maneuvers. These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards. Additional special conditions will be issued for other novel or unusual design features of the Airbus Model A380–800 airplane.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The effective date of these special conditions is June 29, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly Thorson, FAA, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056; telephone (425) 227–1357; facsimile (425) 227–1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Airbus applied for FAA certification/validation of the provisionally designated Model A3XX–100 in its letter AI/L 810.0223/98, dated August 12, 1998, to the FAA. Application for certification by the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) of Europe had been

made on January 16, 1998, reference AI/L 810.0019/98. In its letter to the FAA, Airbus requested an extension to the 5-year period for type certification in accordance with 14 CFR 21.17(c). The request was for an extension to a 7-year period, using the date of the initial application letter to the JAA as the reference date. The reason given by Airbus for the request for extension is related to the technical challenges, complexity, and the number of new and novel features on the airplane. On November 12, 1998, the Manager, Aircraft Engineering Division, AIR-100, granted Airbus' request for the 7-year period, based on the date of application to the JAA.

In its letter AI/LE-A 828.0040/99 Issue 3, dated July 20, 2001, Airbus stated that its target date for type certification of the Model A380-800 had been moved from May 2005, to January 2006, to match the delivery date of the first production airplane. In a subsequent letter (AI/L 810.0223/98 issue 3, dated January 27, 2006), Airbus stated that its target date for type certification is October 2, 2006. In accordance with 14 CFR 21.17(d)(2), Airbus chose a new application date of December 20, 1999, and requested that the 7-year certification period which had already been approved be continued. The FAA has reviewed the part 25 certification basis for the Model A380-800 airplane, and no changes are required based on the new application date.

The Model A380-800 airplane will be an all-new, four-engine jet transport airplane with a full double-deck, two-aisle cabin. The maximum takeoff weight will be 1.235 million pounds with a typical three-class layout of 555 passengers.

Type Certification Basis

Under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.17, Airbus must show that the Model A380-800 airplane meets the applicable provisions of 14 CFR part 25, as amended by Amendments 25-1 through 25-98. If the Administrator finds that the applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for the Airbus A380-800 airplane because of novel or unusual design features, special conditions are prescribed under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.16.

In addition to the applicable airworthiness regulations and special conditions, the Airbus Model A380-800 airplane must comply with the fuel vent and exhaust emission requirements of 14 CFR part 34 and the noise certification requirements of 14 CFR part 36. In addition, the FAA must issue

a finding of regulatory adequacy pursuant to section 611 of Public Law 93-574, the "Noise Control Act of 1972."

Special conditions, as defined in 14 CFR 11.19, are issued in accordance with 14 CFR 11.38 and become part of the type certification basis in accordance with 14 CFR 21.17(a)(2).

Special conditions are initially applicable to the model for which they are issued. Should the type certificate for that model be amended later to include any other model that incorporates the same novel or unusual design feature, the special conditions would also apply to the other model under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.101.

Discussion of Novel or Unusual Design Features

The A380 is equipped with an electronic flight control system. In this system, there is not a direct mechanical link between the airplane flight control surface and the pilot's cockpit control device as there is on more conventional airplanes. Instead, a flight control computer commands the airplane flight control surfaces, based on input received from the cockpit control device. The pilot input is modified by the flight control computer—based on the current airplane flight parameters before the command is given to the flight control surface. Therefore, there is not a direct mechanical relationship between the pilot command and the command given to the control surface.

The formulation of airplane design load conditions in 14 CFR part 25 is based on the assumption that the airplane is equipped with a control system in which there is a direct mechanical linkage between the pilot's cockpit control and the control surface. Thus for roll maneuvers, the regulation specifies a displacement for the aileron itself, and does not envision any modification of the pilot's control input. Since such a system will affect the airplane flight loads and thus the structural strength of the airplane, special conditions appropriate for this type of control system are needed.

In particular, the special condition adjusts the design roll maneuver requirements specified in § 25.349(a), so that they take into account the effect of the A380's electronic flight control computer on the control surface deflection. The special condition requires that the roll maneuver be performed by deflection of the cockpit roll control, as opposed to specifying a deflection of the aileron itself as the current regulation does. The deflection of the control surface would then be determined from the cockpit input,

based on the computer's flight control laws and the current airplane flight parameters.

Discussion of Comments

Notice of Proposed Special Conditions No. 25-06-01-SC, pertaining to design roll maneuver for the Airbus A380 airplane, was published in the **Federal Register** on March 29, 2006. A single comment which supports the intent and language of the special conditions, as proposed, was received from the Airline Pilots Association (ALPA). Accordingly, the special conditions are adopted, as proposed.

Applicability

As discussed above, these special conditions are applicable to the Airbus A380-800 airplane. Should Airbus apply at a later date for a change to the type certificate to include another model incorporating the same novel or unusual design features, these special conditions would apply to that model as well under the provisions of § 21.101.

Conclusion

This action affects only certain novel or unusual design features of the Airbus A380-800 airplane. It is not a rule of general applicability.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 25

Aircraft, Aviation safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ The authority citation for these special conditions is as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701, 44702, 44704.

The Special Conditions

■ Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the following special conditions are issued as part of the type certification basis for the Airbus A380-800 airplane.

In lieu of compliance with 14 CFR 25.349(a), the following special condition applies:

The following conditions, speeds, and cockpit roll control motions (except as the motions may be limited by pilot effort) must be considered in combination with an airplane load factor of zero and two-thirds of the positive maneuvering factor used in design. In determining the resulting control surface deflections, the torsional flexibility of the wing must be considered in accordance with § 25.301(b):

a. Conditions corresponding to steady rolling velocities must be investigated. In addition, conditions corresponding to maximum angular acceleration must be investigated for airplanes with engines

or other weight concentrations outboard of the fuselage. For the angular acceleration conditions, zero rolling velocity may be assumed in the absence of a rational time history investigation of the maneuver.

b. At V_A , sudden movement of the cockpit roll control up to the limit is assumed. The position of the cockpit roll control must be maintained, until a steady roll rate is achieved and then must be returned suddenly to the neutral position.

c. At V_C , the cockpit roll control must be moved suddenly and maintained so as to achieve a roll rate not less than that obtained in paragraph b. above.

d. At V_D , the cockpit roll control must be moved suddenly and maintained so as to achieve a roll rate not less than one third of that obtained in paragraph b. above.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 29, 2006.

Ali Bahrami,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2006-24367; Directorate Identifier 2006-NM-041-AD; Amendment 39-14677; AD 2006-14-06]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 F4-600R Series Airplanes and Model A300 C4-605R Variant F Airplanes

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Airbus Model A300 F4-600R series airplanes and Model A300 C4-605R Variant F airplanes. This AD requires modifying certain structure in the fuselage zone at the lavatory venturi installation in the nose section, and performing a related investigative action and corrective action if necessary. This AD results from an analysis that revealed that airplanes equipped with Airbus Modification 08909 had a concentration of loads higher than expected in the fuselage zone (high stress) at the lavatory venturi installation in the nose section, which

could be the origin of cracks that developed in the fuselage skin and propagated from the edge of the air vent hole. We are issuing this AD to prevent fatigue cracking of the fuselage skin, which could result in loss of the structural integrity of the fuselage and consequent rapid depressurization of the airplane.

DATES: This AD becomes effective August 11, 2006.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in the AD as of August 11, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or in person at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC.

Contact Airbus, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France, for service information identified in this AD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Stafford, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-1622; fax (425) 227-1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Examining the Docket

You may examine the airworthiness directive (AD) docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or in person at the Docket Management Facility office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Management Facility office (telephone (800) 647-5227) is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building at the street address stated in the **ADDRESSES** section.

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Discussion

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an AD that would apply to certain Airbus Model A300 F4-600R series airplanes and Model A300 C4-605R Variant F airplanes. That NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2006 (71 FR 18237). That NPRM proposed to require modifying certain structure in the fuselage zone at the lavatory venturi installation in the nose section, and performing a related investigative action and corrective action if necessary.

Comments

We provided the public the opportunity to participate in the development of this AD. We have

considered the single comment received.

Request To Add Revised Service Information

The manufacturer, Airbus, advises that the service bulletin specified in the NPRM has been revised. Airbus notes that Airbus Service Bulletin A300-53-6151, Revision 01, dated April 21, 2006, contains minor changes and that no additional work is required.

We agree with Airbus. We have reviewed Revision 01 of the service bulletin and agree that it does not necessitate additional work. We have revised paragraphs (f) and (g) of the AD to reflect the revised service bulletin. In addition, we have added a new paragraph (h) to this AD specifying that accomplishment of the actions specified in paragraph (f) of the AD in accordance with the original issue of the service bulletin is considered to be an acceptable method of compliance. Subsequent paragraphs of the AD have been re-identified accordingly.

Revision 01 also includes a reduced cost for parts and we have revised the Costs of Compliance section of the AD to reflect that reduced cost.

Explanation of Change to This Final Rule

Paragraph (g) of the NPRM specifies making repairs using a method approved by either the FAA or the Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile (or its delegated agent). The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has assumed responsibility for the airplane models subject to this AD. Therefore, we have revised paragraph (g) of this AD to specify making repairs using a method approved by either the FAA or the EASA (or its delegated agent).

Conclusion

We have carefully reviewed the available data, including the comment received, and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting the AD with the changes described previously. These changes will neither increase the economic burden on any operator nor increase the scope of the AD.

Costs of Compliance

This AD affects about 86 airplanes of U.S. registry. The modification (including the inspection) takes about 28 work hours per airplane, at an average labor rate of \$80 per work hour. Required parts cost about \$399 per airplane. Based on these figures, the estimated cost of the AD for U.S. operators is \$226,954, or \$2,639 per airplane.