

required by 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking for the subject of this rule. Further, this rule contains no unfunded mandates as defined in sections 202 and 205 of UMRA. Nor does this rule potentially affect small governments or contain significant Federal intergovernmental mandates.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAS has previously received approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) with respect to the information collection required to support this program. The information collection is described below:

Title: Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0038.

E-Government Act Compliance

FAS 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. The forms, regulations, and other information collection activities required to be utilized by a person subject to this rule are available at <http://www.fas.usda.gov>.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1487

Agricultural commodities, Exports, Specialty crops.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 553; 15 U.S.C. 714b and 714c, 7 CFR part 1487 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 1487—TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIALTY CROPS

1. The authority citation for part 1487 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Section 3205 of Public Law 107-171.

2. Revise § 1487.4 to read as follows:

§ 1487.4 Are there any limits on the scope of proposals?

(a) *Funding cap.* TASC proposals which request more than \$500,000 of CCC funding in a given year will not be considered.

(b) *Length of activities.* Funding will not be provided for projects that have received TASC funding for five years. The five years do not need to be consecutive.

(c) *Target countries.* Proposals may target all export markets, including

single countries or reasonable regional groupings of countries.

(d) *Multiple proposals.* Applicants may submit multiple proposals, but no TASC participant may have more than five approved projects underway at any given time.

3. Amend § 1487.6 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 1487.6 What are the criteria for evaluating proposals?

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(b) *Evaluation process.* FAS will review all proposals for eligibility and completeness, and will evaluate each proposal against the factors described in paragraph (a) of this section. The purpose of this review is to identify meritorious proposals, recommend an appropriate funding level for each proposal, and submit the proposals and funding recommendations to appropriate officials within FAS for decision. FAS may, when appropriate to the subject matter of the proposal, request the assistance of other U.S. government experts in evaluating the merits of a proposal.

4. Amend § 1487.8 by revising paragraph (a)(4) to read as follows:

§ 1487.8 How are payments made?

(a) * * *

(4) Participants shall maintain all records and documents relating to TASC projects, including the original documentation which supports reimbursement claims, for a period of three calendar years following the expiration or termination date of the program agreement. Such records and documents will be subject to verification by FAS and shall be made available upon request to authorized officials of the U.S. Government. FAS may deny a claim for reimbursement if the claim is not supported by acceptable documentation.

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Dated: November 19, 2008.

Michael W. Yost,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, and Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2008-1267; Directorate Identifier 2008-CE-069-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Viking Air Limited Models DHC-6-1, DHC-6-100, DHC-6-200, and DHC-6-300 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 the products listed above that would supersede an existing AD. 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:

There have been reports of inter-rivet cracking on several wing front spar adapter assemblies (P/N C6WM1027-1) on the horizontal and vertical flanges. It was determined that the cracking was caused by stress corrosion in the short transverse grain initiated by local riveting induced stresses.

The proposed AD would require actions that are intended to address the unsafe condition described in the MCAI.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by January 2, 2009.

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 Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Examining 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 proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Office (telephone (800) 647-5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pong Lee, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, New York Aircraft Certification Office, ANE-171, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, New York 11590; telephone: (516) 228-7324; fax: (516) 794-5531.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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-2008-1267; Directorate Identifier 2008-CE-069-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://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact we receive about this proposed AD.

Discussion

On May 15, 2008, we issued AD 2008-11-10, Amendment 39-15532 (73 FR 37353; July 1, 2008). That AD required actions intended to address an unsafe condition on the products listed above.

Since we issued AD 2008-11-10, a complete list of affected part numbers has been issued.

Relevant Service Information

Viking Air Limited has issued Viking DHC-6 Twin Otter Service Bulletins No. V6/540, dated October 1, 2007; No. V6/541, dated October 1, 2007; and No. V6/542, dated October 1, 2007; and R.W. Martin, Inc. Service Bulletin No. 00160/2, Revision A, dated November 15, 2007. 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.

Differences Between This Proposed AD and the MCAI or Service Information

We have reviewed the MCAI and related service information and, in general, agree with their substance. But we might have found it necessary to use different words from those in the MCAI to ensure the AD is clear for U.S. operators and is enforceable. In making these changes, we do not intend to differ substantively from the information provided in the MCAI and related service information.

We might also have proposed different actions in this AD from those in the MCAI in order to follow FAA policies. Any such differences are highlighted in a NOTE within the proposed AD.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this AD will affect 157 products of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it will take about 18 work-hours per product to comply with the basic requirements of this AD. The average labor rate is \$80 per work-hour.

Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of this AD on U.S. operators to be \$226,080 or \$1,440 per product.

In addition, we estimate that any necessary follow-on actions will take about 200 work-hours and require parts costing \$3,696 for a cost of \$19,696 per product. We have no way of determining the number of products that may need these actions.

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 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); 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.

We prepared a regulatory evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this proposed AD and placed it in the AD docket.

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

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 Amendment 39-15532 (73 FR 37353; July 1, 2008), and adding the following new AD:

Viking Air Limited: Docket No. FAA-2008-1267; Directorate Identifier 2008-CE-069-AD.

Comments Due Date

- (a) We must receive comments by January 2, 2009.

Affected ADs

- (b) This AD supersedes AD 2008-11-10, Amendment 39-15532 (73 FR 37353; July 1, 2008).

Applicability

(c) This AD applies to the following Models DHC-6-1, DHC-6-100, DHC-6-200, and DHC-6-300 airplanes, all serial numbers, that are certificated in any category:

(1) Group 1: Equipped with wing boxes, part numbers (P/Ns) C6W1002-1, C6W1002-3, WR6-1002-59 or WR6-1002-61 that incorporate a P/N C6WM1027-1 front spar adapter assembly with 10 or more years of service; and

(2) Group 2: Equipped with wing boxes, P/Ns C6W1002-5, C6W1002-7, C6W1002-9, C6W1002-11, C6W1002-13, C6W1002-15, C6W1002-17, C6W1002-19, C6W1002-21, C6W1002-23, C6W1002-51, C6W1002-53, C6W1002-55, C6W1002-57 and C6W1002-61 that incorporate a P/N C6WM1027-1 front spar adapter assembly with 10 or more years of service.

Subject

(d) Air Transport Association of America (ATA) Code 57: Wings.

Reason

(e) The mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) states:

There have been reports of inter-rivet cracking on several wing front spar adapter assemblies (P/N C6WM1027-1) on the horizontal and vertical flanges. It was determined that the cracking was caused by stress corrosion in the short transverse grain initiated by local riveting induced stresses. This directive mandates modification and inspection of the wing front spar adapter fitting and replacement of cracked fittings.

Actions and Compliance

(f) Unless already done, do the following actions:

(1) For Group 1 airplanes, within the next 180 days after August 5, 2008 (the effective date of AD 2008-11-10), install inspection holes in the left-hand (LH) and right-hand (RH) lower wing skins following Viking DHC-6 Twin Otter Service Bulletin Number V6/541, dated October 1, 2007.

(2) For Group 2 airplanes, within the next 180 days after the effective date of this AD, install inspection holes in the LH and RH lower wing skins following Viking DHC-6 Twin Otter Service Bulletin Number V6/541, dated October 1, 2007.

(3) For Group 1 and Group 2 airplanes, before further flight after installing the inspection holes required in paragraph (f)(1) or (f)(2) of this AD, initially inspect the LH and RH front spar adapter assemblies for cracks, and repetitively thereafter inspect all affected wing box P/Ns at intervals not to exceed 1,200 hours time-in-service or 12 months, whichever occurs first, until the replacement required in paragraph (f)(4) of this AD is done.

(i) For wing box P/Ns C6W1002-1, C6W1002-3, C6W1002-5, C6W1002-7, C6W1002-9, C6W1002-11, C6W1002-13, C6W1002-15, C6W1002-17, C6W1002-19, C6W1002-21, C6W1002-23, C6W1002-51, C6W1002-53, C6W1002-55, C6W1002-57, C6W1002-59, and C6W1002-61, inspect following Viking DHC-6 Twin Otter Service Bulletin Number V6/540, dated October 1, 2007.

(ii) For wing box P/Ns WR6-1002-59 or WR6-1002-61, inspect following R.W. Martin, Inc. Service Bulletin No. 00160/2, Revision A, dated November 15, 2007.

(4) For Group 1 and 2 airplanes, before further flight after doing any inspection required in paragraph (f)(3) of this AD where cracks are found, replace the cracked front spar adapter assembly with a front spar adapter assembly, P/N C6WM1027-3. Do the replacement following Viking DHC-6 Twin Otter Service Bulletin Number V6/542, dated October 1, 2007. This replacement terminates the repetitive inspections required in paragraph (f)(3) of this AD for the replaced front spar adapter assembly.

(5) As a terminating action for the repetitive inspections required in paragraph (f)(3) of this AD, at any time after the initial inspection required in paragraph (f)(3) of this AD, you may replace P/N C6WM1027-1 with P/N C6WM1027-3, except it must be replaced prior to further flight as required by paragraph (f)(4) of this AD.

FAA AD Differences

Note: This AD differs from the MCAI and/or service information as follows: MCAI Transport Canada AD No. CF-2007-31, dated December 17, 2007, is applicable to airplane models with front spar adapter assembly P/N C6WM1027-3 that incorporate task C57-10-18 of the DHC-6 Corrosion Prevention and Control Manual (CPCM), PSM 1-6-5. The applicability of this proposed AD does not include airplane models with front spar adapter assembly P/N C6WM1027-3 that incorporate task C57-10-18 of the DHC-6 CPCM, PSM 1-6-5, which is required in the Transport Canada ADs No. CF-94-12R1, dated April 13, 1999, and AD No. CF-99-11, dated May 28, 1999. We have addressed the Corrosion Prevention and Control Program in AD 2008-13-11 (73 FR 37355, July 1, 2008), which identifies specific areas that must be inspected to ensure the structural integrity of the DHC-6 fleet.

Other FAA AD Provisions

(g) The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, New York Aircraft Certification 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: Pong Lee, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, New York Aircraft Certification Office, ANE-171, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, New York 11590; telephone: (516) 228-7324; fax: (516) 794-5531. 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) Airworthy 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, under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements and has assigned OMB Control Number 2120-0056.

Related Information

(h) Refer to MCAI Transport Canada AD No. CF-2007-31, dated December 17, 2007; Viking DHC-6 Twin Otter Service Bulletins No. V6/540, dated October 1, 2007; No. V6/541, dated October 1, 2007; and No. V6/542, dated October 1, 2007; and R.W. Martin, Inc. Service Bulletin No. 00160/2, Revision A, dated November 15, 2007, for related information.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 26, 2008.

Kim Smith,

Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Chapter I**

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2008-0627; FRL-8386-3]

RIN 2070-AJ44

Formaldehyde Emissions From Pressed Wood Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: On March 24, 2008, EPA received a Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) section 21 petition from numerous organizations and individuals concerned about risks to human health and the environment from exposure to formaldehyde in composite wood products, specifically hardwood plywood, particleboard, and medium density fiberboard. In response to that petition, EPA decided to initiate a proceeding to investigate whether and what type of regulatory or other action might be appropriate to protect against risks posed by formaldehyde emitted from these and other pressed wood products. This document commences that proceeding by describing EPA's initial steps in that investigation and requesting comment, information, and data relating to formaldehyde emissions from pressed wood products. This document also announces five public meetings that EPA has scheduled in order to obtain additional stakeholder input.