

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 adding the following new AD:

2011-25-01 Apical Industries, Inc.: Docket No. FAA-2010-1190; Directorate Identifier 2010-SW-038-AD.

Applicability: The helicopter models, certificated in any category, with an Emergency Float Kit with a part number (P/N) and serial number (S/N), installed by a supplemental type certificate (STC), as follows:

Kit P/N	Kit S/N	Affected helicopter model	STC No.
614.3001	080 and below	Bell Helicopter Textron (Bell) 407	SR01535LA
614.3003	133 and below	Bell 206L, L-1, L-3, and L-4	SR01535LA
614.3007	014 and below	Bell 206A and B	SR01535LA
614.7601	045 and below	Bell 210, 212, 412, 412CF, 412EP, AB412, and AB412EP	SR01779LA
634.2901	012 and below	Bell 427	SR01813LA
644.1801	031 and below	Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH (Eurocopter) EC135	SR01855LA
20430-300	009 and below	Eurocopter BO-105A, C, S, LS A-1 and LS A-3	SR00856LA

Compliance: Within 180 days, unless accomplished previously.

To install placards to aid in locating and deploying liferafts to prevent further injury or loss of life in the event of a helicopter landing in the water, do the following:

(a) Install the Liferaft External Inflation Handle Placard, P/N 600.0897, shown in Figure 1 of Apical Industries Inc. Alert Service Bulletin SB2008-01, Revision A, dated March 3, 2010 (ASB), on the crosstubes or fuselage near the external T-Handles, as shown for two model helicopters in Figures 2 and 3, by following the Accomplishment Instructions, 1.0, paragraphs 1 through 5, of the ASB.

(b) Remove the Liferaft Operation Placard, P/N 634.9703, Revision N/C through B, as shown in Figure 4 of the ASB, and install Liferaft Operation Placard, P/N 634.9703, Revision C, as shown in Figure 5, above all aircraft exits, inside the aircraft in plain view.

(c) To request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD, follow the procedures in 14 CFR 39.19. Contact the Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, ATTN: Venessa Stiger, Aviation Safety Engineer, 3960 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, California 90712-4137, telephone (562) 627-5337, fax (562) 627-5210, for information about previously approved alternative methods of compliance.

(d) The Joint Aircraft System/Component (JASC) Codes are 2564: Liferaft and 3212: Emergency Flotation Section.

(e) The modification shall be done in accordance with the specified portions of Apical Industries Inc. Alert Service Bulletin SB2008-01, Revision A, dated March 3, 2010. The Director of the Federal Register approved this incorporation by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Apical Industries, Inc., 2608 Temple Heights Drive, Oceanside, California 92056-3512, telephone (760) 724-5300, fax (760) 758-9612, <http://www.apicalindustries.com/>. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137 or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call (202) 741-6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/

code of federal regulations/ibr locations.html.

(f) This amendment becomes effective on January 17, 2012.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on November 18, 2011.

Lance T. Gant,

Acting Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2011-0911; Directorate Identifier 2010-NM-248-AD; Amendment 39-16883; AD 2011-25-07]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Model 4101 airplanes. This 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:

A door failure mode has been reported by an operator.

Investigation has shown that the passenger/crew entry door pin-guide plates can fail prior to the expected fatigue life. A metallurgical examination of the failed component (lower guide plate) concluded that the occurred failure was due to exfoliation corrosion.

The current inspection regime is not adequate to identify early stages of this corrosion.

This condition, if not corrected, can lead to the sudden depressurisation of the aeroplane and consequently may injure the occupants.

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We are issuing this AD to require actions to correct the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD becomes effective January 17, 2012.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of January 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Todd Thompson, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 227-1175; fax (425) 227-1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

We issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an AD that would apply to the specified products. That NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2011 (76 FR 54139). That NPRM proposed to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states:

A door failure mode has been reported by an operator.

Investigation has shown that the passenger/crew entry door pin-guide plates can fail prior to the expected fatigue life. A metallurgical examination of the failed component (lower guide plate) concluded

that the occurred failure was due to exfoliation corrosion.

The current inspection regime is not adequate to identify early stages of this corrosion.

This condition, if not corrected, can lead to the sudden depressurisation of the aeroplane and consequently may injure the occupants.

For the reasons described above, this [EASA] AD requires immediate and periodic ultrasonic inspections [for a split caused by exfoliation corrosion] of the door pin guides and the accomplishment of the relevant corrective actions [replacing the affected guideplates] as necessary.

You may obtain further information by examining the MCAI in the AD docket.

Comments

We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this AD. We received no comments on the NPRM (76 FR 54139, August 31, 2011) or on the determination of the cost to the public.

Conclusion

We reviewed the available data and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting the AD as proposed.

Differences Between This 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 required different actions in this AD from those in the MCAI in order to follow our FAA policies. Any such differences are highlighted in a Note within the AD.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this AD will affect 2 products of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it will take about 2 work-hours per product to comply with the basic requirements of this AD. The average labor rate is \$85 per work-hour. Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of this AD to the U.S. operators to be \$340, or \$170 per product.

In addition, we estimate that any necessary follow-on actions would take about 2 work-hours and require parts costing \$525 for a cost of \$695 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 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 this AD:

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 AD and placed it in the AD docket.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>; or in person at the Docket Operations office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains the NPRM (76 FR 54139, August 31, 2011), the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations office (telephone (800) 647-5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

Adoption of 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 adding the following new AD:

2011-25-07 BAE Systems (Operations)

Limited: Amendment 39-16883. Docket No. FAA-2011-0911; Directorate Identifier 2010-NM-248-AD.

Effective Date

(a) This airworthiness directive (AD) becomes effective January 17, 2012.

Affected ADs

(b) None.

Applicability

(c) This AD applies to all BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Model 4101 airplanes, certificated in any category.

Subject

(d) Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 52: Doors.

Reason

(e) The mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) states: A door failure mode has been reported by an operator.

Investigation has shown that the passenger/crew entry door pin-guide plates can fail prior to the expected fatigue life. A metallurgical examination of the failed component (lower guide plate) concluded that the occurred failure was due to exfoliation corrosion.

The current inspection regime is not adequate to identify early stages of this corrosion.

This condition, if not corrected, can lead to the sudden depressurisation of the aeroplane and consequently may injure the occupants.

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Compliance

(f) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified, unless the actions have already been done.

Actions

(g) Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD, do an ultrasonic inspection of the passenger/crew door upper and lower guide

plates for a split caused by exfoliation corrosion, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of BAE SYSTEMS (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41-52-064, dated September 15, 2009. Repeat the ultrasonic inspection, thereafter, at intervals not to exceed 48 months.

(h) If a split caused by exfoliation corrosion of an area of 78mm² (0.12 in.²) or greater is found during any ultrasonic inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD: Before further flight, replace any affected guide plates with a serviceable guide plate, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41-52-064, dated September 15, 2009.

FAA AD Differences

Note 1: This AD differs from the MCAI and/or service information as follows: No differences.

Other FAA AD Provisions

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

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, 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 International Branch, send it to ATTN: Todd Thompson, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 227-1175; fax (425) 227-1149. Information may be emailed to: 9-ANM-116-AMOC-REQUESTS@faa.gov. 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. The AMOC approval letter must specifically reference this AD.

(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.

Related Information

(j) Refer to MCAI European Aviation Safety Agency Airworthiness Directive 2010-0179, dated August 30, 2010; and BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41-52-064, dated September 15, 2009; for related information.

Material Incorporated by Reference

(k) You must use the following service information to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51 of the

following service information on the date specified:

(1) BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41-52-064, dated September 15, 2009, approved for IBR January 17, 2012.

(2) For BAE Systems (Operations) Limited service information identified in this AD, contact Customer Information Department, Prestwick International Airport, Ayrshire, KA9 2RW, Scotland, United Kingdom; telephone +44 1292 675207; fax +44 1292 675704; email RApublications@baesystems.com; Internet <http://www.baesystems.com/Businesses/RegionalAircraft/index.htm>.

(3) You may review copies of the service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (425) 227-1221.

(4) You may also review copies of the service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at an NARA facility, call (202) 741-6030, or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on November 23, 2011.

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-2010-0710; Directorate Identifier 2010-NE-26-AD; Amendment 39-16892; AD 2011-26-02]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arriel 1 Series Turboshaft Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are revising an existing airworthiness directive (AD) for the products listed above. This AD was prompted by Turbomeca restoring all or part of the life limits of the affected discs, and European Aviation Safety Agency's (EASA) issuance of AD 2010-0101R2, dated March 24, 2011, to do the same. Turbomeca has introduced a reinforced eddy-current inspection (ECI) which, combined with a revised analysis, allows the life limit of the affected discs to be extended. We are issuing this revision to prevent failure of

the gas generator (GG) second stage turbine disc which could result in the release of high energy debris and damage to the helicopter.

DATES: This AD is effective January 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: For service information identified in this AD, contact Turbomeca, 40220 Tarnos, France; phone: 33 05 59 74 40 00; fax: 33 05 59 74 45 15; email: noria-dallas@turbomeca.com. You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (781) 238-7125.

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 AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The address for the Docket Office (phone: (800) 647-5527) is Document Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frederick Zink, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; phone: (781) 238-7779; fax: (781) 238-7199; email: frederick.zink@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

We issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to revise AD 2010-19-06, amendment 39-16434 (75 FR 57371, September 21, 2010). That AD applies to the specified products. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 2011 (76 FR 42610). That NPRM proposed to require removing GG second stage turbine discs, P/N 0 292 25 040 0, that do not have the "CFR" marking, from service before exceeding 4,000 cycles-in-service (CIS) since-new. That NPRM also proposed to require removing GG second stage turbine discs, P/N 0 292 25 040 0, that have the "CFR" marking, from service before exceeding 6,500 CIS since-new.

That NPRM was prompted by Turbomeca restoring all or part of the life limits of the affected discs, per