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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 25

[Docket No. FAA-2019-0330; Special Conditions No. 25-761-SC]

Special Conditions: The Boeing Company Model 777–9 Series; Overhead Flight Attendant Rest Compartment

Correction

In Rule document 2020–03475, appearing on pages 11836–11841, in the issue of Friday, February 28, 2020, make the following corrections:

On page 11838, in the third column, on the thirty-second line from the top of the page, the paragraph entry titled "Exit Signs and Placards." should read "4. Exit Signs and Placards.".

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2019-0712; Product Identifier 2019-NM-115-AD; Amendment 39-19849; AD 2020-04-10]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Airbus SAS Model A330–200 Freighter, A330–200, A330–300, A340–200, and A340–300 series airplanes. This AD was prompted by reports that elevator skin panels were found disbonded as a result

of water ingress. This AD requires repetitive detailed inspections of skin panels on both elevators, and corrective actions if necessary, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is incorporated by reference. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective April 17, 2020.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of April 17, 2020.

ADDRESSES: For the material incorporated by reference (IBR) in this AD, contact the EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 89990 1000; email ADs@easa.europa.eu; internet www.easa.europa.eu. You may find this IBR material on the EASA website at https://ad.easa.europa.eu. You may view this IBR material at the FAA, Transport Standards 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 in the AD docket on the internet at https:// www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2019-0712.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the internet at https:// www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2019-0712; 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 regulatory evaluation, 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:

Discussion

The EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2019–0138, dated June 12, 2019 ("EASA AD 2019–0138") (also referred to as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or "the MCAI"), to correct an unsafe condition for all Airbus SAS Model A330–200 Freighter, A330–200, A330–300, A340–200, and A340–300 series airplanes.

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all Airbus SAS Model A330–200 Freighter, A330–200, A330–300, A340–200, and A340–300 series airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on October 9, 2019 (84 FR 54049). The NPRM was prompted by reports that elevator skin panels were found disbonded as a result of water ingress. The NPRM proposed to require repetitive detailed inspections of skin panels on both elevators, and corrective actions if necessary.

The FAA is issuing this AD to address disbonding of the elevator skin panels. This condition, if not detected and corrected, could affect the structural integrity of the elevators, possibly resulting in reduced control of the airplane. See the MCAI for additional background information.

Comments

The FAA gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this final rule. The following presents the comments received on the NPRM and the FAA's response to each comment.

Request To Modify the Applicability of the Proposed AD

Delta Air Lines (DAL) requested that paragraph (c) of the proposed AD be modified to refer to Table 1 of EASA AD 2019–0138 for affected parts, or that the proposed AD include a paragraph providing actions for airplanes not equipped with the affected part numbers. DAL asserted that although the NPRM is applicable to all Airbus SAS airplanes, EASA AD 2019–0138 provides additional details, namely the affected elevator part numbers, and those details should be referenced in paragraph (c) of the proposed AD.

The FAA disagrees with the requested modification. EASA AD 2019–0138 is