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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2024-1693; Project Identifier AD-2023-01229-T]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain The Boeing Company Model 737-300, -400, and -800 series airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by a report that the protective spiral wrap used on certain galley wire bundles does not have the correct flammability properties. This proposed AD would require inspecting certain galleys to determine part numbers, inspecting for an existing galley modification placard and marking on galleys with affected part numbers, and replacing wire bundle spiral wrap sleeving as applicable. This proposed AD would also prohibit the installation of affected parts. The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by August 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [regulations.gov](https://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:* Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5

p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-1693; 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 NPRM, any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For Boeing service information, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminister Blvd., MC 110-SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740-5600; telephone 562-797-1717; website myboeingfleet.com.

- You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety 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 at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2024-1693.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Linn, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: 206-231-3584; email: julie.linn@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include "Docket No. FAA-2024-1693; Project Identifier AD-2023-01229-T" at the beginning of your comments. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposal because of those comments.

Except for Confidential Business Information (CBI) as described in the following paragraph, and other information as described in 14 CFR 11.35, the FAA will post all comments received, without change, to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information you provide. The agency will also post a report summarizing each

substantive verbal contact received about this NPRM.

Confidential Business Information

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this NPRM contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this NPRM, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission containing CBI as "PROPIN." The FAA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this NPRM. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Julie Linn, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone and fax: 206-231-3584; email: julie.linn@faa.gov. Any commentary that the FAA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

Background

The FAA has received a report indicating that the polyethylene protective spiral wrap used on wire bundles on some Safran (formerly Driessen) galleys does not have the correct flammability properties. Tests found that it does not meet the vertical flammability standard and thus may catch fire without the ability to self-extinguish. This condition, if not addressed, could result in electrical arcing or sparking, ignition of the spiral wire wrapping, and smoke and/or fire in the flight compartment, leading to loss of continued safe flight and landing.

The FAA previously issued AD 2006-12-06, Amendment 39-14631 (71 FR 32811, June 7, 2006) (AD 2006-12-06) to address the identified unsafe condition on certain The Boeing Company Model 737-300, -400, -500, -700, and -800 series airplanes; Model 747-400 and -400F series airplanes; Model 757-200 series airplanes; Model 767-300 series airplanes; and Model 777-300 series airplanes. AD 2006-12-06 requires inspecting to determine if certain galleys and closets are installed and replacing the spiral wire wrapping

of the electrical cables of the galleys and closets with new spiral wire wrapping if necessary. Since the FAA issued AD 2006–12–06, Boeing and the FAA determined that certain additional airplanes and galley part numbers are also subject to the unsafe condition, and this proposed AD is necessary to address the unsafe condition on those additional airplanes and galley part numbers.

FAA’s Determination

The FAA is issuing this NPRM after determining that the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737–25A1873 RB, dated August 25, 2023; and Boeing

Alert Requirements Bulletin 737–25A1876 RB, dated September 1, 2023. This service information specifies procedures for an inspection or records check to determine the part number of certain galleys; and for any galley with an affected part number found, an inspection for an existing galley modification placard and any marking indicating the galley was modified using certain service information; and if applicable, replacement of wire bundle polyethylene protective spiral wrap protective sleeving with Boeing Material Specification (BMS) 13–81 wire protective sleeving. These documents are distinct because they apply to different airplane models.

This service information is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in **ADDRESSES**.

Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM

This proposed AD would require accomplishing the actions specified in the service information already described, except for any differences identified as exceptions in the regulatory text of this proposed AD. This proposed AD would also prohibit the installation of affected parts. For information on the procedures and compliance times, see this service information at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–1693.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 4 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS

| Action | Labor cost | Parts cost | Cost per product | Cost on U.S. operators |
|---|--|------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Inspection for galley part number | 1 work-hour × \$85 per hour = \$85 | \$0 | \$85 | \$340 |

The FAA estimates the following costs to do any necessary inspections or replacements that would be required

based on the results of the proposed inspection. The agency has no way of determining the number of aircraft that

might need these inspections or replacements:

ON-CONDITION COSTS

| Action | Labor cost | Parts cost | Cost per product |
|---|---|---------------------|------------------|
| Inspection for modification placard | 1 work-hour × \$85 per hour = \$85 | \$0 | \$85. |
| Replacement | Up to 218 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$18,530 | Up to \$1,185 | Up to \$19,715. |

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

The FAA 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) Would not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Would 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 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 adding the following new airworthiness directive:

The Boeing Company: Docket No. FAA–2024–1693; Project Identifier AD–2023–01229–T.

(a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by August 9, 2024.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to The Boeing Company Model 737-300, -400, and -800 series airplanes, certificated in any category, as identified in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1873 RB, dated August 25, 2023; or Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1876 RB, dated September 1, 2023; as applicable.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 25, Equipment/furnishings.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report that the protective spiral wrap used on certain galley wire bundles does not have the correct flammability properties and may not self-extinguish. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in electrical arcing or sparking, ignition of the spiral wire wrapping, and smoke and/or fire in the flight compartment, leading to loss of continued safe flight and landing.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Required Actions

(1) For Model 737-300 and -400 series airplanes: Except as specified by paragraph (h)(1) of this AD, at the applicable times specified in the "Compliance" paragraph of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1873 RB, dated August 25, 2023, do all applicable actions identified in, and in accordance with, the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1873 RB, dated August 25, 2023.

Note 1 to paragraph (g)(1): Guidance for accomplishing the actions required by this AD can be found in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-25A1873, dated August 25, 2023, which is referred to in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1873 RB, dated August 25, 2023.

(2) For Model 737-800 series airplanes: Except as specified by paragraph (h)(2) of this AD, at the applicable times specified in the "Compliance" paragraph of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1876 RB, dated September 1, 2023, do all applicable actions identified in, and in accordance with, the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1876 RB, dated September 1, 2023.

Note 2 to paragraph (g)(2): Guidance for accomplishing the actions required by this AD can be found in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-25A1876, dated September 1, 2023, which is referred to in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1876 RB, dated September 1, 2023.

(h) Exceptions to Service Information Specifications

(1) Where the Compliance Time columns of the tables in the "Compliance" paragraph of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1873 RB, dated August 25, 2023, refer to the original issue date of Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1873 RB, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) Where the Compliance Time columns of the tables in the "Compliance" paragraph of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1876 RB, dated September 1, 2023, refer to the original issue date of Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1876 RB, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(i) Parts Installation Prohibition

As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install a galley wire bundle spiral wrap made of polyethylene with self-wrapping sleeve on any airplane.

(j) 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 responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the certification office, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: *AMOC@faa.gov*.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair, modification, or alteration required by this AD if it is approved by The Boeing Company Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has been authorized by the Manager, AIR-520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA, to make those findings. To be approved, the repair method, modification deviation, or alteration deviation must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

(k) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Julie Linn, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone and fax: 206-231-3584; email: *julie.linn@faa.gov*.

(2) Service information identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference is available at the address specified in paragraph (l)(3) of this AD.

(l) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1873 RB, dated August 25, 2023.

(ii) Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-25A1876 RB, dated September 1, 2023.

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminister Blvd., MC 110-SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740-5600; telephone 562-797-1717; website *myboeingfleet.com*.

(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

(5) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit *www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations* or email *fr.inspection@nara.gov*.

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Peter A. White,

Deputy Director, Integrated Certificate Management Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 100**

[Docket Number USCG-2024-0376]

RIN 1625-AA08

Special Local Regulation; San Jacinto River, Houston, TX

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is proposing to establish special local regulations to provide for the safety of life on certain waters of the San Jacinto River, in Houston, TX. These regulations would be enforced during a high-speed boat race every first weekend in March. This proposed rulemaking would prohibit persons and vessels from being in the regulated area unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston or Patrol Commander. We invite your comments on this proposed rulemaking. **DATES:** Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before July 28, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2024-0376 using the Federal Decision-Making Portal at *https://www.regulations.gov*. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the