

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. 94-NM-55-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300-600 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: This action withdraws a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that proposed a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Airbus Model A300-600 series airplanes. That action would have required replacement of certain feel and limitation computers (FLC) with modified FLC's. Since the issuance of the NPRM, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has issued other rulemaking that requires actions equivalent to and beyond those proposed. Accordingly, the proposed rule is withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Groves, Aerospace Engineer, Standardization Branch, ANM-113, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (206) 227-1503; fax (206) 227-1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to add a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Airbus Model A300-600 series airplanes, was published in the Federal Register as a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on May 18, 1994 (59 FR 25844). The proposed rule would have required the replacement of certain feel and limitation computers (FLC) with modified FLC's, in accordance with instructions contained in Airbus Service Bulletin A300-27-6025, dated September 15, 1993. That action was prompted by reports that the elevator control on several in-service airplanes operated with stiffness. The proposed actions were intended to prevent stiff operation of the elevator control and undetected loss of the rudder travel limitation function, which may adversely affect the controllability of the airplane.

Actions That Occurred Since the NPRM Was Issued

Since the issuance of that NPRM, the FAA has issued AD 96-09-02, amendment 39-9576 (61 FR 18665, April 29, 1996). That AD requires the installation of modified FLC's on Airbus

Model A300-600 series airplanes, as well as other Airbus models. Like the NPRM, that AD was prompted by reports indicating that the elevator control operated with stiffness. The actions required by that AD are intended to prevent stiff operation of the elevator control and undetected loss of rudder travel limitation function, which could adversely affect the controllability of the airplane.

FAA's Conclusions

The requirements of AD 96-09-02 address the same unsafe condition that would have been addressed by the NPRM issued as Docket 94-NM-55-AD. That AD also incorporates and implements the same actions that were proposed by the NPRM, as well as additional actions found necessary to address the unsafe condition comprehensively. In light of this, the issuance of a final action for this NPRM is unnecessary. Accordingly, the proposed rule is hereby withdrawn.

Withdrawal of this NPRM constitutes only such action, and does not preclude the agency from issuing another notice in the future, nor does it commit the agency to any course of action in the future.

Regulatory Impact

Since this action only withdraws a notice of proposed rulemaking, it is neither a proposed nor a final rule and therefore, is not covered under Executive Order 12866, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, or DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979).

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Withdrawal

Accordingly, the notice of proposed rulemaking, Docket 94-NM-55-AD, published in the Federal Register on May 18, 1994 (59 FR 25844), is withdrawn.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**Copyright Office****37 CFR Ch. II**

[Docket No. 96-2]

Eligibility for the Cable Compulsory License

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress is extending the period for filing reply comments in its rulemaking proceeding considering the eligibility of open video systems for the cable compulsory license.

DATES: Initial comments are due on or before July 5, 1996. Reply comments are due on or before September 13, 1996.

ADDRESSES: If delivered BY MAIL, fifteen copies of written comments should be addressed to the Office of the Copyright General Counsel, Copyright GC/I&R, P.O. Box 70400, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. If delivered BY HAND, fifteen copies of written comments should be brought to: Office of the Copyright General Counsel, James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM-407, First and Independence Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20540.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn J. Kretsinger, Acting General Counsel, or William Roberts, Senior Attorney for Compulsory Licenses. Telephone (202) 707-8380. Telefax (202) 707-8366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 6, 1996, the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress published a notice of inquiry to consider the eligibility of open video systems ("OVS") for the cable compulsory license, 17 U.S.C. 111. See 61 FR 20197 (May 6, 1996). Initial comments are due July 5, 1996, and reply comments are due August 5, 1996. It has recently come to the attention of the Office that the Federal Communications Commission will be completing a rulemaking proceeding regarding OVS in early August. Because the Commission's adoption of rules may have a bearing on the copyright inquiry, the Office is extending the period for filing reply comments in this proceeding to September 13, 1996, to allow interested parties to submit comments in light of the Commission's final OVS rules.

Dated: May 24, 1996.

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Register of Copyrights.

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