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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

12 CFR Part 602

RIN 3052-AB77

Releasing Information; Effective Date

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

ACTION: Notice of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) published a final rule under part 602 on August 1, 1997 (62 FR 41253). The final rule amends the regulations governing the release of information. The objective of the final rule is to conform applicable FCA regulations to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended by the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996, Pub. L. 104-231, and to clarify the address of the FCA official who receives FOIA requests for records. In accordance with 12 U.S.C. 2252, the effective date of the final rule is 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register** during which either or both Houses of Congress are in session. Based on the records of the sessions of Congress, the effective date of the regulations is October 2, 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The regulation amending 12 CFR part 602 published on August 1, 1997 (62 FR 41253) is effective October 2, 1997.

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(12 U.S.C. 2252(a) (9) and (10))

Dated: September 29, 1997.

Floyd Fithian,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 96-SW-30-AD; Amendment 39-10149; AD 97-20-12]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Systems Model MD-900 Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Systems (MDHS) Model MD-900 helicopters, that requires removing certain serial-numbered main rotor swashplate bearings (bearings) and replacing them with airworthy bearings. This amendment is prompted by reports that inspections of several helicopters revealed that the outer bearing race had been rotating relative to the swashplate assembly, which was evidenced by wear marks in the rotating swashplate. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent possible heat accumulation and resulting damage to the bearing caused by the bearing races rotating relative to the bearing seat, which could result in degraded helicopter response to pilot control input and possible loss of control of the helicopter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 6, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Greg DiLibero, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, California 90712, telephone (310) 627-5231, fax (310) 627-5210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to MDHS Model MD-900 helicopters was published in the **Federal Register** on January 29, 1997

(62 FR 4217). That action proposed to require, before further flight, inspecting the bearing, part number (P/N) 900C3010100-101, to determine if a bearing having serial number (S/N) 059150-E0019, S/N 059150-E0020, S/N 059150-E0021, S/N 059150-E0022, S/N 059150-E0023, S/N 059150-E0024, S/N 059150-E0025, S/N 059150-E0026, S/N 059150-E0027, S/N 059150-E0028, S/N 059150-E0029, or S/N 059150-E0030 is installed; and, if installed, removing and replacing that bearing with an airworthy bearing.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were received on the proposal or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public. The FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed, with two changes. The FAA has determined that special flight permits may be issued to operate the helicopter to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished. This is now stated in paragraph (i) of the AD. Also, the FAA has determined that this AD should only apply to the Model MD-900 helicopters, not the Model MD-900 "series" helicopters. Therefore, the word "series" is removed from the applicability paragraph of this AD. The FAA has determined that these changes will neither increase the economic burden on any operator nor increase the scope of the AD.

The FAA estimates that 20 helicopters of U.S. registry will be affected by this AD, that it will take approximately 1.5 work hours per helicopter to determine the bearing's S/N, 12 work hours per helicopter to remove and replace a bearing, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Replacement bearings would cost \$8,765 per helicopter, however, replacement bearings are covered by a manufacturer's warranty. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$5,400, assuming five helicopters will require removal and replacement of the bearing.

The regulations adopted herein will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various