

AD 2020–0113 within 90 days after the effective date of this AD.

(3) The initial compliance time for doing the tasks specified in paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2020–0113 is at the applicable “associated thresholds” specified in paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2020–0113, or within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

(4) The provisions specified in paragraphs (4) and (5) of EASA AD 2020–0113 do not apply to this AD.

(5) The “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2020–0113 does not apply to this AD.

**(i) Retained No Alternative Actions or Intervals With a New Exception**

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (k) of AD 2021–03–11, with a new exception. Except as required by paragraph (j) of this AD, after the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals may be used unless they are approved as specified in the provisions of the “Ref. Publications” section of EASA AD 2020–0113.

**(j) New Maintenance or Inspection Program Revision**

Except as specified in paragraph (k) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, EASA AD 2022–0135, dated July 6, 2022 (EASA AD 2022–0135). Accomplishing the maintenance or inspection program revision required by this paragraph terminates the requirements of paragraph (g) of this AD.

**(k) Exceptions to EASA AD 2022–0135**

(1) The requirements specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of EASA AD 2022–0135 do not apply to this AD.

(2) Paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2022–0135 specifies revising “the approved AMP” within 12 months after its effective date, but this AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, within 90 days after the effective date of this AD.

(3) The initial compliance time for doing the tasks specified in paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2022–0135 is at the applicable “limitations” and “associated thresholds” as incorporated by the requirements of paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2022–0135, or within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

(4) The provisions specified in paragraphs (4) and (5) of EASA AD 2022–0135 do not apply to this AD.

(5) The “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2022–0135 does not apply to this AD.

**(l) New Provisions for Alternative Actions and Intervals**

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (j) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections), and intervals are allowed unless they are approved as specified in the provisions of the “Ref. Publications” section of EASA AD 2022–0135.

**(m) Terminating Action for AD 2010–26–05**

Accomplishing the actions required by paragraph (g) or (j) of this AD terminates the requirements of paragraph (g) of AD 2010–26–05 for Model FALCON 2000 airplanes only.

**(n) Additional AD Provisions**

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: The Manager, International Validation 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 International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (o) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: [9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov](mailto:9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov).

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

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer*: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Dassault Aviation’s EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

**(o) Additional Information**

For more information about this AD, contact Tom Rodriguez, Aerospace Engineer, Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone 206–231–3226; email [Tom.Rodriguez@faa.gov](mailto:Tom.Rodriguez@faa.gov).

**(p) 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 this AD specifies otherwise.

(3) The following service information was approved for IBR on [DATE 35 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL RULE].

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2022–0135, dated July 6, 2022.

(ii) [Reserved]

(4) The following service information was approved for IBR on March 31, 2021 (86 FR 11116, February 24, 2021).

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2020–0113, dated May 20, 2020.

(ii) [Reserved]

(5) For EASA ADs 2022–0135 and 2020–0113, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email [ADs@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu); website [easa.europa.eu](http://easa.europa.eu). You may find these EASA ADs on the EASA website at [ad.easa.europa.eu](http://ad.easa.europa.eu).

(6) 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.

(7) You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email [fr.inspection@nara.gov](mailto:fr.inspection@nara.gov), or go to: [www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html).

Issued on December 12, 2022.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 39**

**[Docket No. FAA–2022–1645; Project Identifier MCAI–2022–00734–T]**

**RIN 2120–AA64**

**Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2020–21–10, which applies to certain Airbus SAS Model A318, A320, and A321 series airplanes; and Model A319–111, –112, –113, –114, –115, –131, –132, –133, –151N, and –153N airplanes; and AD 2022–07–08, which applies to all Airbus SAS Model A318, A319, A320 and A321 series airplanes. AD 2020–21–10 and AD 2022–07–08 require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations. Since the FAA issued AD 2020–21–10 and AD 2022–07–08, the FAA has determined that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. This proposed AD would continue to require the actions in AD 2020–21–10 and AD 2022–07–08 and require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate additional new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is proposed for incorporation by reference (IBR). 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 February 2, 2023.

**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-2022-1645; 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, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

*Material Incorporated by Reference:*

- For material that is proposed for IBR in this NPRM, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email [ADs@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu); website [easa.europa.eu](https://easa.europa.eu). You may find this material on the EASA website at [ad.easa.europa.eu](https://ad.easa.europa.eu). It is also available at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2022-1645.

- 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**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-2022-1645; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-00734-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 Hyeyoon Jang, Aerospace Engineer, Large Aircraft Section, FAA, International Validation Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone 817-222-5584; email [hye.yoon.jang@faa.gov](mailto:hye.yoon.jang@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 issued AD 2020-21-10, Amendment 39-21283 (85 FR 65190, October 15, 2020) (AD 2020-21-10), for certain Airbus SAS Model A318, A320, and A321 series airplanes, and Model A319-111, -112, -113, -114, -115, -131, -132, -133, -151N, and -153N airplanes. AD 2020-21-10 was prompted by EASA AD 2020-0034, dated February 25, 2020 (EASA AD 2020-0034).

AD 2020-21-10 requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The FAA issued AD 2020-21-10 to address the risks associated with the effects of aging on airplane

systems. Such effects could change system characteristics, leading to an increased potential for failure of certain life-limited parts, and reduced structural integrity or controllability of the airplane.

The FAA also issued AD 2022-07-08, Amendment 39-21996 (87 FR 22117, April 14, 2022) (AD 2022-07-08), for all Airbus SAS Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 series airplanes. AD 2022-07-08 was prompted by EASA AD 2020-0270, dated December 7, 2020 (EASA AD 2020-0270).

AD 2022-07-08 requires inspections of certain trimmable horizontal stabilizer actuators (THSAs) and replacement if necessary, and revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The FAA issued AD 2022-07-08 to address premature wear of the carbon friction disks on the no-back brake (NBB) of the THSA, which could lead to reduced braking efficiency in certain load conditions, and, in conjunction with the inability of the power gear train to keep the ball screw in its last commanded position, could result in uncommanded movements of the trimmable horizontal stabilizer and loss of control of the airplane. AD 2022-07-08 specifies that accomplishing the revision required by that AD terminates certain requirements of AD 2020-21-10. This proposed AD would continue to allow that termination.

**Actions Since AD 2020-21-10 and AD 2022-07-08 Were Issued**

Since the FAA issued AD 2020-21-10 and AD 2022-07-08, EASA issued AD 2022-0102, dated June 8, 2022 (EASA AD 2022-0102) (referred to after this as the MCAI), for all Airbus SAS Model A318-111, -112, -121, and -122 airplanes; Model A319-111, -112, -113, -114, -115, -131, -132, -133, -151N, -153N, and -171N airplanes; Model A320-211, -212, -214, -215, -216, -231, -232, -233, -251N, -252N, -253N, -271N, -272N, and -273N airplanes; and Model A321-111, -112, -131, -211, -212, -213, -231, 232, -251N, -251NX, -252N, -252NX, -253N, -253NX, -271N, -271NX, -272N, and -272NX airplanes. Model A320-215 airplanes are not certified by the FAA and are not included on the U.S. type certificate data sheet; this proposed AD therefore does not include those airplanes in the applicability. The MCAI states that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations have been developed. EASA AD 2022-0102 superseded EASA AD 2020-0034, dated February 25, 2020, and EASA AD 2020-0270, dated December 7, 2020 (which

correspond to FAA AD 2020–21–10 and AD 2022–07–08, respectively).

Airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued after February 18, 2022 must comply with the airworthiness limitations specified as part of the approved type design and referenced on the type certificate data sheet; this proposed AD therefore does not include those airplanes in the applicability.

EASA AD 2022–0102 specifies that the revised airworthiness limitations section (ALS) document contains new tasks 274000–00002–1–E and 274000–00003–1–E, which cover the inspections, corrective actions, and reporting previously required by EASA AD 2017–0237, dated December 4, 2017 (which corresponds to FAA AD 2018–23–02, Amendment 39–19488 (83 FR 59278, November 23, 2018) (AD 2018–23–02)). Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required by paragraph (n) of this proposed AD would therefore terminate the requirements of paragraphs (g) through (k) of AD 2018–23–02 for Airbus SAS Model A318 series airplanes; Model A319–111, –112, –113, –114, –115, –131, –132, and –133 airplanes; Model A320–211, –212, –214, –216, –231, –232, and –233 airplanes; and Model A321–111, –112, –131, –211, –212, –213, –231, and –232 airplanes only.

AD 2022–07–08 requires that task 274000–00004–1–E (NBB carbon disk replacement) be accomplished using only certain Airbus service information (“SB A320–27–1242”), and does not allow using certain other vendor [UTC] service information (“VSB 47145–27–17”). The FAA has determined that this restriction is no longer necessary, as both service bulletins provide adequate instructions for accomplishing the replacement.

The FAA is proposing this AD to address the risks associated with the effects of aging on airplane systems. Such effects could change system characteristics. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in an increased potential for failure of certain life-limited parts, and reduced structural integrity of the airplane. You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2022–1645.

#### **Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51**

The FAA reviewed EASA AD 2022–0102, dated June 8, 2022. This service information specifies new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations for airplane structures and safe life limits.

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

#### **FAA’s Determination**

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA’s bilateral agreement with the State of Design Authority, it has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI described above. The FAA is issuing this NPRM after determining that the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop in other products of the same type design.

#### **Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM**

This proposed AD would retain all of the requirements of AD 2020–21–10 and AD 2022–07–08. This proposed AD would also require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate additional new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations, which are specified in EASA AD 2022–0102 already described, as proposed for IBR. Any differences with EASA AD 2022–0102 are identified as exceptions in the regulatory text of this AD.

This proposed AD would require revisions to certain operator maintenance documents to include new actions (*e.g.*, inspections). Compliance with these actions is required by 14 CFR 91.403(c). For airplanes that have been previously modified, altered, or repaired in the areas addressed by this proposed AD, the operator may not be able to accomplish the actions described in the revisions. In this situation, to comply with 14 CFR 91.403(c), the operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) according to paragraph (r)(1) of this proposed AD.

#### **Explanation of Required Compliance Information**

In the FAA’s ongoing efforts to improve the efficiency of the AD process, the FAA developed a process to use some civil aviation authority (CAA) ADs as the primary source of information for compliance with requirements for corresponding FAA ADs. The FAA has been coordinating this process with manufacturers and CAAs. As a result, the FAA proposes to retain the IBR of EASA AD 2020–0034 and EASA AD 2020–0270 and incorporate EASA AD 2022–0102 by reference in the FAA final rule. This

proposed AD would, therefore, require compliance with EASA ADs 2020–0034, 2020–0270, and 2022–0102 through that incorporation, except for any differences identified as exceptions in the regulatory text of this proposed AD. Using common terms that are the same as the heading of a particular section in EASA ADs 2020–0034, 2020–0270, or 2022–0102 does not mean that operators need comply only with that section. For example, where the AD requirement refers to “all required actions and compliance times,” compliance with this AD requirement is not limited to the section titled “Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s)” in EASA ADs 2020–0034, 2020–0270, or 2022–0102. Service information required by EASA ADs 2020–0034, 2020–0270, and 2022–0102 for compliance will be available at *regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2022–1645 after the FAA final rule is published.

#### **Airworthiness Limitation ADs Using the New Process**

The FAA’s process of incorporating by reference MCAI ADs as the primary source of information for compliance with corresponding FAA ADs has been limited to certain MCAI ADs (primarily those with service bulletins as the primary source of information for accomplishing the actions required by the FAA AD). However, the FAA is now expanding the process to include MCAI ADs that require a change to airworthiness limitation documents, such as airworthiness limitation sections.

For these ADs that incorporate by reference an MCAI AD that changes airworthiness limitations, the FAA requirements are unchanged. Operators must revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the information specified in the new airworthiness limitation document. The airworthiness limitations must be followed according to 14 CFR 91.403(c) and 91.409(e).

The previous format of the airworthiness limitation ADs included a paragraph that specified that no alternative actions (*e.g.*, inspections) or intervals may be used unless the actions and intervals are approved as an AMOC in accordance with the procedures specified in the AMOCs paragraph under “Additional AD Provisions.” This new format includes a “New Provisions for Alternative Actions and Intervals” paragraph that does not specifically refer to AMOCs, but operators may still request an AMOC to use an alternative actions or intervals.

### Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 1,864 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

The FAA estimates the total cost per operator for the retained actions from AD 2020–21–10 to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours × \$85 per work-hour).

The FAA estimates the total cost per operator for the retained actions from AD 2022–07–08 to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours × \$85 per work-hour).

The FAA has determined that revising the existing maintenance or inspection program takes an average of 90 work-hours per operator, although the agency recognizes that this number may vary from operator to operator. Since operators incorporate maintenance or inspection program changes for their affected fleet(s), the FAA has determined that a per-operator estimate is more accurate than a per-airplane estimate.

The FAA estimates the total cost per operator for the new proposed actions to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours × \$85 per work-hour).

### 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:

■ a. Removing Airworthiness Directive (AD) AD 2020–21–10, Amendment 39–21283 (85 FR 65190, October 15, 2020); and AD 2022–07–08, Amendment 39–21996 (87 FR 22117, April 14, 2022); and

■ b. Adding the following new AD:

**Airbus SAS; Docket No. FAA–2022–1645;**  
Project Identifier MCAI–2022–00734–T.

#### (a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by February 2, 2023.

#### (b) Affected ADs

(1) This AD replaces AD 2020–21–10, Amendment 39–21283 (85 FR 65190, October 15, 2020) (AD 2020–21–10).

(2) This AD replaces AD 2022–07–08, Amendment 39–21996 (87 FR 22117, April 14, 2022) (AD 2022–07–08).

(3) This AD affects AD 2018–23–02, Amendment 39–19488 (83 FR 59278, November 23, 2018) (AD 2018–23–02).

#### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus SAS airplanes identified in paragraphs (c)(1) through (4) of this AD, certificated in any category, with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued on or before February 18, 2022.

(1) Model A318–111, –112, –121, and –122 airplanes.

(2) Model A319–111, –112, –113, –114, –115, –131, –132, –133, –151N, –153N, and –171N airplanes.

(3) Model A320–211, –212, –214, –216, –231, –232, –233, –251N, –252N, –253N, –271N, –272N, and –273N airplanes.

(4) Model A321–111, –112, –131, –211, –212, –213, –231, –232, –251N, –251NX,

–252N, –252NX, –253N, –253NX, –271N, –271NX, –272N, and –272NX airplanes.

#### (d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 05, Time Limits/Maintenance Checks.

#### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a determination that additional new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the risks associated with the effects of aging on airplane systems. Such effects could change system characteristics. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in an increased potential for failure of certain life-limited parts, and reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

#### (f) Compliance

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

#### (g) Retained Revision of the Existing Maintenance or Inspection Program From AD 2020–21–10, With No Changes

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (i) of AD 2020–21–10, with no changes. For airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued on or before November 7, 2019, except for Model A319–171N airplanes: Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2020–0034, dated February 25, 2020 (EASA AD 2020–0034). Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required by paragraph (n) of this AD terminates the requirements of this paragraph.

#### (h) Retained Exceptions to EASA AD 2020–0034, With No Changes

This paragraph restates the exceptions specified in paragraph (j) of AD 2020–21–20, with no changes.

(1) The requirements specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of EASA AD 2020–0034 do not apply to this AD.

(2) Paragraph (3) of EASA 2020–0034 specifies revising “the AMP” within 12 months after its effective date, but this AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the “tasks and associated thresholds and intervals” specified in paragraph (3) of EASA 2020–0034 within 90 days after November 19, 2020 (the effective date AD 2020–21–10).

(3) The initial compliance time for doing the tasks specified in paragraph (3) of EASA 2020–0034 is at the applicable “associated thresholds” specified in paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2020–0034, or within 90 days after November 19, 2020 (the effective date AD 2020–21–10), whichever occurs later.

(4) The provisions specified in paragraphs (4) and (5) of EASA AD 2020–0034 do not apply to this AD.

(5) The “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2020–0034 does not apply to this AD.

**(i) Retained Provisions for Alternative Actions and Intervals From AD 2020–21–10, With a New Exception**

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (k) of AD 2020–21–10, with a new exception. Except as required by paragraph (n) of this AD, after the maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) and intervals are allowed unless they are approved as specified in the provisions of the “Ref. Publications” section of EASA AD 2020–0034.

**(j) Retained Revision of the Existing Maintenance or Inspection Program From AD 2022–07–08, With No Changes**

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (l) of AD 2022–07–08, with no changes. Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required by paragraph (n) of this AD terminates the requirements of this paragraph.

(1) For airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued on or before October 5, 2020, except as specified in paragraph (k) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, EASA AD 2020–0270, dated December 7, 2020 (EASA AD 2020–0270).

(2) For airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued after October 5, 2020, revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the provision specified in paragraph (k)(7) of this AD.

**(k) Retained Exceptions to EASA AD 2020–0270, With No Changes**

This paragraph restates the exceptions specified in paragraph (m) of AD 2022–07–08, with no changes.

(1) Where EASA AD 2020–0270 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using May 19, 2022 (the effective date AD 2022–07–08).

(2) The requirements specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of EASA AD 2020–0270 do not apply to this AD.

(3) Paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2020–0270 specifies revising “the approved AMP” within 12 months after its effective date, but this AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, within 90 days after May 19, 2022 (the effective date AD 2022–07–08).

(4) The initial compliance time for doing the tasks specified in paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2020–0270 is at the applicable “limitations” as incorporated by the requirements of paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2020–0270, or within 90 days after May 19, 2022 (the effective date AD 2022–07–08), whichever occurs later.

(5) The provisions specified in paragraph (4) of EASA AD 2020–0270 do not apply to this AD.

(6) The “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2020–0270 does not apply to this AD.

(7) For all airplanes identified in paragraph (c) of this AD: Where the Note for Item 274000–00004–1–E of Section 4–1 in the

service information referenced in EASA AD 2020–0270 specifies “NBB carbon disc replacement” instructions, for this AD, replace the text “NBB carbon disc replacement can be accomplished in accordance with SB A320–27–1242 or VSB 47145–27–17,” with “NBB carbon disc replacement must be accomplished in accordance with SB A320–27–1242.”

**(l) Retained Provisions for Alternative Actions and Intervals AD 2022–07–08, With a New Exception**

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (n) of AD 2022–07–08, with a new exception. Except as required by paragraph (n) of this AD, after the maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (j) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals are allowed unless they are approved as specified in the provisions of the “Ref. Publications” section of EASA AD 2020–0270.

**(m) Retained Terminating Action for Certain Requirements of Paragraph (g) of This AD**

This paragraph restates the terminating action specified in paragraph (o) of AD 2022–07–08. Accomplishing the actions required by paragraph (j) of this AD terminates the airworthiness limitations section (ALS) limitation task 274000–00004–1–E for the trimmable horizontal stabilizer actuator (THSA), as required by paragraph (g) of this AD.

**(n) New Revision of the Existing Maintenance or Inspection Program**

Except as specified in paragraph (o) of this AD, comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, EASA AD 2022–0102, dated June 8, 2022 (EASA AD 2022–0102). Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required by this paragraph terminates the requirements of paragraphs (g) and (j) of this AD.

**(o) Exceptions to EASA AD 2022–0102**

(1) The requirements specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of EASA AD 2022–0102 do not apply to this AD.

(2) Paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2022–0102 specifies revising “the approved AMP” within 12 months after its effective date, but this AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, within 90 days after the effective date of this AD.

(3) The initial compliance time for doing the tasks specified in paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2022–0102 is at the applicable “limitations” and “associated thresholds” as incorporated by the requirements of paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2022–0102, or within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

(4) The provisions specified in paragraphs (4) and (5) of EASA AD 2022–0102 do not apply to this AD.

(5) The “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2022–0102 does not apply to this AD.

**(p) New Provisions for Alternative Actions and Intervals**

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (n) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals are allowed unless they are approved as specified in the provisions of the “Ref. Publications” section of EASA AD 2022–0102.

**(q) New Terminating Action for Certain Requirements of AD 2018–23–02.**

Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required by paragraph (n) of this AD terminates the requirements of paragraphs (g) through (k) of AD 2018–23–02 for Airbus SAS Model A318 series airplanes; Model A319–111, –112, –113, –114, –115, –131, –132, and –133 airplanes; Model A320–211, –212, –214, –216, –231, –232, and –233 airplanes; and Model A321–111, –112, –131, –211, –212, –213, –231, and –232 airplanes only.

**(r) Additional AD Provisions**

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: The Manager, International Validation 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 International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (s) of this AD.

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

(ii) AMOCs approved previously for AD 2020–21–10 are approved as AMOCs for the corresponding provisions of EASA AD 2022–0102 that are required by paragraph (n) of this AD.

(iii) AMOCs approved previously for AD 2022–07–08 are approved as AMOCs for the corresponding provisions of EASA AD 2022–0102 that are required by paragraph (n) of this AD.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer*: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Airbus SAS’s EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

**(s) Additional Information**

For more information about this AD, contact Hyeyoon Jang, Aerospace Engineer, Large Aircraft Section, FAA, International Validation Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone 817–222–5584; email [hye.yoon.jang@faa.gov](mailto:hye.yoon.jang@faa.gov).

**(t) 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 this AD specifies otherwise.

(3) The following service information was approved for IBR on [DATE 35 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL RULE].

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2022-0102, dated June 8, 2022.

(ii) [Reserved]

(4) The following service information was approved for IBR on May 19, 2022 (87 FR 22117, April 14, 2022).

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2020-0270, dated December 7, 2020.

(ii) [Reserved]

(5) The following service information was approved for IBR on November 19, 2020 (85 FR 65190, October 15, 2020).

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2020-0034, dated February 25, 2020.

(ii) [Reserved]

(6) For EASA ADs 2022-0102, 2020-0270, and 2020-0034, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email [ADs@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu); website [easa.europa.eu](http://easa.europa.eu). You may find these EASA ADs on the EASA website at [ad.easa.europa.eu](http://ad.easa.europa.eu).

(7) You may view this material 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.

(8) You may view this material that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email [fr.inspection@nara.gov](mailto:fr.inspection@nara.gov), or go to: [www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html).

Issued on December 12, 2022.

**Christina Underwood,**

*Acting Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2022-1561; Airspace Docket No. 22-ANM-58]

RIN 2120-AA66

### Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Escalante Municipal Airport, Escalante, UT

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Escalante Municipal Airport, UT. This action will support the airport's transition from visual flight rules (VFR) to instrument flight rules (IFR) at the airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 2, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. DOT, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590; telephone: (800) 647-5527 or (202) 366-9826. You must identify "FAA Docket No. FAA-2022-1561; Airspace Docket No. 22-ANM-58," at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the internet at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

FAA Order JO 7400.11G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at [www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications). For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nathan A. Chaffman, Federal Aviation Administration, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S. 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone (206) 231-3460.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Authority for This Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. 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. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority, as it would establish Class E airspace at Escalante Municipal Airport, UT, to support IFR operations at the airport.

#### Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis

supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify both docket numbers and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Persons wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. FAA-2022-1561; Airspace Docket No. 22-ANM-58." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

#### Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the internet at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at [www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/airspace\\_amendments](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments).

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the **ADDRESSES** section for the address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Northwest Mountain Regional Office of the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S. 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198.

#### Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document proposes to amend FAA Order JO 7400.11G, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022. FAA Order JO 7400.11G is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order JO 7400.11G lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.