

Ombudsman will not delay or stay any statutory, regulatory, or agency timeframes.

#### *H. Effect on the Supervisory Relationship*

As noted previously, the CFPB encourages an open dialogue with its supervised entities and views appeals as one aspect of such dialogue. As such, the CFPB will take measures to ensure that an entity's filing of an appeal does not have a negative effect on its supervisory relationship with the CFPB. Any entity with concerns about its relationship with the CFPB should contact the CFPB's Ombudsman who will handle such concerns in a confidential manner, if requested. Information on how to contact the Ombudsman can be found at <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/ombudsman/>.

### III. Regulatory Matters

This supervisory appeals process is a rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice under the Administrative Procedure Act.<sup>14</sup>

The CFPB has determined that this supervisory appeals process does not impose any new or revise any existing recordkeeping, reporting, or disclosure requirements on covered entities or members of the public that would be collections of information requiring approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act.<sup>15</sup>

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2023-2002; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00176-E; Amendment 39-22668; AD 2024-02-04]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### **Airworthiness Directives; GE Aviation Czech s.r.o. (Type Certificate Previously Held by WALTER Engines a.s., Walter a.s., and MOTORLET a.s.) Engines**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2021-13-07 for all GE Aviation Czech s.r.o. (GEAC) (type certificate previously held by WALTER Engine a.s., Walter a.s., and MOTORLET a.s.) Model M601D-11, M601E-11, M601E-11A, M601E-11AS, M601E-11S, and M601F engines. AD 2021-13-07 required recalculating the life of critical parts and, depending on the results of the recalculation, replacing those critical parts. AD 2021-13-07 also required replacing a certain compressor case. Since the FAA issued AD 2021-13-07, the manufacturer published the airworthiness limitations section (ALS) of the existing engine maintenance manual (EMM), which includes the calculations for the life of critical parts addressed by AD 2021-13-07 and prompted this AD. This AD continues to require the replacement of a certain centrifugal compressor case. This AD also includes an additional part number as an option for the replacement, and limits the applicability of this AD, 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 March 28, 2024.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of March 28, 2024.

#### **ADDRESSES:**

**AD Docket:** You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2023-2002; 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 mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), 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.

#### *Material Incorporated by Reference:*

- For service information identified in this final rule, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; phone: +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).

- You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information

on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110. It is also available at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2023-2002.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to supersede AD 2021-13-07, Amendment 39-21612 (86 FR 31601, June 15, 2021), (AD 2021-13-07). AD 2021-13-07 applied to all GEAC Model M601D-11, M601E-11, M601E-11A, M601E-11AS, M601E-11S, and M601F engines. AD 2021-13-07 required recalculating the life of critical parts and, depending on the results of the recalculation, replacing critical parts. AD 2021-13-07 also requires replacing a certain compressor case. The FAA issued AD 2021-13-07 to prevent the failure of the engine.

The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on October 27, 2023 (88 FR 73778). The NPRM was prompted by EASA AD 2021-0125R1, dated January 30, 2023 (EASA AD 2021-0125R1) (also referred to as the MCAI), issued by EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union. The MCAI states that the manufacturer published the ALS, which incorporates certain requirements addressed by EASA Emergency AD 2021-0125-E, and that EASA published EASA AD 2023-0020, dated January 23, 2023 (EASA AD 2023-0020), which requires accomplishment of the actions specified in the ALS. The MCAI limits the applicability to M601E engines with a centrifugal compressor case having part number M601-154.61 installed and removes the requirements that have been incorporated in the ALS.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2023-2002.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to continue to require the replacement of a certain centrifugal compressor case. In the NPRM, the FAA also proposed to require accomplishing the actions specified in the MCAI.

##### **Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive**

##### **Comments**

The FAA received no comments on the NPRM or on the determination of the costs.

<sup>14</sup> 5 U.S.C. 553(b).

<sup>15</sup> 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521.

**Conclusion**

These products have been approved by the aviation authority of another country and are approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA’s bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, it has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA reviewed the relevant data and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. Except for minor editorial

changes, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM.

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

The FAA reviewed EASA AD 2021–0125R1, which specifies procedures for replacing the centrifugal compressor case, limits the applicability to certain M601E engines, and removes the requirements that have been incorporated in the ALS.

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**.

**Differences Between This AD and the MCAI**

The MCAI applies to GEAC Model M601E engines, and this AD does not because they do not have an FAA type certificate.

**Costs of Compliance**

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 13 engines installed on airplanes of U.S. registry.

The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

**ESTIMATED COSTS**

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Recalculate centrifugal compressor case equivalent flight cycles.	1 work-hour × \$85 per hour = \$85 .....	\$0	\$85	\$1,105
Replace centrifugal compressor case .....	10 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$850 .....	65,000	65,850	856,050

**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 has determined that this AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will 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 that this AD:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and

(3) Will 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 Amendment**

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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 2021–13–07, Amendment 39–21612 (86 FR 31601, June 15, 2021); and

■ b. Adding the following new airworthiness directive:

**2024–02–04 GE Aviation Czech s.r.o. (Type Certificate Previously held by WALTER Engines a.s., Walter a.s., and MOTORLET a.s.):** Amendment 39–22668; Docket No. FAA–2023–2002; Project Identifier MCAI–2023–00176–E.

**(a) Effective Date**

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective March 28, 2024.

**(b) Affected ADs**

This AD replaces AD 2021–13–07, Amendment 39–21612 (86 FR 31601, June 15, 2021) (AD 2021–13–07).

**(c) Applicability**

This AD applies to GE Aviation Czech s.r.o. (type certificate previously held by WALTER Engines a.s., Walter a.s., and MOTORLET a.s.) Model M601E–11, M601E–11A, M601E–11AS, and M601E–11S engines with a centrifugal compressor case having part number (P/N) M601–154.61 installed.

**(d) Subject**

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 7230, Turbine Engine Compressor Section.

**(e) Unsafe Condition**

This AD was prompted by the manufacturer determining that the life limit of a compressor case having P/N M601–154.61 is not listed in the airworthiness limitations section of the existing engine maintenance manual. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent the failure of the engine. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in uncontained release of a critical part, damage to the engine, and damage to the airplane.

**(f) Compliance**

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

**(g) Required Actions**

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Perform all required actions within the compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2021–0125R1, dated January 30, 2023 (EASA AD 2021–0125R1).

**(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2021–0125R1**

(1) Where EASA AD 2021–0125R1 refers to May 11, 2021 (the effective date of EASA Emergency AD 2021–0125–E, dated May 7, 2021), this AD requires using June 30, 2021 (the effective date of AD 2021–13–07).

(2) This AD does not adopt the Remarks paragraph of EASA AD 2021–0125R1.

**(i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)**

(1) 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 local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j) of this AD and email to [ANE-AD-AMOC@faa.gov](mailto:ANE-AD-AMOC@faa.gov).

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

**(j) Additional Information**

For more information about this AD, contact Barbara Caufield, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: (781) 238–7146; email: [barbara.caufield@faa.gov](mailto:barbara.caufield@faa.gov).

**(k) 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) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2021–0125R1, dated January 30, 2023.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA AD 2021–0125R1, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; phone: +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 this EASA AD on the EASA website at [ad.easa.europa.eu](http://ad.easa.europa.eu).

(4) You may view this service information at FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222–5110.

(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](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations) or email [fr.inspection@nara.gov](mailto:fr.inspection@nara.gov).

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**FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION****16 CFR Part 463**

**RIN 3084–AB72**

**Combating Auto Retail Scams Trade Regulation Rule**

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule; delay of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** On January 4, 2024, the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”) published a Final Rule in the **Federal Register**, titled “Combating Auto Retail Scams Trade Regulation Rule” (“CARS Rule,” “Rule,” or “Final Rule”), in order to curtail certain unfair or deceptive acts or practices by motor vehicle dealers. The CARS Rule was to become effective on July 30, 2024. Because of a pending legal challenge, this document announces that the effective date of the Final Rule is delayed until further notice.

**DATES:** The effective date of the final rule adding 16 CFR part 463, published at 89 FR 590, January 4, 2024, is delayed indefinitely. The FTC will publish a subsequent notification in the **Federal Register** announcing the CARS Rule’s effective date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**<sup>1</sup>

On January 4, 2024, the Commission published a Final Rule in the **Federal Register**, titled “Combating Auto Retail Scams Trade Regulation Rule,” to curtail certain unfair or deceptive acts or practices by motor vehicle dealers. See 89 FR 590 (Jan. 4, 2024).<sup>2</sup> The CARS

<sup>1</sup> This section is substantively identical to the order that the Commission issued on January 18, 2024. See Order Postponing Effective Date of Final Rule Pending Judicial Review, In re Combating Auto Retail Scams Trade Regulation Rule, No. P204800 (Jan. 18, 2024), [https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/ftc\\_gov/pdf/P204800CARSExtensionOrder.pdf](https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/ftc_gov/pdf/P204800CARSExtensionOrder.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with its rulemaking authority under 12 U.S.C. 5519(d), the Commission promulgated the CARS Rule pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 45 and 57a(a)(1)(B) and 5 U.S.C. 553. 12 U.S.C. 5519(f)(1) and (f)(2) contain the pertinent definitions of “motor vehicle” and “motor vehicle dealer,” and the Rule applies only to a “covered” subset. See 89 FR 590, 693–94 (Jan. 4, 2024) (to be codified at 16 CFR 462.3(e) through (f)).

Rule was to become effective on July 30, 2024.

On or about January 5, 2024, the National Automobile Dealers Association and the Texas Automobile Dealers Association (“Petitioners”) filed a Petition for Review (“PFR”) in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. *Nat’l Auto. Dealers Ass’n v. FTC*, No. 24–60013 (5th Cir. filed Jan. 5, 2024). On January 8, 2024, the Petitioners filed a motion with the Fifth Circuit seeking a stay of the Rule and expedited consideration of their PFR. Although Petitioners did not seek a stay from the Commission in the first instance as required by Rule 18(a)(1) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, the Commission has nonetheless reviewed Petitioners’ motion, construing it as though it were a stay request submitted under Commission Rule 4.2(d), 16 CFR 4.2(d).

The Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”) provides, in relevant part, that “[w]hen an agency finds that justice so requires, it may postpone the effective date of action taken by it, pending judicial review.” See 5 U.S.C. 705. The Commission believes the Rule will provide consumers with critical protections from auto retail scams, Petitioners’ challenges to the Rule lack merit, and undue delay in the Rule’s effective date will harm consumers and honest businesses. Petitioners’ arguments for a stay rest on mischaracterizations of what the Rule requires of covered motor vehicle dealers, including inaccurate claims that the Rule will require dealers to overhaul their practices and will substantially increase compliance costs. In fact, the Rule does not impose substantial costs, if any, on dealers that presently comply with the law, and to the extent there are costs, those are outweighed by the benefits to consumers, to law-abiding dealers, and to fair competition—because honest dealers will no longer be at a competitive disadvantage relative to dishonest dealers. Nonetheless, Petitioners have created uncertainty through their assertions and suggestions that legally compliant dealers must make unnecessary changes to satisfy Petitioners’ misunderstandings of the Rule. Additionally, Petitioners are seeking expedited consideration of the PFR, and, if that request is granted, the stay of the effective date should not postpone implementation of the Rule by more than a few months, if at all. Balancing the equities here, the Commission has determined it is in the interests of justice to stay the effective date of the Rule to allow for judicial review. Once the PFR’s merits are resolved, the Commission will publish a