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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002-NE-20-AD; Amendment 39-13077; AD 2003-05-01]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Wytwornia Sprzetu Komunikacyjnego (WSK) PZL-Rzeszow S.A. Franklin 6A-350-C1, -C1A, -C1L, -C1R -C2, -C2A, and 4A-235 Series Reciprocating Engines

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule, request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment supersedes an emergency airworthiness directive (AD) that was sent previously to all known U.S. owners and operators of WSK PZL-Rzeszow S.A. Franklin 6A-350-C1, -C1A, -C1L, -C2, -C2A, and 4A-235 series reciprocating engines. This action requires removing diaphragm type AC4886 fuel pump, AC part number (P/N) 5656774, PZL P/N 26.11.1710, before further flight, and prohibits installing diaphragm type AC4886 fuel pump, AC P/N 5656774, PZL P/N 26.11.1710. This amendment is prompted by several reports of failures of the valves and diaphragms in certain diaphragm type AC4886 fuel pumps, AC P/N 5656774, PZL P/N 26.11.1710, and adds the 6A-350-C1R engine to the applicability. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent reduction or loss of engine power or external fuel leaks.

**DATES:** Effective March 21, 2003.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before May 5, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England

Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2002-NE-20-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299. Comments may be inspected at this location, by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: "9-ane-adcomment@faa.gov". Comments sent via the Internet must contain the docket number in the subject line.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 27, 2002, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued Emergency airworthiness directive (AD) 2002-18-51, that applies to WSK PZL-Rzeszow S.A. Franklin 6A-350-C1, -C1A, -C1L, -C2, -C2A, and 4A-235 series reciprocating engines. That AD requires before further flight, removing type AC4886 fuel pump, AC P/N 5656774, PZL P/N 26.11.1710, and prohibits installation of diaphragm type AC4886 fuel pump, AC P/N 5656774, PZL P/N 26.11.1710 fuel pump after receipt of that AD. That action was prompted by several reports of pump failure. This condition, if not corrected, could result in reduction or loss of engine power or external fuel leaks.

Since AD 2002-18-51 was issued, the FAA has determined that the 6A-350-C1R engine was inadvertently omitted from the applicability of that AD.

#### FAA's Determination of an Unsafe Condition and Required Actions

Since the unsafe condition described is likely to exist or develop on other engines of the same type design, the FAA issued emergency AD 2002-18-51 to prevent reduction or loss of engine power or external fuel leaks. This AD requires before further flight, removing diaphragm type AC4886 fuel pumps, AC P/N 5656774, PZL P/N 26.11.1710, and prohibits installation of diaphragm type AC4886 fuel pumps, AC P/N 5656774, PZL P/N 26.11.1710, fuel pump after the effective date of this AD.

#### Immediate Adoption of This AD

Since it was found that immediate corrective action was required, notice and opportunity for prior public comment thereon were impracticable and contrary to the public interest, and good cause existed to make the AD effective immediately on August 27, 2002, to all known U.S. owners and operators of WSK PZL-Rzeszow S.A. Franklin 6A-350-C1, -C1A, -C1L, -C2, -C2A, and 4A-235 series reciprocating engines. These conditions still exist, and the AD is hereby published in the **Federal Register** as an amendment to section 39.13 of part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to make it effective to all persons.

#### Comments Invited

Although this action is in the form of a final rule that involves requirements affecting flight safety and, thus, was not preceded by notice and an opportunity for public comment, comments are invited on this rule. Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES**. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered, and this rule may be amended in light of the comments received. Factual information that supports the commenter's ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of the AD action and determining whether additional rulemaking action would be needed.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this AD will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this notice must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to