

Changes to 14 CFR Part 39—Effect on the Proposed AD

On July 10, 2002, we published a new version of 14 CFR part 39 (67 FR 47997, July 22, 2002), which governs the FAA's AD system. This regulation now includes material that relates to altered products, special flight permits, and alternative methods of compliance. This material previously was included in each individual AD. Since this material is included in 14 CFR part 39, we will not include it in future AD actions.

Costs of Compliance

There are approximately 73 Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A–60A and PT6A–65B turboprop engines of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. We estimate that 70 engines installed on airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD. We also estimate that it would take approximately 2 work hours per engine to perform the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Required parts would cost approximately \$24,228 per engine. Based on these figures, the total cost of the proposed AD to U.S. operators is estimated to be \$1,704,360. PWC has informed the FAA that it may provide the parts and labor to the operators at no cost, thereby substantially reducing the cost impact of this proposed rule.

Regulatory Findings

We have 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 that the proposed regulation:

1. Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866;
2. Is not a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); 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.

We prepared a summary of the costs to comply with this proposal and placed it in the AD Docket. You may get a copy of this summary by sending a request to us at the address listed under

ADDRESSES. Include "AD Docket No. 2003–NE–09–AD" in your request.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration 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 adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Pratt and Whitney Canada: Docket No. 2003–NE–09–AD.

Comments Due Date: (a) The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) action by August 18, 2003.

Affected ADs: (b) None.

Applicability: (c) This AD is applicable to Pratt & Whitney Canada (PWC) PT6A–60A and PT6A–65B turboprop engines that have Woodward propeller governor assemblies, part number, (P/N) 8210–212H, installed. These engines are installed on, but not limited to, Raytheon Super Beech King Air 300/350 and Raytheon Beech 1900/1900C airplanes.

Unsafe Condition: (d) This AD was prompted by six incidents during airplane acceptance flight testing, whereby directional control of the airplane was difficult to maintain during landing. The actions specified in this AD are intended to prevent loss of directional control and damage to the airplane.

Compliance: (e) Compliance with this AD is required as indicated, unless already done.

Removal of Woodward Propeller Governor Assemblies

(f) Replace Woodward propeller governor assemblies, P/N 8210–212H, at the next access to the governor or within six months after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs earlier. Information on replacing the Woodward propeller governor assembly can be found in Pratt & Whitney Canada Service Bulletin PT6A–72–13354, dated July 6, 2001.

(g) After the effective date of this AD, do not install any Woodward propeller governor assembly, P/N 8210–212H, on any engine.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(h) Alternative methods of compliance must be requested in accordance with 14 CFR part 39.19, and must be approved by the Manager, Engine Certification Office, FAA.

Material Incorporated by Reference

- (i) None

Related Information

(j) The subject of this AD is addressed in Transport Canada airworthiness directive CF–2002–02, dated January 15, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 49

[REG–141097–02]

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Excise Taxes; Communications Services, Distance Sensitivity; Hearing

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document contains a notice of public hearing on proposed regulations relating to the definition of toll telephone service for purposes of the communications excise tax.

DATES: The public hearing is being held on September 10, 2003, at 10 a.m. The IRS must receive outlines of the topics to be discussed at the hearing by July 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing is being held in room 4718, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Send submissions to: CC:PA:RU (REG–141097–02), room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to CC:PA:RU (REG–141097–02), Couriers Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. Alternatively, taxpayers may submit electronic outlines of oral comments directly to the IRS Internet site at <http://www.irs.gov/regs>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning the regulations, Cynthia McGreevy (202) 622–3130; concerning submissions, LaNita Van Dyke (202) 622–7180 (not toll free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject of the public hearing is the notice of proposed regulations (REG–141097–02) that was published in the