

may add comments and then send it to the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the International Branch, ANM-116.

Special Flight Permits

(d) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Incorporation by Reference

(e) The actions shall be done in accordance with Avions de Transport Regional Service Letter ATR42-61-5012, dated April 23, 2002; or Avions de Transport Regional Service Letter ATR72-61-6008, dated April 23, 2002; as applicable. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Aerospatiale, 316 Route de Bayonne, 31060 Toulouse, Cedex 03, France. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in French airworthiness directives 2001-214-084(B) and 2001-215-057(B), both dated May 30, 2001.

Effective Date

(f) This amendment becomes effective on August 22, 2003.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on July 8, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-NM-50-AD; Amendment 39-13236; AD 2003-14-17]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 & 440) Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Bombardier Model

CL-600-2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 & 440) airplanes, that requires the installation of protective tape on the fire and overheat control unit located in the flight compartment. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent fluid contamination inside the fire and overheat control unit, which could result in a false fire alarm and consequent emergency landing. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Effective August 22, 2003.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of August 22, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Bombardier, Inc., Canadair, Aerospace Group, P.O. Box 6087, Station Centreville, Montreal, Quebec H3C 3G9, Canada. This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, Rules Docket, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, New York Aircraft Certification Office, 10 Fifth Street, Third Floor, Valley Stream, New York; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 certain Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 series airplanes was published in the **Federal Register** on August 23, 2001 (66 FR 44326). That action proposed to require the installation of protective tape on the fire and overheat control unit located in the flight compartment.

Comments

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. Due consideration has been given to the single comment received.

Request To Credit Work Done per Prior Service Bulletin Version

Bombardier Alert Service Bulletin A601R-26-017, Revision "A," dated September 8, 2000, was cited in the proposed AD as the appropriate source

of service information for the proposed actions. One commenter, an operator, requests that the proposed AD be revised to consider accomplishment of the actions specified in the original issue of the service bulletin (dated August 4, 2000) to also be acceptable for compliance with the requirements of the AD. The commenter reports that all of its 97 airplanes have been modified in accordance with the original issue of the service bulletin.

The FAA agrees. Both the original issue and Revision "A" of the service bulletin specify installing protective tape on the external cover of the fire and overheat control unit located in the flight compartment; the original issue of the service bulletin included an action for specifically installing protective tape over the connectors. The connectors were later determined to be adequately sealed to prevent liquid ingress to the control unit; Revision "A" was then issued to remove the action of taping the connectors. However, taping the connectors does not degrade the level of safety, so airplanes modified with the additional protective tape would also be in full compliance with the requirements of this AD. The final rule has been revised to add new paragraph (b), which provides credit for actions done in accordance with the original issue of the service bulletin.

Conclusion

After careful review of the available data, including the comment noted above, the FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule with the change described previously. The FAA has determined that this change will neither increase the economic burden on any operator nor increase the scope of the AD.

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

On July 10, 2002, the FAA issued a new version of 14 CFR part 39 (67 FR 47997, July 22, 2002), which governs the FAA's airworthiness directives system. The regulation now includes material that relates to altered products, special flight permits, and alternative methods of compliance. However, for clarity and consistency in this final rule, we have retained the language of the proposed AD regarding that material.

Change to Airplane Identification

The identity of the affected airplanes has been changed in this final rule to more accurately reflect the listing on the type certificate data sheet for affected airplanes.