

(1) All Model 707–100 long body, –200, –100B long body, and –100B short body series airplanes; and Model 707–300, –300B, –300C, and –400 series airplanes.

(2) All Model 720 and 720B series airplanes.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 53, Fuselage.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports of scribe-line-related fatigue cracks on Model 727 airplanes, which are similar in design to the Model 707 airplanes, and Model 720 and 720B series airplanes. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct scribe lines, which can develop into fatigue cracks in the skin and cause rapid decompression of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Scribe Line Inspection

(1) Except as specified in paragraphs (j)(1) and (j)(2) of this AD, at the applicable time specified in paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Boeing 707 Alert Service Bulletin A3539, dated April 26, 2013: Do a detailed inspection of the fuselage skin for scribe lines, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing 707 Alert Service Bulletin A3539, dated April 26, 2013. If no scribe line is found: Before further flight, do surface finish restoration, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing 707 Alert Service Bulletin A3539, dated April 26, 2013.

(2) The inspection exceptions described in paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Boeing 707 Alert Service Bulletin A3539, dated April 26, 2013, apply to paragraph (g)(1) of this AD.

(h) Related Investigative and Corrective Actions

If any scribe line is found during any inspection required by paragraph (g)(1) of this AD: At the applicable time specified in paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Boeing 707 Alert Service Bulletin A3539, dated April 26, 2013, except as specified in paragraphs (j)(1) and (j)(2) of this AD, do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions, by doing all applicable actions specified in the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing 707 Alert Service Bulletin A3539, dated April 26, 2013, except as specified in paragraph (j)(3) of this AD.

(i) Surface Finish Restoration

After completing any actions required by paragraph (h) of this AD: Before further flight, do surface finish restoration, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing 707 Alert Service Bulletin A3539, dated April 26, 2013.

(j) Exceptions to Paragraphs (g) and (h) of this AD

(1) Where paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Boeing 707 Alert Service Bulletin A3539, dated April 26, 2013, specifies a compliance time “after the original issue date of this service bulletin,” this AD requires

compliance within the specified compliance time after the effective date of this AD.

(2) Where the Condition column of paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Boeing 707 Alert Service Bulletin A3539, dated April 26, 2013, refers to total flight cycles “as of the original issue date of this service bulletin,” this AD applies to the airplanes with the specified total flight cycles as of the effective date of this AD.

(3) Where Boeing 707 Alert Service Bulletin A3539, dated April 26, 2013, specifies to contact Boeing for additional inspections or repair instructions: Before further flight, repair the scribe line or cracking using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (k) of this AD.

(k) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), 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 ACO, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (l) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-ANM-LACO-AMOC-REQUESTS@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.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair required by this AD if it is approved by the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has been authorized by the Manager, Los Angeles ACO, to make those findings. For a repair method to be approved, the repair must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

(l) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Chandraduth Ramdoss, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM–120L, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Suite 100, Lakewood, CA 90712–4137, phone: 562–627–5239; fax: 562–627–5210; email: chandraduth.ramdoss@faa.gov.

(m) 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) Boeing 707 Alert Service Bulletin A3539, dated April 26, 2013.

(ii) Reserved.

(3) For Boeing service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Data & Services Management, P.O. Box 3707, MC 2H–65, Seattle, WA 98124–2207; telephone

206–544–5000, extension 1; fax 206–766–5680; Internet <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>.

(4) You may view this service information at FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

(5) 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, call 202–741–6030, or go to: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 24, 2014.

Jeffrey E. Duven,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. **FAA–2014–0440**; Directorate Identifier **2013–SW–075–AD**; Amendment **39–17885**; AD **2014–13–09**]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (Type Certificate Previously Held by Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters) (AHD)

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

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for AHD Model EC135P1, P2, P2+, T1, T2, and T2+ helicopters. This AD requires repetitive visual inspections of the ring frame X9227 for a crack and, if there is a crack, replacing the ring frame before further flight. This AD is prompted by a fatigue crack in the ring frame. These actions are intended to detect a crack in the ring frame and prevent loss of the tail rotor and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

DATES: This AD becomes effective July 30, 2014.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain document listed in this AD as of July 30, 2014.

We must receive comments on this AD by September 15, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Docket*: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

• *Fax*: 202-493-2251.

• *Mail*: Send comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

• *Hand Delivery*: Deliver to the "Mail" address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person at the Docket Operations Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this AD, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, the economic evaluation, any incorporated by reference service information, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations Office (telephone 800-647-5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

For service information identified in this AD, contact Airbus Helicopters, Inc., 2701 N. Forum Drive, Grand Prairie, TX 75052; telephone (972) 641-0000 or (800) 232-0323; fax (972) 641-3775; or at <http://www.airbushelicopters.com/techpub>.

You may review the referenced service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matt Fuller, Senior Aviation Safety Engineer, Safety Management Group, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137; telephone (817) 222-5110; email matthew.fuller@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

This AD is a final rule that involves requirements affecting flight safety, and we did not provide you with notice and an opportunity to provide your comments prior to it becoming effective. However, we invite you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. We also invite comments relating to the economic, environmental, energy, or federalism impacts that resulted from adopting this AD. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of

the AD, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. To ensure the docket does not contain duplicate comments, commenters should send only one copy of written comments, or if comments are filed electronically, commenters should submit them only one time. We will file in the docket all comments that we receive, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this rulemaking during the comment period. We will consider all the comments we receive and may conduct additional rulemaking based on those comments.

Discussion

We are adopting a new AD for AHD Model EC135P1, P2, P2+, T1, T2, and T2+ helicopters with certain mounting ring frames installed. This AD requires repetitive visual inspections of the ring frame X9227 for a crack and, if there is a crack, replacing the ring frame with an airworthy part before further flight. These actions are intended to detect a crack in the ring frame and prevent loss of tail rotor and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

This AD was prompted by AD No. 2013-0289-E, dated December 6, 2013, issued by EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, to correct an unsafe condition for AHD Model EC135P1, EC135P2, EC135P2+, EC135T1, EC135T2, EC135T2+, EC635P2+, EC635T1, and EC635T2+ helicopters equipped with mounting ring frame X9227, part number (P/N) L535H2120301, P/N L535H2120303, or P/N L535H2120304 without frame reinforcement. EASA advises that ring frames X9227 with frame reinforcement P/N L535H2100201 are not affected by its AD. EASA advises that the fuselage tail boom structure of the EC135/EC635 type design is connected to the tail rotor "fenestron" housing by means of a ring frame attached by two rivet rows each. EASA states that during a recent post flight check, the pilot detected a crack that ran along three rivets across the ring frame. According to EASA, this condition if not corrected would gradually reduce the structural integrity of the tail boom fenestron attachment, potentially resulting in detachment of the fenestron and loss of the helicopter. To address this condition, EASA AD No. 2013-0289-E requires repetitive visual inspections of the ring frame X9227.

FAA's Determination

These helicopters have been approved by the aviation authority of Germany and are approved for operation in the

United States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with Germany, EASA, its technical representative, has notified us of the unsafe condition described in the EASA AD. We are issuing this AD because we evaluated all information provided by EASA and determined the unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other helicopters of these same type designs.

Related Service Information

Eurocopter issued Safety Information Notice No. 2636-S-53, dated October 10, 2013, alerting operators that during a post-flight check a pilot discovered a crack at the rear ring frame between the rear structure tube and the fenestron box. The Notice reminds operators to conduct the dedicated visual ring frame check according to the flight manual's pre-flight check so any cracked ring frames will be immediately discovered.

Eurocopter also issued Alert Service Bulletin ASB EC 135-53A-029, Revision 0, dated November 19, 2013 (ASB). The ASB specifies, every 50 flight hours, visually inspecting ring frame X9227 for a crack in addition to the visual pre-flight check of the ring frame. The ASB states that a crack within the ring frame and between the rivet heads is not permissible, and if detected in this area, AHD must be contacted before further flight.

AD Requirements

This AD requires, on or before reaching 100 hours TIS, or within 50 hours TIS for helicopters with more than 100 hours TIS, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 50 hours TIS, using a 10X or higher power magnifying glass and a light, visually inspecting the ring frame X9227 for a crack between the rivets. If a crack is found, this AD requires, before further flight, replacing the ring frame X9227 with an airworthy part.

Differences Between This AD and the EASA AD

The EASA AD applies to EC635P2+, EC635T1, and EC635T2+ helicopters, and this AD does not because those helicopters are non-FAA type certificated. The EASA AD requires contacting the manufacturer if a crack is found in the ring frame. This AD requires replacing the ring frame if a crack is found.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this AD will affect 275 helicopters of U.S. Registry.

We estimate that operators may incur the following costs in order to comply with this AD. Labor costs are estimated at \$85 per work hour. We estimate 0.2

work hour to do the inspection for a total estimated cost of \$17 per helicopter and \$4,675 for the U.S. fleet per inspection cycle. Replacing a ring frame will require 5 work hours and \$18,500 for parts for a total cost of \$18,925 per helicopter.

FAA's Justification and Determination of the Effective Date

Providing an opportunity for public comments before adopting these AD requirements would delay implementing the safety actions needed to correct this known unsafe condition. Therefore, we find that the risk to the flying public justifies waiving notice and comment before adopting this rule because the required corrective actions in a structural critical area must be done within 50 hours TIS, a very short time period based on the average flight-hour utilization rate for air ambulance and law enforcement operations of these helicopters.

Since an unsafe condition exists that requires the immediate adoption of this AD, we determined that notice and opportunity for public comment before issuing this AD are impracticable and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective in less than 30 days.

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.

We are 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

We 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, I certify that this AD:

1. Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866;
2. Is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979);
3. Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska to the extent that it justifies making a regulatory distinction; and
4. 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.

We prepared an economic evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this AD and placed it in the AD docket.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

Adoption of 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 adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

2014-13-09 Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (Type Certificate Previously Held by Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH): Amendment 39-17885; Docket No. FAA-2014-0440; Directorate Identifier 2013-SW-075-AD.

(a) Applicability

This AD applies to Model EC135P1, P2, P2+, T1, T2, and T2+ helicopters with mounting ring frame X9227, part number (P/N) L535H2120301, P/N L535H2120303, or P/N L535H2120304, installed, except those with frame reinforcement P/N L535H2100201 installed, certificated in any category.

(b) Unsafe Condition

This AD defines the unsafe condition as a fatigue crack in a ring frame. This condition could result in loss of a tail rotor and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

(c) Effective Date

This AD becomes effective July 30, 2014.

(d) Compliance

You are responsible for performing each action required by this AD within the specified compliance time unless it has already been accomplished prior to that time.

(e) Required Actions

(1) On or before 100 hours time-in-service (TIS), or within 50 hours TIS for helicopters with more than 100 hours TIS, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 50 hours TIS, using a 10X or higher power magnifying glass and a light, visually inspect the ring frame X9227 for a crack between the rivets as shown in Figure 2 of Eurocopter Alert Service Bulletin ASB EC135-53A-029, Revision 0, dated November 19, 2013. Paint cracks are permissible.

(2) If there is a crack, before further flight, replace the ring frame X9227 with an airworthy part.

(f) Special Flight Permits

Special flight permits are prohibited.

(g) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, Safety Management Group, FAA, may approve AMOCs for this AD. Send your proposal to: Matt Fuller, Senior Aviation Safety Engineer, Safety Management Group, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137; telephone (817) 222-5110; email matthew.fuller@faa.gov.

(2) For operations conducted under a 14 CFR part 119 operating certificate or under 14 CFR part 91, subpart K, we suggest that you notify your principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office or certificate holding district office, before operating any aircraft complying with this AD through an AMOC.

(h) Additional Information

(1) Eurocopter Safety Information Notice No. 2636-S-53, Revision 0, dated October 10, 2013, which is not incorporated by reference, contains additional information about the subject of this AD. You may review a copy of the service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137.

(2) The subject of this AD is addressed in European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD No. 2013-0289-E, dated December 6, 2013. You may view the EASA AD on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FAA-2014-0440.

(i) Subject

Joint Aircraft Service Component (JASC) Code: 5302 Tail Rotor.

(j) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference 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) Eurocopter Alert Service Bulletin ASB EC135-53A-029, Revision 0, dated November 19, 2013.

(ii) Reserved.

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact Airbus Helicopters, Inc., 2701 N. Forum Drive, Grand Prairie, TX

75052; telephone (972) 641-0000 or (800) 232-0323; fax (972) 641-3775; or at <http://www.airbushelicopters.com/techpub>.

(4) You may view this service information at FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

(5) 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, call (202) 741-6030, or go to: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>. Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 25, 2014.

Lance T. Gant,

Acting Directorate Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2013-0973; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-139-AD; Amendment 39-17893; AD 2014-13-17]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Airbus Model A300 series airplanes; Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R series airplanes, and Model A300 C4-605R Variant F airplanes (collectively called Model A300-600 series airplanes); and Model A310 series airplanes. This AD was prompted by reports of failures of the right inner tank fuel pump. This AD requires repetitive functional tests of the circuit breakers for the fuel pump power supply, and replacement of certain circuit breakers. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct failure of the circuit breakers for the fuel pump power supply, which could result in a fuel pump overheating, leading to a fuel tank explosion.

DATES: This AD becomes effective August 19, 2014.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of August 19, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov/#/documentDetail;D=FAA-2013-0973>; or in person at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC.

For service information identified in this AD, contact Airbus SAS, Airworthiness Office—EAW, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France; telephone +33 5 61 93 36 96; fax +33 5 61 93 44 51; email account.airworth-eas@airbus.com; Internet <http://www.airbus.com>. You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425-227-1221.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Rodina, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057-3356; telephone 425-227-2125; fax 425-227-1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

We issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all Airbus Model A300 series airplanes; Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R series airplanes, and Model A300 C4-605R Variant F airplanes (collectively called Model A300-600 series airplanes); and Model A310 series airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on November 22, 2013 (78 FR 70003).

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Community, has issued EASA Airworthiness Directive 2013-0163, dated July 24, 2013 (referred to after this as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states:

Two successive failures have been reported of a Right Hand #1 inner tank fuel pump, Part Number 2052Cxx series (with placeholder “xx” indicating numerals). The fix consisted in the replacement of the pump, the associated circuit breaker and the AC [alternating current] bus load relay.

Investigations determined that, in case of loss of one phase on the pump supply and the associated circuit breaker failing to trip, the fuel pump thermal fuses may not operate as quickly as expected.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, would result in an overheat condition of the fuel pump in excess of 200 °C and could lead to a fuel tank explosion.

To address this potential unsafe condition, Airbus issued Alert Operator Transmission (AOT) A28W002-13 providing instructions for a functional test of circuit breakers and corrective action.

For the reasons described above, as a temporary measure until further notice, this [EASA] AD mandates functional tests of the affected fuel pump power supply circuit breakers, and, depending on findings, replacement of circuit breakers.

This [EASA] AD will be followed by further [EASA] AD action.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov/#/documentDetail;D=FAA-2013-0973-0002>.

Comments

We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this AD. We received no comments on the NPRM (78 FR 70003, November 22, 2013) or on the determination of the cost to the public.

“Contacting the Manufacturer” Paragraph in This AD

Since late 2006, we have included a standard paragraph titled “Airworthy Product” in all MCAI ADs in which the FAA develops an AD based on a foreign authority’s AD.

The MCAI or referenced service information in an FAA AD often directs the owner/operator to contact the manufacturer for corrective actions, such as a repair. Briefly, the Airworthy Product paragraph allowed owners/operators to use corrective actions provided by the manufacturer if those actions were FAA-approved. In addition, the paragraph stated that any actions approved by the State of Design Authority (or its delegated agent) are considered to be FAA-approved.

In the NPRM (78 FR 70003, November 22, 2013), we proposed to prevent the use of repairs that were not specifically developed to correct the unsafe condition, by requiring that the repair approval provided by the State of Design Authority or its delegated agent specifically refer to this FAA AD. This change was intended to clarify the method of compliance and to provide operators with better visibility of repairs that are specifically developed and approved to correct the unsafe condition. In addition, we proposed to change the phrase “its delegated agent” to include a design approval holder (DAH) with State of Design Authority design organization approval (DOA), as applicable, to refer to a DAH authorized