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# **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

# **Federal Aviation Administration**

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2000-NM-397-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B16 (including CL-601-3A and CL-601-3R) Series Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking

(NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Bombardier Model CL–600–2B16 series airplanes. This proposal would require modification of the wiring for the internal fuel/defuel panel. This action is necessary to prevent the loss of engine and fuel indications essential for safe flight and landing. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by June 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-NM-397-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted via fax to (425) 227-1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: 9-anmnprmcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain "Docket No. 2000–NM–397–AD" in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule 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 FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, New York Aircraft Certification Office, 10 Fifth Street, Third Floor, Valley Stream, New York.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James E. Delisio, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe and Propulsion Branch, ANE–171, FAA, New York Aircraft Certification Office, 10 Fifth Street, Third Floor, Valley Stream, New York 11581; telephone (516) 256–7521; fax (516) 568–2716.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

# **Comments Invited**

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this action may be changed in light of the comments received.

Submit comments using the following format:

- Organize comments issue-by-issue. For example, discuss a request to change the compliance time and a request to change the service bulletin reference as two separate issues.
- For each issue, state what specific change to the proposed AD is being requested.
- Include justification (e.g., reasons or data) for each request.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed 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 summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this action must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 2000–NM–397–AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

# Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000–NM–397–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056.

#### Discussion

Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), which is the airworthiness authority for Canada, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain Bombardier Model CL-600-2B16 series airplanes. TCCA advises of an incident in which the flight crew lost all readouts for the engine and fuel quantity systems in the cockpit of an airplane that had been modified with an internal fuel/defuel panel. The cockpit engine and fuel quantity systems for this configuration are powered from a single source, bypassing the dual power source of the original installation. During the incident, the fuel/defuel panel was left energized following refueling, the circuit breaker for the single power source tripped, and the engine and fuel quantity indications were subsequently lost and could not be recovered. These conditions, if not corrected, could result in the loss of data essential for safe flight and landing.

# **Explanation of Relevant Service Information**

Bombardier has issued Service Bulletin S.B. GEN–28–010, Revision A, dated May 15, 2000, which describes procedures for modifying the wiring for the internal fuel/defuel panel. Accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletin is intended to adequately address the identified unsafe condition. TCCA classified this service bulletin as mandatory and issued Canadian airworthiness directive CF–2000–24, dated August 15, 2000, to ensure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in Canada.

#### **FAA's Conclusions**

These airplane models are manufactured in Canada and are type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of section 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, TCCA has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of TCCA, reviewed all available information, and determined that AD action is necessary for products of this type design that are certificated for operation in the United States.

# **Explanation of Requirements of Proposed Rule**

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other airplanes of the same type design registered in the United States, the proposed AD would require accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletin described previously.

## **Cost Impact**

The FAA estimates that 18 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD, that it would take approximately 60 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. The manufacturer has committed previously to its

customers that it will bear the cost of labor and replacement parts. As a result, those costs are not attributable to this proposed AD.

The cost impact discussed above is based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the proposed requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this proposed AD were not adopted. The cost impact figures discussed in AD rulemaking actions represent only the time necessary to perform the specific actions actually required by the AD. These figures typically do not include incidental costs, such as the time required to gain access and close up, planning time, or time necessitated by other administrative actions.

# Regulatory Impact

The regulations proposed herein 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. Therefore, it is determined that this proposal would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this 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) if promulgated, 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. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption "ADDRESSES."

## List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

# The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (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. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

# Bombardier, Inc. (Formerly Canadair):

Docket 2000–NM–397–AD.

Applicability: Model CL–600–2B16
(including CL–601–3A and CL–601–3R)
series airplanes, certificated in any category, as listed in the following table:

TABLE 1.—APPLICABILITY

| Serial Number | Transport Canada Limited Supplemental Type Certificate (STC)  | FAA STC   |
|---------------|---|---|
| 5064          | SA90-128<br>SA91-22<br>SA91-42<br>Q-LSA91-52/D<br>Q-LSA91-52/D<br>Q-LSA92-2/D<br>Q-LSA92-1011/D<br>Q-LSA93-1002/D<br>Q-LSA93-1007/D | ST00873NY SA861NE SA860NE SA965NE/ST00470NY SA965NE ST00364NY SA1029NE ST00001NY No record of FAA STC ST00049NY ST00086NY |
| 5142          | Q-LSA94-1011/D  | ST00216NY<br>ST00273NY<br>ST00423NY<br>ST01228NY<br>No record of FAA STC<br>ST00343NY<br>ST00769NY                        |

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been otherwise modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified,

altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (b) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of

the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it. Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent loss of engine and fuel indications essential for safe flight and landing, accomplish the following:

#### Modification

(a) Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD, modify the wiring for the internal fuel/defuel panel, in accordance with Bombardier Service Bulletin S.B. GEN–28–010, Revision A, dated May 15, 2000.

#### **Alternative Methods of Compliance**

(b) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, New York Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, New York ACO.

**Note 2:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the New York ACO.

#### **Special Flight Permits**

(c) 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.

**Note 3:** The subject of this AD is addressed in Canadian airworthiness directive CF–2000–24, dated August 15, 2000.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on May 17, 2001.

## Vi L. Lipski,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration** 

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

15 CFR Part 303

[Docket No. 991228350-1118-02]

RIN: 0625-AA57

Office of Insular Affairs; Proposed Changes in the Insular Possessions Watch, Watch Movement and Jewelry Program

**AGENCIES:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Departments propose amending their regulations governing

watch duty-exemption allocations and the watch and jewelry duty-refund benefits for producers in the United States insular possessions (the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands). The proposed rule would amend ITA regulations by further clarifying the range of documents that may be needed for verification of dutyfree shipments of jewelry into the United States and by clarifying which wages qualify as creditable and which do not for purposes of calculating the duty-refund for watches and jewelry. We also propose amending the regulations by making minor editorial changes within the definition of new firm for watches. Finally, we propose amending the duty refund process by dividing the amount of the annual duty refund certificate into two installments. These amendments are being proposed to make grammatical changes, clarify a portion of the regulations, update methods of documentation and help producers receive benefits in a more timely fashion.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before June 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address written comments to Faye Robinson, Acting Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Faye Robinson, (202) 482–3526, same address as above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The insular possessions watch industry provision in section 110 of Pub. L. No. 97–446 (96 Stat. 2331) (1983), as amended by section 602 of Pub. L. No. 103-465 (108 Stat. 4991) (1994); additional U.S. Note 5 to chapter 91 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"), as amended by Pub. L. 94-241 (90 Stat. 263) (1976) requires the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior, acting jointly, to establish a limit on the quantity of watches and watch movements which may be entered free of duty during each calendar year. The law also requires the Secretaries to establish the shares of this limited quantity which may be entered from the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI"). After the Departments have verified the data submitted on the annual application (Form ITA-334P), the producers' dutyexemption allocations are calculated from the territorial share in accordance with 15 CFR 303.14 and each producer is issued a duty-exemption license. The law further requires the Secretaries to

issue duty-refund certificates to each territorial watch and watch movement producer based on the company's dutyfree shipments and creditable wages paid during the previous calendar year.

Pub. L. 106–36 (113 Stat. 127) (1999) authorizes the issuance of a duty-refund certificate to each territorial jewelry producer for any article of jewelry provided for in heading 7113 of the HTSUS which is the product of any such territory. The value of the certificate is based on creditable wages paid and duty-free units shipped into the United States during the previous calendar year. Although the law specifically mentions the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa, the issuance of the duty-refund certificate would also apply to the CNMI due to the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America (Pub. L. 94-241), which states that goods from the CNMI are entitled to the same tariff treatment as imports from Guam. See also 19 CFR 7.2(a). The law provides that during the first two years, beginning August 9, 1999, jewelry that is assembled in the territories shall be treated as a product of such territories. Thereafter, in order to be considered a product of such territories, the jewelry must meet the U.S. Customs Service substantial transformation requirements (the jewelry must become a new and different article of commerce as a result of production or manufacture performed in the territory). To receive duty-free treatment, the jewelry must also satisfy the requirements of General Note 3(a)(iv) of the HTSUS and applicable Customs Regulations (19 CFR 7.3).

The law specifies, in addition, that watch producer benefits shall not be diminished as a consequence of extending duty-refund benefits to jewelry manufacturers. In the event that the aggregate amount of the calculated duty refunds for both watches and jewelry exceeds the total amount available under Pub. L. 97–446, as amended by Pub. L. 103–465, the watch producers shall receive their calculated amounts; the jewelry producers would then receive amounts proportionately reduced from the remainder. See Pub. L. 106–36.

**Proposed Amendments** 

We propose amending Subpart A § 303.2(a)(5), see 65 FR 8049 (Feb. 17, 2000), by making grammatical changes.

We also propose amending Subpart A § 303.2(a)(13) and Subpart B § 303.16(a)(9) to explain further what is meant by special services under the definition of wages excluded from being