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(f)(1) 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, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116.

(2) Alternative methods of compliance, approved previously in accordance with AD 99-22-15, amendment 39-11393, are approved as alternative methods of compliance with the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this AD.

Note 4: 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

(g) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 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

(h) The actions shall be done in accordance with Dornier Alert Service Bulletin ASB-328-27-025, Revision 1, dated September 22, 1999; and Dornier Service Bulletin SB-328-27-310, dated June 10, 2000.

(1) The incorporation by reference of Dornier Service Bulletin SB-328-27-310, dated June 10, 2000 is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of August 29, 2001.

(2) The incorporation by reference of Dornier Alert Service Bulletin ASB-328-27-025, Revision 1, dated September 22, 1999 was previously approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of December 7, 1999 (64 FR 59117, November 2, 1999).

(3) Copies may be obtained from Fairchild Dornier, Dornier Luftfahrt GmbH, P.O. Box 1103, D-82230 Wessling, Germany. 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 5: The subject of this AD is addressed in German airworthiness directive 1998-479/3, of which the effective date is October 5, 2000.

Effective Date

(i) This amendment becomes effective on August 29, 2001.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on July 16, 2001.

Vi L. Lipski,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2000-NM-203-AD; Amendment 39-12343; AD 2001-15-09]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Aerospatiale Model ATR42-200, -300, -320, and -500 Series Airplanes; and Model ATR72 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Aerospatiale Model ATR42-200, -300, -320, and -500 series airplanes; and Model ATR72 series airplanes; that requires replacement of the existing uplock boxes of the main and nose landing gears with modified uplock boxes. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent a mechanical failure of the uplock box mechanisms, which could result in failure of the associated landing gear to extend. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Effective August 29, 2001.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of August 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Aerospatiale, 316 Route de Bayonne, 31060 Toulouse, Cedex 03, France. 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 Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Rodina, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2125; fax (425) 227-1149.

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 Aerospatiale Model ATR42-200, -300, -320, and -500 series airplanes; and Model ATR72 series airplanes; was published in the **Federal Register** on April 26, 2001 (66 FR 20957). That action proposed to

require replacement of the existing uplock boxes of the main and nose landing gears with modified uplock boxes.

Comments

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were submitted in response to the proposal or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public.

Conclusion

The FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed.

Cost Impact

The FAA estimates that 143 Model ATR42-200, -300, -320, and -500 series airplanes and Model ATR72 series airplanes of U.S. registry will be affected by this AD, that it will take approximately 4 work hours per airplane to accomplish the required replacement, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Required parts will be supplied by the parts manufacturer at no cost to the operators. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$34,320, or \$240 per airplane.

The cost impact figure discussed above is based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this 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 adopted herein 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. Therefore, it is determined that this final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (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); and (3) 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 final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained from the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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:

2001-15-09 Aerospatiale: Amendment 39-12343. Docket 2000-NM-203-AD.

Applicability: Model ATR42-200, -300, -320, and -500 series airplanes; and Model ATR72 series airplanes; certificated in any category; except those on which Aerospatiale Modification 05226 has been accomplished.

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 a mechanical failure of the uplock box mechanisms, which could result in failure of the associated landing gear to extend, accomplish the following:

Removal and Replacement

(a) Within 24 months after the effective date of this AD, remove and replace the three existing uplock boxes of the main and nose landing gears with modified uplock boxes in accordance with the instructions given in Avions de Transport Regional Service

Bulletins ATR42-32-0090 (for Model ATR42-200, -300, -320, and -500 series airplanes) and ATR72-32-1038 (for Model ATR72 series airplanes), both dated May 19, 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, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who 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

(c) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 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

(d) The actions shall be done in accordance with Avions de Transport Regional Service Bulletin ATR42-32-0090, dated May 19, 2000; and Avions de Transport Regional Service Bulletin ATR72-32-1038, dated May 19, 2000; 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 2000-189-078(B) and 2000-190-042(B), both dated May 3, 2000.

Effective Date

(e) This amendment becomes effective on August 29, 2001.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on July 16, 2001.

Donald L. Riggins,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-NM-225-AD; Amendment 39-12351; AD 2001-14-51]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; General Aviation Aircraft Equipped With Certain UPS Aviation Technologies, Inc., Model Apollo SL30 Very-High-Frequency Navigation/Communication (VHF NAV/COMM) Radios

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document publishes in the **Federal Register** an amendment adopting airworthiness directive (AD) AD 2001-14-51 that was made available previously to all known U.S. owners and operators of General Aviation aircraft equipped with certain UPS Aviation Technologies, Inc., Model Apollo SL30 VHF NAV/COMM radios. This AD requires determination of the version of software being used by the UPS Aviation Technologies, Inc., Model Apollo SL30 VHF NAV/COMM radio, and installation of a placard to prohibit use of the radio's very-high-frequency omnirange (VOR) function for navigation, if necessary. This action is prompted by a report that, during installation of a subject radio, an installer noted that the radio was providing incorrect radial bearing information. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent use of incorrect bearing information by the pilot, which could result in inaccurate navigation information.

DATES: Effective July 30, 2001, to all persons except those persons to whom it was made immediately effective by emergency AD 2001-14-51, issued June 29, 2001, which contained the requirements of this amendment.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before September 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001-NM-225-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