

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:

99–26–22 **Airbus Industrie:** Amendment 39–11481. Docket 96–NM–92–AD.

**Applicability:** Model A319 and A320 series airplanes, certificated in any category; except airplanes on which Airbus Modifications 24850 and 25844 have been installed in production, or on which Airbus Service Bulletin A320–25–1156, Revision 01, dated February 2, 1999, 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 (e) 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 the loss of the escape slides during flight, which could make the emergency exits located over each wing unusable and result in damage to the fuselage, accomplish the following:

#### Inspections and Corrective Actions

(a) At the latest of the times specified in paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3) of this AD, as applicable: Perform a detailed visual

inspection to detect cracking and delamination of each off-wing escape slide container, including the container door, in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A320–25–1161, Revision 01, dated February 2, 1999. Repeat the inspection thereafter at intervals not to exceed 18 months, until accomplishment of the actions required by paragraph (d) of this AD.

(1) Within 500 flight hours after the effective date of this AD.

(2) Within 18 months after the last inspection in accordance with Airbus All Operator Telex 25–09, dated January 2, 1995, or Revision 1, dated February 16, 1995; or Airbus Service Bulletin A320–25–1161, dated June 21, 1995; if accomplished prior to the effective date of this AD.

(3) Within 18 months after modification of the off-wing escape slides in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A320–25–1156, dated June 21, 1995; if accomplished prior to the effective date of this AD.

**Note 2:** For the purposes of this AD, a detailed visual inspection is defined as: “An intensive visual examination of a specific structural area, system, installation, or assembly to detect damage, failure, or irregularity. Available lighting is normally supplemented with a direct source of good lighting at intensity deemed appropriate by the inspector. Inspection aids such as mirror, magnifying lenses, etc., may be used. Surface cleaning and elaborate access procedures may be required.”

(b) If any crack or delamination is found during any inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD that does not exceed the limits specified in Airbus Service Bulletin A320–25–1161, Revision 01, dated February 2, 1999: Within 90 days after detection of the crack or delamination, repair in accordance with the service bulletin, and continue inspecting in accordance with paragraph (a) of this AD.

(c) If any crack or delamination is found during any inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD that exceeds the limits specified in Airbus Service Bulletin A320–25–1161, Revision 01, dated February 2, 1999: Prior to further flight, replace the discrepant container with a serviceable container in accordance with the service bulletin, and continue inspecting in accordance with paragraph (a) of this AD.

#### Terminating Modification

(d) Within 5 years after the effective date of this AD, modify the off-wing escape slides (i.e., modifications, inspection, repair, and repacking) in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A320–25–1156, Revision 01, dated February 2, 1999. Modification of the escape slides constitutes terminating action for the repetitive inspections required by paragraph (a) of this AD.

**Note 3:** Airbus Service Bulletin A320–25–1156, Revision 01, dated February 2, 1999, references Air Cruisers Service Bulletins 004–25–37, Revision 2, dated May 29, 1996, and 004–25–42, dated September 16, 1996, as additional sources of service information for accomplishment of the modification of the off-wing escape slides.

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance

(e) 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, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate. 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 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

(f) 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

(g) The actions shall be done in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A320–25–1161, Revision 01, dated February 2, 1999, and Airbus Service Bulletin A320–25–1156, Revision 01, dated February 2, 1999. 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 Airbus Industrie, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, 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 5:** The subject of this AD is addressed in French airworthiness directive 1999–232–132(B), dated June 2, 1999.

(h) This amendment becomes effective on February 1, 2000.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on December 17, 1999.

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#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

#### 14 CFR Part 1203

[Notice 99–166]

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#### Information Security Program

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** NASA is amending the regulations on its Information Security

Program, to reflect the correct citation of the applicable Executive Order, a change in the title designation of one NASA office, and an update of the membership list of the NASA Information Security Program Committee.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 28, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Director, NASA Security Management Office, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John C. Hagan, 202-358-2308.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 1203

Classified information, Foreign relations.

### PART 1203—INFORMATION SECURITY PROGRAM

For reasons set out in the preamble, 14 CFR Part 1203 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for part 1203 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 2451 *et seq.* and E.O. 12958, 60 FR 19825, 3 CFR, 1995 Comp., p. 333.

2. Section 1203.100 is amended by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

#### § 1203.100 Legal basis.

(a) Executive Order 12958 (hereinafter referred to as “the Order”). The responsibilities and authority of the Administrator of NASA with respect to the original classification of official information or material requiring protection against unauthorized disclosure in the interest of national defense or foreign relations of the United States (hereinafter collectively termed “national security”), and the standards for such classification, are established by “the Order” (E.O. 12958, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 333), as amended (See, Order of October 13, 1995, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp, p. 513), and the Information Security Oversight Office Directive No. 1, as amended (32 CFR part 2001, “Classified National Security Information”);

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3. Section 1203.202 is amended by revising paragraph (g) to read as follows:

#### § 1203.202 Responsibilities.

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(g) The Director, NASA Security Management Office, is responsible for establishing procedures for the safeguarding of classified information or material (e.g., accountability, control, access, storage, transmission, and marking) and for ensuring that such procedures are systematically reviewed;

and those which are duplicative or unnecessary are eliminated.

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4. Section 1203.900 is revised to read as follows:

#### § 1203.900 Establishment.

Pursuant to Executive Order 12958, “National Security Information” and the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended, there is established a NASA Information Security Program Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) as part of the permanent administrative structure of NASA. The Director, NASA Security Management Office, is designated to act as the Chairperson of the Committee. The Senior Security Specialist, NASA Security Management Office, is designated to act as the Committee Executive Secretary.

5. Section 1203.902 is amended by revising the introductory text and paragraph (a) as follows:

#### § 1203.902 Membership.

The Committee will consist of the Chairperson and Executive Secretary. In addition, each of the following NASA officials will nominate one person to Committee memberships:

- (a) Associate Administrator for:
  - (1) Aero-Space Technology.
  - (2) Space Science.
  - (3) Space Flight.
  - (4) External Relations.
  - (5) Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications.

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**Daniel S. Goldin,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### 18 CFR Part 35

[Docket No. RM00-2-000; Order No. 612]

#### Time Frame for Intervening in and Protesting Federal Power Act Section 205 Filings

Issued December 21, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is amending its regulations to provide that, absent a notice providing some other time period, a twenty-one (21) calendar

day time period from the date a Federal Power Act (FPA) section 205 rate filing is filed, amended, or supplemented will be provided for interested parties to file any protest or intervention in the proceeding. The final rule thus will give, in most cases, interested parties a date certain to file protests and interventions. The final rule will also provide consistency with already existing Natural Gas Act (NGA) section 4 natural gas rate filing procedures.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This final rule is effective January 27, 2000.

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