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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-SW-07-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS332C, L, L1, and L2 Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for Eurocopter France Model AS332C, L, L1, and L2 helicopters. This proposal would require inspecting the cockpit pedal unit adjustment lever (lever) for a crack at specified time intervals by either a borescope or by a dye-penetrant inspection and replacing any cracked lever with an airworthy lever before further flight. This proposal is prompted by reports of cracks detected in the lever. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent failure of the lever, loss of access to the brake pedals on the ground or loss of yaw control in flight, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 31, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001-SW-07-AD, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137. You may also send comments electronically to the Rules Docket at the following address: 9-asw-adcomments@faa.gov. Comments may be inspected at the Office of the Regional Counsel between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Grigg, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, Rotorcraft Directorate, Regulations Group, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0111, telephone (817) 222-5490, fax (817) 222-5961.

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 should 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 will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this document may be changed in light of the comments received.

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 mailed comments submitted in response to this proposal must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 2001-SW-07-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, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001-SW-07-AD, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137.

Discussion

The Direction Generale De L'Aviation Civile (DGAC), the airworthiness authority for France, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on Eurocopter France Model AS332 helicopters. The DGAC advises of several cases of failure of the lever,

which might lead to temporary loss of access to the brake pedals during aircraft taxiing or difficulties in ensuring the yaw control of the aircraft in flight.

Eurocopter France has issued Alert Service Telex No. 67.00.19 R1, dated November 14, 2000 (Telex). The Telex specifies inspecting the lever, part number (P/N) 332A27-2344-20, for a crack by either a borescope within 50 hours time-in-service (TIS) and at intervals not to exceed 500 hours TIS or by dye-penetrant inspection within 50 hours TIS and at intervals not to exceed 1500 hours TIS. The Telex also specifies replacing any cracked lever with an airworthy lever. The DGAC has classified this Telex as mandatory and issued AD Nos. 2000-487-017(A) and 2000-486-077(A), both dated December 13, 2000, to ensure the continued airworthiness of these helicopters in France.

These helicopter models are manufactured in France and are type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.29 and the applicable bilateral agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral agreement, the DGAC has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of the DGAC, reviewed all available information, and determined that AD action is necessary for products of these type designs that are certificated for operation in the United States.

We have identified an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on other Eurocopter France Model AS332C, L, L1, and L2 helicopters of the same type designs registered in the United States. Therefore, the proposed AD would require inspecting the lever for a crack and replacing any unairworthy lever, P/N 332A27-2344-20, with an airworthy lever. The actions would be required to be accomplished in accordance with the Telex described previously.

The FAA estimates that 3 helicopters of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD. The FAA also estimates the following requirements to accomplish the proposed AD: 2 work hours for a borescope inspection, 5 work hours for a dye-penetrant inspection, and 5 work hours to replace the lever unless accomplished during a dye-penetrant inspection in which no

additional work hours would be required. The average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Required parts would cost approximately \$200. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$1500 assuming an inspection using the dye-penetrant method and replacing each lever.

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 a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:

Eurocopter France: Docket No. 2001-SW-07-AD.

Applicability: Model AS332C, L, L1, and L2 helicopters, with a cockpit pedal unit adjustment lever (lever), part number (P/N) 332A27-2344-20, installed, certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each helicopter 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 helicopters 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 failure of the lever, loss of access to the brake pedals on the ground or loss of yaw control in flight, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter, accomplish the following:

(a) Inspect the lever for a crack, using either a borescope or dye-penetrant inspection, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of either paragraph C.C.3. or C.C.5., as applicable, of Eurocopter France Alert Telex 67.00.19R1, dated November 14, 2000, and Figure 1 of this AD as follows:

(1) For helicopters with 4450 or more hours time-in-service (TIS), inspect the lever within the next 50 hours TIS, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 500 hours TIS if performed by a borescope or 1500 hours TIS if performed by dye-penetrant.

(2) For helicopters with less than 4450 hours TIS, inspect the lever before accumulating 4500 hours TIS, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 500 hours TIS if performed by a borescope or 1500 hours TIS if performed by dye-penetrant.

(3) Replace any cracked lever with an airworthy lever before further flight.

Note 2: Returning a cracked lever to the manufacturer is not required by this AD nor are you required to inspect levers held as spares.

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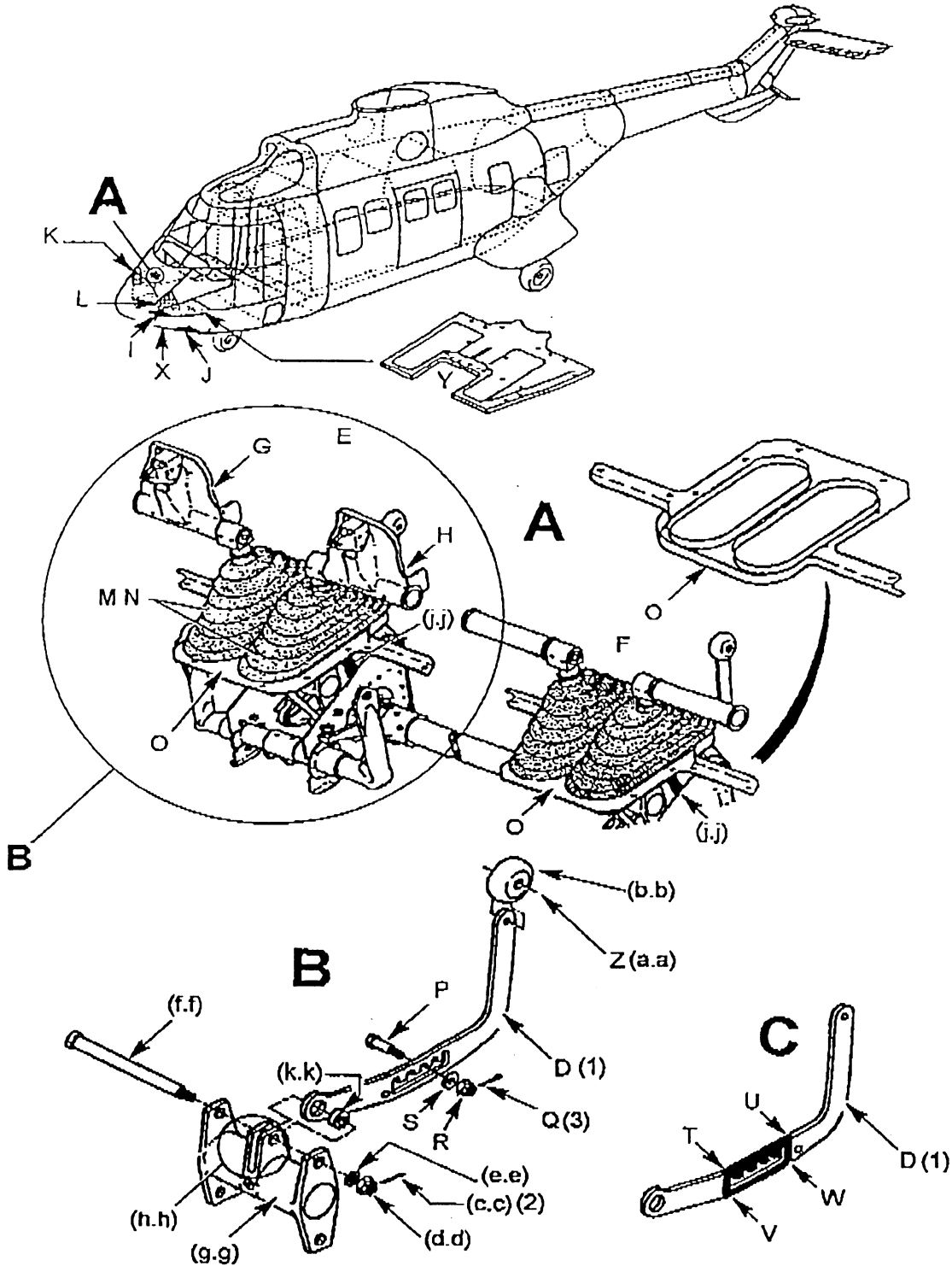


FIGURE 1

(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, Regulations Group, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Regulations Group.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Regulations Group.

(c) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with 14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199 to operate the helicopter to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Note 4: The subject of this AD is addressed in Direction Generale De L'Aviation Civile (France) AD Nos. 2000-487-017(A) and 2000-486-077(A), both dated December 13, 2000.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on October 16, 2001.

Eric Bries,

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Aircraft Certification Service.*

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 312

Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission ("the Commission") proposes amending the Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule ("the Rule") to extend the time period during which website operators may use an e-mail message from the parent, coupled with additional steps, to obtain verifiable parent consent for the collection of personal information from children for internal use by the website operator. The Commission proposes to extend the time period from April 21, 2002 until April 21, 2004.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until November 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, Room H-159, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. The Commission requests that commenters submit the original plus five copies, if feasible. To enable prompt review and public access, comments also should be submitted, if possible, in electronic form, on a 3½-inch computer disk, with a disk label stating the name of the

commenter and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document. (Programs based on DOS or Windows are preferred. Files from other operating systems should be submitted in ASCII text format.)

Alternatively, the Commission will accept comments submitted to the following e-mail address slidingscale@ftc.gov. Individual members of the public filing comments need not submit multiple copies or comments in electronic form. All submissions should be captioned: "Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule Amendment—Comment, P994504." Comments will be posted on the Commission's website: <http://www.ftc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Delaney, (202) 326-2903, Mamie Kresses, (202) 326-2070, or Kial Young, (202) 326-3525, Division of Advertising Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section A. Background

As part of the effort to protect children's online privacy, Congress enacted the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998, 15 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.* ("COPPA"), to prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices in connection with the collection, use, or disclosure of personally identifiable information from children on the Internet. On October 20, 1999, the Commission issued its final Rule implementing COPPA, which became effective on April 21, 2000.¹ The Rule imposes certain requirements on operators of websites or online services directed to children under 13 years of age, or other websites or online services that have actual knowledge that they have collected information from a child under 13 years of age. Among other things, the Rule requires that website operators obtain verifiable parental consent prior to collecting, using, or disclosing personal information from children under 13 years of age.

Section B. Obtaining Verifiable Parent Consent

The Rule provides that, "[a]ny method to obtain verifiable parental consent must be reasonably calculated, in light of available technology, to ensure that the person providing consent is the child's parent."² In order to allow time for reliable electronic

methods of verification to become widely available and affordable, the Rule sets forth a sliding scale approach to obtaining verifiable parental consent. For uses of personal information that will involve disclosing the information to the public or third parties, the Rule requires that website operators use the more reliable methods of obtaining verifiable parental consent. These methods include: using a print-and-send form that can be faxed or mailed back to the website operator; requiring a parent to use a credit card in connection with a transaction; having a parent call a toll-free telephone number staffed by trained personnel; using a digital certificate that uses public key technology; and using e-mail accompanied by a PIN or password obtained through one of the above methods.³

In contrast, if the website operator is collecting personal information for its internal use only, the Rule allows verifiable parental consent to be obtained through the use of an e-mail message from the parent, coupled with additional steps. Such additional steps are designed to provide assurances that the person providing the consent is the parent and include: sending a confirmatory e-mail to the parent after receiving consent; or obtaining a postal address or telephone number from the parent and confirming the parent's consent by letter or telephone call. The sliding scale is set to expire on April 21, 2002, at which time website operators must obtain verifiable parental consent using the more reliable methods for all uses of personal information.⁴

At the time it issued the final Rule, the Commission anticipated that the sliding scale was necessary only in the short term because the more reliable methods of obtaining verifiable parental consent would soon be widely available and affordable.⁵ At the present time, however, it appears that the expected progress in available technology has not occurred. The Commission therefore proposes to amend the Rule to extend the sliding scale mechanism for an additional two years to April 21, 2004 and requests public comment on this proposed extension of time.

Section C. Invitation To Comment

Before adopting this amendment as final, the Commission will give consideration to any written comments submitted to the Secretary of the Commission on or before November 30, 2001. Comments submitted will be

³ 16 CFR 312.5(b)(2).

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ 64 FR 59902 (1999).

¹ 64 FR 59888 (1999).

² 16 CFR 312.5(b)(1).