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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 97-NM-76-AD; Amendment 39-10052; AD 97-13-06]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB 340B and SAAB 2000 Series Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Saab Model SAAB 340B and SAAB 2000 series airplanes. This action requires an inspection of the fluorescent lamps in the cabin area to ensure correct installation, and correction, if necessary. This AD also requires an inspection of the lampholders to identify any discrepancies and to ensure the security of the back covers, and replacement of discrepant lampholders with new lampholders; installation of retaining clips on certain Page Aerospace lampholders; and reinspection of the lamps to ensure correct installation after replacement or reinstallation of the lamps or lampholders, and corrections, if necessary. This amendment is prompted by reports indicating that loose back covers on the lampholders and incorrect lamp installations have led to electrical arcing between fluorescent tube pins and lampholders and consequent charring or melting of the affected areas. The actions specified in this AD are intended to prevent such electrical arcing, which could burn the surrounding area and lead to smoke and fumes in the passenger compartment or lavatory area.

**DATES:** Effective July 7, 1997.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of July 7, 1997.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before August 19, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 97-NM-76-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from SAAB Aircraft AB, SAAB Aircraft Product Support, S-581.88, Linköping, Sweden. This information may be examined 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.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Harder, Aerospace Engineer, Standardization Branch, ANM-113, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-1721; fax (425) 227-1149.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Luftfartsverket (LFV), which is the airworthiness authority for Sweden, recently notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain Saab Model SAAB 340B and SAAB 2000 series airplanes. The LFV advises of reports of fluorescent lampholder charring due to the incorrect installation of fluorescent lamps in their holders; this condition resulted in smoke emission. A number of failures have occurred in airplanes equipped with Page Aerospace lampholders, where loose back covers have led to electrical arcing between the fluorescent tube pins and lampholders. Such incorrect installation or a loose back cover, if not corrected, could result in electrical arcing, which could burn the surrounding area and lead to smoke and fumes in the passenger compartment or lavatory area.

#### Explanation of Relevant Service Information

Saab has issued the following service bulletins:

- Service Bulletin 340-33-047, dated May 16, 1997 (for Model SAAB 340B series airplanes);
- Service Bulletin 340-33-040, Revision 02, dated February 20, 1997 (for Model SAAB 340B series airplanes);
- Service Bulletin 2000-33-014, dated May 16, 1997 (for Model SAAB 2000 series airplanes); and
- Service Bulletin 2000-33-009, dated June 19, 1996 (for Model SAAB 2000 series airplanes).

These service bulletins describe procedures for inspecting the fluorescent lamps in the cabin area to ensure correct installation, and making corrections, if necessary; inspecting the

lampholders for such discrepancies as discoloration, evidence of electrical arcing at the light tube pins, and charring or melting; and ensuring the security of the back covers of the lampholders. In addition, these service bulletins describe procedures for replacing any discrepant lampholder with a new lampholder; installing retaining clips on Page Aerospace lampholders; and reinspecting the lamps to ensure correct installation after replacement or reinstallation of the lamps or lampholders, and corrections, if necessary.

The LFV classified these service bulletins as mandatory and issued Swedish airworthiness directive (SAD) 1-103R1, dated January 30, 1997; SAD 1-113, dated May 26, 1997; and SAD 1-114, dated May 26, 1997; in order to assure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in Sweden.

#### FAA's Conclusions

These airplane models are manufactured in Sweden 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, the LFV has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of the LFV, 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 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, this AD is being issued to prevent electrical arcing between the fluorescent tube pins and the lampholders, which could burn the surrounding area and lead to smoke and fumes in the passenger compartment or lavatory area. This AD requires an inspection of the fluorescent lamps in the cabin area to ensure correct installation, and corrections, if necessary. This AD also requires an inspection of the lampholders to identify any discrepancies and to ensure the security of the back covers, and replacement of discrepant lampholders with new lampholders; installation of retaining clips on certain Page Aerospace lampholders; and reinspection of the lamps to ensure

correct installation after replacement or reinstallation of the lamps or lampholders, and corrections, if necessary. These actions are required to be accomplished in accordance with the service bulletins described previously.

#### Interim Action

This is considered to be interim action until final action is identified, at which time the FAA may consider further rulemaking.

#### Determination of Rule's Effective Date

Since a situation exists that requires the immediate adoption of this regulation, it is found that notice and opportunity for prior public comment hereon are impracticable, and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective in less than 30 days.

#### Comments Invited

Although this action is in the form of a final rule that involves requirements affecting flight safety and, thus, was not preceded by notice and an opportunity for public comment, comments are invited on this rule. Interested persons are invited to comment on this 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 under the caption **ADDRESSES**. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered, and this rule may be amended in light of the comments received. Factual information that supports the commenter's ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of the AD action and determining whether additional rulemaking action would be needed.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to modify the 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 that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this AD will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this rule must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 97-NM-76-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

#### Regulatory Impact

The regulations adopted herein will not have substantial direct effects 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, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this final rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

The FAA has determined that this regulation is an emergency regulation that must be issued immediately to correct an unsafe condition in aircraft, and that it is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866. It has been determined further that this action involves an emergency regulation under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979). If it is determined that this emergency regulation otherwise would be significant under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures, a final regulatory evaluation will be prepared and placed in the Rules Docket. A copy of it, if filed, 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:

##### 97-13-06 SAAB AIRCRAFT AB:

Amendment 39-10052. Docket 97-NM-76-AD.

**Applicability:** Model SAAB 340B series airplanes, having serial numbers -342 and -359 through -439 inclusive; and SAAB 2000 series airplanes, having serial numbers -004 through -059 inclusive; certificated in any category.

**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 (d) 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 electrical arcing between the fluorescent tube pins and the lampholders, which could burn the surrounding area and lead to smoke and fumes in the passenger compartment or lavatory area, accomplish the following:

(a) Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, accomplish the actions required by paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3).

(1) For all airplanes: Inspect the fluorescent lamps installed in the ceiling/window of the lavatory and passenger compartment to ensure correct installation; and inspect the lampholders for discrepancies such as discoloration, evidence of electrical arcing at the light tube pins, charring or melting, or insecure back covers; in accordance with Saab Service Bulletin 340-33-047, dated May 16, 1997 (for Model SAAB 340B series airplanes); or Saab Service Bulletin 2000-33-014, dated May 16, 1997 (for Model SAAB 2000 series airplanes); as applicable.

(i) If any lamp is installed incorrectly, prior to further flight, install the lamp correctly in accordance with the applicable service bulletin.

(ii) If any discrepancy is found, prior to further flight, replace the lampholder with a new lampholder in accordance with the applicable service bulletin.

(2) For Model SAAB 340B series airplanes on which a Page Aerospace lampholder having part number (P/N) D756-02-001 is installed: Install a retaining clip in accordance with Saab Service Bulletin 340-33-040, Revision 02, dated February 20, 1997.

**Note 2:** Installation of retaining clips on Page Aerospace lampholders that was accomplished prior to the effective date of this AD in accordance with Saab Service Bulletin 340-33-040, Revision 01, dated January 31, 1997, also is considered acceptable for compliance with the requirement of paragraph (a)(2) of this AD.

(3) For Model SAAB 2000 series airplanes on which a Page Aerospace lampholder having P/N C756-10-001 is installed: Install a retaining clip in accordance with Saab Service Bulletin 2000-33-009, dated June 19, 1996.

(b) Following the accomplishment of the requirements of paragraph (a) of this AD: If any fluorescent lamp or lampholder is replaced or reinstalled, within 7 days after accomplishing such replacement or reinstallation, reinspect the lamp to ensure it is still in the correct position, in accordance with Saab Service Bulletin 340-33-047, dated May 16, 1997 (for Model SAAB 340B

series airplanes); or Saab Service Bulletin 2000-33-014, dated May 16, 1997 (for Model SAAB 2000 series airplanes); as applicable. If any lamp is installed incorrectly, prior to further flight, make corrections to ensure correct installation in accordance with the applicable service bulletin.

(c) As of the effective date of this AD, no person shall install a fluorescent lampholder having Page Aerospace P/N D756-02-001 or Page Aerospace P/N C756-10-001 on any Model SAAB 340B or SAAB 2000 series airplane, unless the lampholder has been modified in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (a)(2) or (a)(3) of this AD, as applicable.

(d) 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, Standardization Branch, ANM-113, 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, Standardization Branch, ANM-113.

**Note 3:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Standardization Branch, ANM-113.

(e) 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.

(f) The modifications shall be done in accordance with Saab Service Bulletin 340-33-047, dated May 16, 1997; Service Bulletin 340-33-040, Revision 02, dated February 20, 1997 (for Model SAAB 340B series airplanes); Service Bulletin 2000-33-014, dated May 16, 1997; and Service Bulletin 2000-33-009, dated June 19, 1996 (for Model SAAB 2000 series airplanes); 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 SAAB Aircraft AB, SAAB Aircraft Product Support, S-581.88, Linköping, Sweden. 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.

(g) This amendment becomes effective on July 7, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### 29 CFR Part 1915

[Docket No. S-045]

RIN 1218-AA74

#### Personal Protective Equipment for Shipyard Employment; Effective Date and Office of Management and Budget Control Numbers Under Paperwork Reduction Act

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Final rule; amendment; announcement of effective date and OMB approval of information collection requirements.

**SUMMARY:** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is announcing that the collections of information regarding § 1915.152(b), hazard assessment and equipment selection, § 1915.152(e), training, § 1915.159(d), personal fall arrest systems training, and § 1915.160(d), positioning device systems training have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This document announces the effective dates of those paragraphs and the OMB approval number 1218-0215. It also adds the OMB number to the CFR.

**DATES:** The amendment in this final rule and §§ 1915.152 (b) and (e), 1915.159(d) and 1915.160(d) published at 61 FR 26352 and corrected at 61 FR 29957 are effective July 21, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chappell Pierce, Director, OSHA Office of Fire Protection Engineering and Systems Safety Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, N3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. 20210. Telephone (202) 219-7216, ext. 111.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** of May 24, 1996, (61 FR 26322), the agency announced that the information collection request for the final rule on Personal Protective Equipment for Shipyards had been submitted to OMB for review and clearance. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), OMB has approved the information collection and assigned OMB control number 1218-0215. The approval expires on April 30, 2000. Under 5 CFR 1320.5(b), an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless: (1) The collection

displays a valid control number; and (2) the agency informs potential persons who may respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Sections 1915.152 (b) and (e), 1915.159(d) and 1915.160(d) are effective July 21, 1997.

#### Authority and Signature

This document was prepared under the direction of Gregory R. Watchman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

#### List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 1915

Hazardous substances, Longshore and harbor workers, Occupational safety and health, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Vessels.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 13th day of June 1997.

**Gregory R. Watchman,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

Accordingly, OSHA amends 29 CFR part 1915 as set forth below.

#### PART 1915—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 1915 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** Sec. 41, Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 941); secs. 4, 6, 8, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 653, 655, 657); Secretary of Labor's order No. 12-71 (36 FR 8754), 8-76 (41 FR 25059), 9-83 (48 FR 35736) or 1-90 (55 FR 9033), as applicable; 29 CFR part 1911.

Section 1915.100 also issued under Section 29, Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act of 1990 (49 U.S.C. 1801-1891 and 5 U.S.C. 553).

2. Section 1915.8 is amended by removing the existing entry for § 1910.152 and by adding (in numerical order) the following entities to read as follows:

#### § 1915.8 OMB control numbers under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

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1915.152(b) .....				1218-0215
1915.152(e) .....				1218-0215
1915.159(d) .....				1218-0215
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