

PART 900—DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS

1. The authority citation for part 900 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552; 12 U.S.C. 1422b(a), 1423.

2. The appendix to subpart A of part 900 is designated as appendix A to subpart A of part 900, the appendix heading is revised, and the parenthetical under FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK DISTRICT 12 is revised to read as follows:

Appendix A to Subpart A of Part 900—Federal Home Loan Banks

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Federal Home Loan Bank District 12
(Alaska, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming)

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PART 932—ORGANIZATION OF THE BANKS

3. The authority citation for part 932 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1422, 1422a, 1422b, 1423, 1426, 1427, 1432; 42 U.S.C. 8101 *et seq.*

4. Section 932.11 is amended by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 932.11 Location of member.

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(b) For purposes of this part, members with a principal place of business located in the Virgin Islands of the United States shall be deemed to be located in Puerto Rico, and members with a principal place of business located in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or Guam, shall be deemed to be located in Hawaii.

PART 933—MEMBERS OF THE BANKS

5. The authority citation for part 933 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1422, 1422a, 1422b, 1423, 1424, 1426, 1430, 1442.

6. Section 933.1 is amended by revising paragraph (cc) to read as follows:

§ 933.1 Definitions.

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(cc) *State* includes a State of the United States, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Dated: September 15, 1997.

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By the Board of Directors of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Bruce A. Morrison,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. 97-ANE-28-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company (GE) GE90-76B Model Turbofan Engines

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 General Electric Company (GE) GE90-76B model turbofan engines. This proposed AD would require reduced life limits for certain rotating components installed in GE90-76B engines. This proposal is prompted by the results of a refined life analysis performed by the manufacturer which revealed minimum calculated low cycle fatigue lives lower than the published low cycle fatigue retirement lives for certain rotating components installed in the GE90-76B engines. If not corrected, this condition could result in a low cycle fatigue failure of a rotating component and possibly an uncontained engine failure.

DATES: Comments must be received by November 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 97-ANE-28-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299. Comments also may be submitted to the Rules Docket by using the following Internet address: "9-ad-engineprop@faa.dot.gov". All comments must contain the Docket No. in the subject line of the comment. Comments may be inspected at this location between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from General Electric Company Technical Services, Attention: Leader for distribution/microfilm, 10525 Chester

Road, Cincinnati, OH 45215, telephone (513) 672-8400 Ext. 114, Fax (513) 672-8422. This information may be examined at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Golinski, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; Telephone (617) 238-7135, Fax (617) 238-7199.

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, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this notice 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 comments submitted in response to this notice must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 97-ANE-28-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, New England Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 97-ANE-28-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299.

Discussion

As part of the substantiation for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) certification of the GE90-92B engine, GE submitted an analysis to the

FAA defining the low cycle fatigue life of GE 90 rotating components. The analysis included an updated material property data base and other refinements that resulted in a reduction of the published low cycle fatigue retirement life limit for certain rotating components. The FAA has determined that this AD is necessary to mandate reduced life limits for certain rotating components installed in GE90-76B engines. If not corrected, this condition could result in a low cycle fatigue failure of a rotating component and possibly an uncontained engine failure.

The FAA has reviewed and approved the technical contents of General Electric Company GE90 Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. 72-A318, dated June 27, 1997, that describes reduced life limits for certain rotating components. Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other products of this same type design, the proposed AD would require reduced life limits for certain rotating components. The actions would be required to be accomplished in accordance with the ASB described previously.

There are approximately twenty-five engines of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The manufacturer has advised the FAA that there are currently no engines installed on aircraft of U.S. registry that would be affected by this proposed AD. Therefore, there is no associated cost impact on U.S. operators as a result of this proposed AD.

The FAA estimates that the most representative engines would have four of the seven life-limited-reduced components installed. Assuming the four components are the High Pressure Compressor Rotor (HPCR) 2-6 spool, HPCR stage 7 disk, HPCR CDP seal and the Low Pressure Turbine cone shaft and that the parts cost is proportional to the reduction of the low cycle fatigue retirement lives, the required parts would cost approximately \$189,123 per engine. Based on these figures, the FAA estimates the total cost impact of this proposed AD would be \$189,123 per engine.

The regulations proposed herein would 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 proposal would not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

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:

General Electric Company: Docket No. 97-ANE-28-AD.

Applicability: General Electric Company (GE) GE90-76B model turbofan engines installed on but not limited to Boeing 777 aircraft.

Note 1: This airworthiness directive (AD) applies to each engine identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For engines 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 (c) 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 low cycle fatigue failure of a rotating component and possibly an uncontained engine failure, accomplish the following:

(a) Remove from service those components listed in Table 1 of GE Alert Service Bulletin

(ASB) No. 72-A318, dated June 27, 1997, and replace with a serviceable component, prior to exceeding the new cyclic life limits established in paragraph (d) of ASB No. 72-A318, dated June 27, 1997.

Note 2: These revised component life limits will be added to the GE90 Engine Manual, Chapter 05-11-00, Life Limits 001 in the August 1, 1997, Revision.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this AD, no replacement times may be approved for these parts.

(c) 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, Engine Certification Office. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Engine Certification Office.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this airworthiness directive, if any, may be obtained from the Engine Certification Office.

(d) 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 aircraft to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on September 18, 1997.

Mark C. Fulmer,

Acting Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 312

[Docket No. 97N-0030]

Investigational New Drug Applications; Proposed Amendment to Clinical Hold Regulations for Products Intended for Life-Threatening Diseases

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing to amend the provisions of its regulations governing investigational new drug applications (IND's) to permit FDA to place a clinical hold on one or more studies under an IND involving a drug that is intended to treat a life-threatening disease affecting both genders if men or women with reproductive potential who have the disease and are otherwise eligible but are excluded from participation in an