

## Regulatory Impact

Since this action only withdraws a notice of proposed rulemaking, it is neither a proposed nor a final rule and therefore is not covered under Executive Order 12866, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, or DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979).

## List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

## The Withdrawal

Accordingly, the notice of proposed rulemaking, Docket 92–NM–206–AD, published in the **Federal Register** on April 9, 1993 (58 FR 18347), is withdrawn.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 7, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 95–NM–202–AD]

**RIN 2120–AA64**

#### **Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream G–1159 (G–II), G–1159A (G–III), and G–1159B (G–IIB) Series Airplanes**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** This action withdraws a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that proposed a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to all Gulfstream G–1159 (G–II), G–1159A (G–III), and G–1159B (G–IIB) series airplanes. That action would have required a one-time inspection to detect corrosion of the material layers of the lower aft fuselage skin in Fuselage Station (FS) 580 bulkhead assembly, and repair, if necessary. The proposal also would have required modification of the aft fuselage area and various follow-on actions. Since the issuance of the NPRM, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has received new data from the manufacturer verifying that all airplanes have accomplished those actions. Accordingly, the proposed rule is withdrawn.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Neil Berryman, Aerospace Engineer, Systems

and Flight Test Branch, ACE–116A, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, Atlanta Aircraft Certification, One Crown Center, 1895 Phoenix Boulevard, suite 450, Atlanta, Georgia 30349; telephone (770) 703–6098; fax (770) 703–6097.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to add a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to all Gulfstream G–1159 (G–II), G–1159A (G–III), and G–1159B (G–IIB) series airplanes, was published in the **Federal Register** as a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on June 24, 1996 (61 FR 32369). The proposed rule would have required a one-time inspection to detect corrosion of the material layers of the lower aft fuselage skin in Fuselage Station (FS) 580 bulkhead assembly, and repair, if necessary. The proposal also would have required modification of the aft fuselage area and various follow-on actions. That action was prompted by reports of varying levels of corrosion in the structure at FS 580. The proposed actions were intended to prevent the retention of moisture in the fuselage structure, and subsequent corrosion in FS 580 bulkhead assembly, which could result in reduced structural capability of the skin joint and resultant depressurization of the airplane.

#### **Actions That Occurred Since the NPRM Was Issued**

Since the issuance of that NPRM, Gulfstream has provided evidence to the FAA that the actions proposed in the NPRM have been accomplished on all affected airplanes. (Evidence was provided to the FAA in Gulfstream's letter of May 30, 2000, which is filed in the Rules Docket.)

#### **FAA's Conclusions**

Upon further consideration, the FAA has determined that the unsafe condition no longer exists on the subject airplanes. Accordingly, the proposed rule is hereby withdrawn.

Withdrawal of this notice of proposed rulemaking constitutes only such action, and does not preclude the agency from issuing another notice in the future, nor does it commit the agency to any course of action in the future.

#### **Regulatory Impact**

Since this action only withdraws a notice of proposed rulemaking, it is neither a proposed nor a final rule and therefore is not covered under Executive Order 12866, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, or DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979).

## List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

## The Withdrawal

Accordingly, the notice of proposed rulemaking, Docket 95–NM–202–AD, published in the **Federal Register** on June 24, 1996 (61 FR 32369), is withdrawn.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 96–NM–90–AD]

**RIN 2120–AA64**

#### **Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Model G–1159 (G–II), G–1159A (G–III), and G–1159B (G–IIB) Series Airplanes**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** This action withdraws a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that proposed a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to all Gulfstream Model G–1159 (G–II), G–1159A (G–III), and G–1159B (G–IIB) series airplanes. That action would have required inspections to detect cracking and/or corrosion at various locations of the wings, and modification of cracked and/or corroded parts. Since the issuance of the NPRM, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has received new data verifying that all affected airplanes have complied with the requirements proposed by that NPRM. Accordingly, the proposed rule is withdrawn.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Neil Berryman, Aerospace Engineer, Systems and Flight Test Branch, ACE–116A, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, Atlanta Aircraft Certification, One Crown Center, 1895 Phoenix Boulevard, suite 450, Atlanta, Georgia 30349; telephone (770) 703–6098; fax (770) 703–6097.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to add a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to all Gulfstream Model G–

1159 (G–II), G–1159A (G–III), and G–1159B (G–IIB) series airplanes, was published in the **Federal Register** as a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on May 8, 1996 (61 FR 20764). The proposed rule would have required inspections to detect cracking and/or corrosion at various locations of the wings, and modification of cracked and/or corroded parts. That action was prompted by a report indicating that cracks, caused by stress corrosion, were found at various locations at buttock line (BL) 0 to BL 19 of the lower wing plank. The proposed actions were intended to prevent such stress corrosion, which could result in structural failure of the wing under certain load conditions.

#### Actions that Occurred Since the NPRM Was Issued

Since the issuance of that NPRM, Gulfstream has provided evidence to the FAA that the actions proposed in the NPRM have been accomplished on all affected airplanes. (Evidence was provided to the FAA in Gulfstream's letter of May 30, 2000, which is filed in the Rules Docket.)

#### FAA's Conclusions

Upon further consideration, the FAA has determined that requiring the modification specified in the NPRM (Rules Docket 96–NM–90–AD) is unnecessary since the unsafe condition no longer exists. Accordingly, the proposed rule is hereby withdrawn.

Withdrawal of this notice of proposed rulemaking constitutes only such action, and does not preclude the agency from issuing another notice in the future, nor does it commit the agency to any course of action in the future.

#### Regulatory Impact

Since this action only withdraws a notice of proposed rulemaking, it is neither a proposed nor a final rule and therefore is not covered under Executive Order 12866, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, or DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979).

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

#### The Withdrawal

Accordingly, the notice of proposed rulemaking, Docket 96–NM–90–AD, published in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 1996 (61 FR 20764), is withdrawn.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2000–NM–62–AD]

**RIN 2120–AA64**

#### Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Series Airplanes

**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 certain Airbus Model A330 and A340 series airplanes. This proposal would require repetitive inspections to check for backlash of the spherical bearing of the active aileron servo-controls, and follow-on corrective actions, if necessary. This proposal also provides optional terminating action for the repetitive inspections. This action is necessary to detect and correct excess backlash of the spherical bearing of the active aileron servo-controls, which could result in failure of the active aileron servo-controls and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by July 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000–NM–62–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: 9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via the Internet must contain “Docket No. 2000–NM–62–AD” in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Airbus Industrie, 1 Rond Point Maurice

Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Norman B. Martenson, Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056; telephone (425) 227–2110; fax (425) 227–1149.

#### 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 shall 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.

Submit comments using the following format:

- Organize comments issue-by-issue. For example, discuss a request to change the compliance time and a request to change the service bulletin reference as two separate issues.
- For each issue, state what specific change to the proposed AD is being requested.
- Include justification (e.g., reasons or data) for each request.

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 2000–NM–62–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, Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No.