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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

10 CFR Part 430

[Docket Number: EE-RM/STD-01-375]

RIN: 1904-AB06

Energy Efficiency Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Unitary Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop and availability of the framework document for commercial unitary air conditioner and heat pump efficiency standards.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE or Department) will hold an informal public workshop to discuss and receive comments on issues it will address and initiate the data collection process for the commercial unitary air conditioner and heat pump efficiency standards. The data collected will be used in considering the adoption of American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc. (ASHRAE)/Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) Standard 90.1-1999 or initiating amended energy conservation standards for commercial unitary air conditioners and heat pumps. This effort is based on the recommendations as addressed in the May 2001, National Energy Policy report which supports the appliance standards program for covered products, setting higher standards where technologically feasible and economically justified. The Department also encourages written comments on these subjects. To facilitate this process, the Department has prepared a Framework Document, a draft of which was made available on June 18, 2001.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written comments should be submitted by October 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-245, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. (Please note that foreign nationals visiting DOE Headquarters are subject to advance security screening procedures. If you are a foreign national and wish to participate in the workshop, please inform DOE of this fact as soon as possible by contacting Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at (202) 586-2945 so that the necessary procedures can be completed.)

On June 18, 2001, the draft Framework Document was placed on the DOE website at: http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/codes_standards/index.htm

Written comments are welcome, especially following the workshop. Please submit written comments to: Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Unitary Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps, Docket Number: EE-RM/STD-01-375, EE-41, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-2945; Telefax: (202) 586-4617. You should label comments both on the envelope and on the documents and submit them for DOE receipt by October 12, 2001. Please submit one signed copy and a computer diskette (WordPerfect 8) or 10 copies (no telefacsimiles). The Department will also accept electronically-mailed comments, e-mailed to Brenda.Edwards-Jones@ee.doe.gov, but you must supplement such comments with a signed hard copy.

Copies of the transcript of the public workshop, the public comments received, the Framework Document, and this notice may be read at the Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-3142, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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bryan.berringer@ee.doe.gov, or Francine Pinto, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, GC-72, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0103, (202) 586-7432, email: francine.pinto@hq.doe.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The May 2001, National Energy Policy report by the National Energy Policy Development Group (NEPD Group) recommends support for the appliance standards program for covered products, setting higher standards where technologically feasible and economically justified. The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, Pub. L. 94-163, as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPACT), Pub. L. 102-486, establishes energy efficiency standards for certain commercial heating and air conditioning equipment which includes commercial unitary air conditioners and heat pumps. On October 29, 1999, the efficiency standards found in American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc. (ASHRAE)/Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) Standard 90.1-1999 (ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-1999) were amended for these products. On March 1, 2000, the Department published a notice of preliminary screening analysis to decide which of the ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-1999 standards should be adopted immediately and which to analyze further. 65 FR 10984. On January 12, 2001, the Department published a final rule adopting the ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-1999 level for 18 product categories and made a decision to further evaluate other products. 66 FR 3336. In the final rule, DOE determined that further analysis was warranted for commercial unitary air conditioners and heat pumps. This conclusion was based on DOE's screening analysis. The Department is considering more stringent standards than those adopted by ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-1999.

Today's notice, the subject Framework Document, and workshop

mark the next steps in collecting additional data to determine whether to adopt ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-1999 or amend the energy conservation standards for commercial unitary air conditioners and heat pumps covered by the statute.

The Department has prepared the Framework Document to explain and discuss the process, analyses, and issues concerning the development of such standards. For many of the issues and analyses, the Framework Document sets forth approaches that the Department is considering.

The main focus of the workshop will be to discuss the analyses and issues contained in various sections of the Framework Document. For each item listed, the Department will make a presentation with discussion to follow. In addition, the Department will also make a brief presentation on the rulemaking process for commercial unitary air conditioners and heat pumps. The Department encourages those who wish to participate in the workshop to obtain the Framework Document and be prepared to discuss its contents. However, workshop participants need not limit their discussions to these topics. The Department is also interested in receiving views concerning other issues that participants believe would affect energy conservation standards for commercial unitary air conditioners and heat pumps. The Department also welcomes all interested parties, whether or not they participate in the workshop, to submit in writing by October 12, 2001, comments and information on the matters addressed in the Framework Document and on other matters relevant to consideration of standards for commercial unitary air conditioners and heat pumps.

The workshop will be conducted in an informal, conference style. A court reporter will be present to record the minutes of the meeting. There shall be no discussion of proprietary information, costs or prices, market shares, or other commercial matters regulated by the U.S. antitrust laws.

After the workshop and expiration of the period for submitting written statements, the Department will begin collecting data and conducting the analyses as discussed at the workshop and in consideration of the comments received.

If you would like to participate in the workshop, receive workshop materials, or be added to the DOE mailing list to receive future notices and information regarding commercial unitary air conditioners and heat pumps, please

contact Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at (202) 586-2945.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-NM-208-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 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 all Fokker Model F.28 series airplanes. This proposal would require replacing the main landing gear (MLG) torque link dampers with modified and reidentified dampers. This action is necessary to prevent degradation of the dampers, which could result in MLG high amplitude oscillation in a lateral torsional mode, and consequent MLG damage or separation of the MLG from the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001-NM-208-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 be submitted via fax to (425) 227-1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: 9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain "Docket No. 2001-NM-208-AD" in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from

Fokker Services B.V., P.O. Box 231, 2150 AE Nieuw-Vennep, the Netherlands. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Rodina, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2125; 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 action 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 action must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 2001-NM-208-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,