

Administrator, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, to correct any typographical errors which may have been made in this marketing agreement.

Effective date. This marketing agreement shall become effective upon the execution of a counterpart hereof by the Department in accordance with Section 900.14(a) of the aforesaid rules of practice and procedure.

In Witness Whereof, The contracting handlers, acting under the provisions of the Act, for the purposes and subject to the limitations herein contained and not otherwise, have hereunto set their respective hands and seals.

Signature

By (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: May 21, 2010.

**Rayne Pegg,**

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 23

[Docket No. CE307; Notice No. 23-10-01-SC]

#### **Special Conditions: AeroMech, Incorporated; Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, Model B200 and Other Aircraft Listed in Table 1, Approved Model List (AML); Installation of MD835 Lithium Ion Battery**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed special conditions.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes special conditions for the AeroMech, Incorporated; Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, model B200 and other part 23 aircraft listed on the AML. These airplanes as modified by AeroMech, Incorporated will have a novel or unusual design feature(s) associated

with installation of the Mid-Continent Instruments MD835 Lithium Ion (Li-ion) battery. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These proposed special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.

**DATES:** We must receive your comments by July 14, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail two copies of your comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Regional Counsel, ACE-7, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. You may deliver two copies to the Small Airplane Directorate at the above address. Mark your comments: Docket No. CE307. You may inspect comments in the Rules Docket weekdays, except Federal holidays, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Brady, Regulations and Policy Branch, ACE-111, Federal Aviation Administration, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106; telephone (816) 329-4132; facsimile (816) 329-4090.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Comments Invited**

We invite interested persons to submit written data, views, or arguments as they desire. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the special conditions, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. We ask that you send us two copies of written comments.

We will file in the docket all comments we receive, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning these special conditions. You may inspect the docket before and after the comment closing date. If you wish to review the docket in person, go to the address in the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

We will consider all comments we receive on or before the closing date for comments. We will consider comments

filed late if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. We may change these special conditions based on the comments we receive.

If you want the FAA to acknowledge receipt of your comments on this proposal, include with your comments a pre-addressed, stamped postcard on which the docket number appears. We will stamp the date on the postcard and mail it back to you.

#### **Background**

On September 18, 2009, AeroMech, Incorporated applied for a supplemental type certificate AML for installation of the Mid-Continent Instruments MD835 Li-ion battery in the Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, B200 and other aircraft listed on the AML. The AML covers part 23 aircraft that currently use the PS-835 lead-acid emergency battery.

The current regulatory requirements for part 23 airplanes do not contain adequate requirements for the application of Li-ion batteries in airborne applications. AeroMech, Incorporated proposes to replace an existing L-3 Communications PS-835 lead-acid emergency battery with a Mid-Continent Instruments MD835 Li-ion battery on part 23 aircraft currently equipped with the PS-835 battery. This type of battery possesses certain failure, operational, and maintenance characteristics that differ significantly from that of the nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd) and lead-acid rechargeable batteries currently approved in other normal, utility, acrobatic, and commuter category airplanes.

#### **Type Certification Basis**

Under the provisions of § 21.101, AeroMech, Incorporated must show that the Hawker Beechcraft Corporation B200 and other aircraft listed on the AML continue to meet the applicable provisions of the regulations incorporated by reference in the type certificate of each model listed and the applicable regulations in effect on the date of application for the change. The regulations incorporated by reference in the type certificate are commonly referred to as the "original type certification basis." The certification basis for each model qualified for this modification is detailed below.

TABLE 1—APPROVED MODEL LIST

Aircraft make	Aircraft model	TCDS	Certification basis for alteration
Aero Vodochody .....	Ae 270 .....	A58CE Rev 3 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23-59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Cessna .....	441 .....	A28CE .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23-59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.

TABLE 1—APPROVED MODEL LIST—Continued

Aircraft make	Aircraft model	TCDS	Certification basis for alteration
Cessna .....	401, 402, 411, 414, 421, 425 .....	A7CE .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Cessna .....	501, 551 .....	A27CE Rev 17 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Cessna .....	525, 525A, 525B, .....	A1WI Rev 17 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Cessna .....	510 .....	A00014WI Rev 3 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Dornier .....	228–100/–101/–200/–201/–202/–212 .....	A16EU .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Embraer .....	EMB–500 .....	A59CE Rev 0 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Embraer .....	EMB–110P1, EMB110P2 .....	A21SO Rev 6 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Hawker Beechcraft .....	C90, C90A, C90GT, B90, E90, H90, C90GTi .....	3A20 Rev 69 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Hawker Beechcraft .....	200, 200C, 200CT, 200T, B200, B200C, B200CT, B200GT, B200CGT B200T, 300, 300LW, B300, B300C, 1900C, 1900D .....	A24CE Rev 98 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Hawker Beechcraft .....	99, 99A, A99, A99A, B99, C99 .....	A14CE Rev 37 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Hawker Beechcraft .....	390 .....	A00010WI Rev 8 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Learjet .....	23 .....	A5CE Rev 10 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
M7 Aerospace .....	SA226-T, SA226-AT, SA227-AT, SA227-TT ..	A5SW Rev 26 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Pacific Aerospace .....	750XL .....	A50CE Rev 3 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Piaggio .....	P–180 .....	A59EU Rev 18 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Pilatus .....	PC–12 .....	A78EU Rev 19 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Socata .....	TBM 700 .....	A60EU Rev 18 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Twin Commander .....	680, 680E, 680F, 680FL, 680T, 680V, 680W, 681, 690, 690A, 690B, 690C, 690D, 695, 695A, 695B .....	2A4 Rev 47 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.
Viking Air .....	DHC–6–1/–100/–200/–300 .....	A9EA Rev 13 .....	14 CFR part 23 amdt 23–59, except for 14 CFR 23.1308.

If the Administrator finds that the applicable airworthiness regulations (i.e., 14 CFR part 23) do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for the Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, B200 and other aircraft listed on the AML, because of a novel or unusual design feature, special conditions are prescribed under the provisions of § 21.16. The FAA issues special conditions, as defined in § 11.19, under § 11.38 and they become part of the type certification basis under § 21.101.

Special conditions are initially applicable to the model for which they are issued. Should the applicant apply for a supplemental type certificate AML to modify any other model to incorporate the same or similar novel or unusual design feature, the special conditions would also apply to the other model under § 21.101.

#### Novel or Unusual Design Features

*The Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, B200 and other aircraft listed on the*

*AML will incorporate the following novel or unusual design features:*

AeroMech, Incorporated proposes to replace an existing L–3 Communications PS–835 lead-acid emergency battery with a Mid-Continent Instruments MD835 Li-ion battery on part 23 aircraft currently equipped with the PS–835 battery. This type of battery possesses certain failure, operational characteristics, and maintenance requirements that differ significantly from that of the Ni-Cd and lead-acid rechargeable batteries currently approved in other normal, utility, acrobatic, and commuter category airplanes.

#### Discussion

The applicable part 21 and part 23 airworthiness regulations governing the installation of batteries in general aviation airplanes, including § 23.1353 were derived from Civil Air Regulations (CAR 3) as part of the recodification that established 14 CFR part 23. The battery

requirements, which were identified as § 23.1353, were basically a rewording of the CAR requirements that did not add any substantive technical requirements. An increase in incidents involving battery fires and failures that accompanied the increased use of Ni-Cd batteries in airplanes resulted in rulemaking activities on the battery requirements for business jet and commuter category airplanes. These regulations were incorporated into § 23.1353(f) and (g), which apply only to Ni-Cd battery installations.

The proposed use of Li-ion batteries on the Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, B200 and other aircraft listed on the AML has prompted the FAA to review the adequacy of the existing battery regulations with respect to that chemistry. As the result of this review, the FAA has determined that the existing regulations do not adequately address several failure, operational, and maintenance characteristics of Li-ion batteries that could affect safety of the

battery installation and the reliability of the electrical power supply on the Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, B200 and other aircraft listed on the AML.

Li-ion batteries in general are significantly more susceptible to internal failures that can result in self-sustaining increases in temperature and pressure (*i.e.*, thermal runaway) than their Ni-Cd and lead-acid counterparts. This is especially true for overcharging a Li-ion, which will likely result in explosion, fire, or both. Certain types of Li-ion batteries pose a potential safety problem because of the instability and flammability of the organic electrolyte employed by the cells of those batteries. The severity of thermal runaway increases with increasing battery capacity due to the higher amount of electrolyte in large batteries.

If the discharge of the cells is below a typical voltage of 3.0 volts on some versions of Li-ion batteries, they will subsequently no longer accept a charge. This loss of capacity may not be detected by the simple voltage measurements commonly available to flight crews as a means of checking battery status, a problem shared with Ni-Cd batteries.

Unlike Ni-Cd and lead-acid cells, some types of Li-ion cells employ electrolytes that are known to be flammable. This material can serve as a source of fuel for an external fire in the event of a breach of the cell container.

The intent of these special conditions is to establish appropriate airworthiness standards for Li-ion battery installations in the Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, B200 and other aircraft listed on the AML. Special conditions also ensure, as required by § 23.601, that these battery installations do not possess hazardous or unreliable design characteristics. These special conditions adopt the following requirements as a means of addressing these concerns:

- (1) Inclusion of those sections of § 23.1353 that are applicable to Li-ion batteries.
- (2) Inclusion of the flammable fluid fire protection requirements of § 23.863. In the past, this rule was not applied to the batteries of business jet or commuter category airplanes since the electrolytes utilized in lead-acid and Ni-Cd batteries are not considered to be flammable.
- (3) Addition of new requirements to address the potential hazards of overcharging and over discharging that are unique to Li-ion battery designs.
- (4) Addition of maintenance requirements to ensure that batteries used as spares are maintained in an appropriate state of charge (SOC).

### Applicability

As discussed above, these special conditions are applicable to the Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, B200 and other aircraft listed on the AML. Should AeroMech, Incorporated apply at a later date for a supplemental type certificate to modify any other model on the AML to incorporate the same novel or unusual design feature, the special conditions would apply to that model as well.

### Conclusion

This action affects only certain novel or unusual design features on the Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, B200 and other aircraft listed on the AML. It is not a rule of general applicability, and it affects only the applicant who applied to the FAA for approval of these features on the airplane.

### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 23

Aircraft, Aviation safety, Signs and symbols.

### Citation

The authority citation for these special conditions is as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, and 44701; 14 CFR 21.16 and 21.101; and 14 CFR 11.38 and 11.19.

### The Proposed Special Conditions

Accordingly, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes the following special conditions as part of the type certification basis for Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, B200 and other aircraft listed on the AeroMech, Incorporated airplanes AML.

The Federal Aviation Administration proposes that the following Special Conditions (SC) be applied to all part 23 airplanes equipped with MD-835 Li-ion batteries in lieu of the requirements of § 23.1353(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e), Amendment 23-49 through 23-59.

#### *SC 23.1353, Storage battery design and installation.*

Li-ion batteries and battery installations on part 23 airplanes equipped with existing PS-835 batteries must be designed and installed as follows:

- (1) Safe cell temperatures and pressures must be maintained during any probable charging or discharging condition, or during any failure of the charging or battery monitoring system not shown to be extremely remote. The Li-ion battery installation must be designed to preclude explosion or fire in the event of those failures.
- (2) Li-ion batteries must be designed to preclude the occurrence of self-sustaining, uncontrolled increases in temperature or pressure.

(3) No explosive or toxic gasses emitted by any Li-ion battery in normal operation or as the result of any failure of the battery charging or monitoring system, or battery installation not shown to be extremely remote, may accumulate in hazardous quantities within the airplane.

(4) Li-ion batteries that contain flammable fluids must comply with the flammable fluid fire protection requirements of § 23.863(a) through (d).

(5) No corrosive fluids or gases that may escape from any Li-ion battery may damage airplane structure or essential equipment.

(6) Each Li-ion battery installation must have provisions to prevent any hazardous effect on structure or essential systems that may be caused by the maximum amount of heat the battery can generate during a short circuit of the battery or of its individual cells.

(7) Li-ion battery installations must have—

- (i) A system to control the charging rate of the battery automatically so as to prevent battery overheating or overcharging, or
- (ii) a battery temperature sensing and over-temperature warning system with a means for automatically disconnecting the battery from its charging source in the event of an over-temperature condition, or
- (iii) a battery failure sensing and warning system with a means for automatically disconnecting the battery from its charging source in the event of battery failure.

(8) Any Li-ion battery installation whose function is required for safe operation of the airplane must incorporate a monitoring and warning feature that will provide an indication to the appropriate flight crewmembers whenever the capacity and state of charge (SOC) of the batteries have fallen below levels considered acceptable for dispatch of the airplane.

(9) The Instructions for Continued Airworthiness (ICA) must contain recommended manufacturer's maintenance and inspection requirements to ensure that batteries, including single cells, meet a safety function level essential to the aircraft's continued airworthiness.

(i) The ICA must contain operating instructions and equipment limitations in an installation maintenance manual.

(ii) The ICA must contain installation procedures and limitations in a maintenance manual sufficient to ensure that cells or batteries, when installed according to the installation procedures, still meet safety functional levels essential to the aircraft's

continued airworthiness. The limitations must identify any unique aspects of the installation.

(iii) The ICA must contain corrective maintenance procedures to functionally check battery capacity at manufacturer's recommended inspection intervals.

(iv) The ICA must contain scheduled servicing information to replace batteries at manufacturer's recommended replacement time.

(v) The ICA must contain maintenance and inspection requirements to visually check for a battery and/or charger degradation.

(10) Batteries in a rotating stock (spares) that have experienced degraded charge retention capability or other damage due to prolonged storage must be functionally checked at manufacturer's recommended inspection intervals.

(11) If the Li-ion battery application contains software and/or complex hardware, in accordance with AC 20-115B and AC 20-152, they should be developed to the standards of DO-178B for software and DO-254 for complex hardware.

(12) The Li-ion battery must meet TSO C179.

These special conditions are not intended to replace § 23.1353 in the certification basis of the Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, B200 and other aircraft listed on the AML. These special conditions apply only to Li-ion batteries and battery installations. The battery requirements of § 23.1353 would remain in effect for batteries and battery installations on Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, B200 and other aircraft listed on the AML that do not use Li-ion batteries.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 4, 2010.

**Steven W. Thompson,**

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Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

**Docket No. FAA-2010-0002; Airspace  
Docket No. 09-ANM-32**

#### **Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Port Angeles, WA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation  
Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking  
(NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to amend Class E airspace at William R. Fairchild International Airport, Port Angeles, WA. The Ediz Hook Nondirectional Radio Beacon (NDB) has been decommissioned and removed. The FAA is proposing this action for the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 29, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366-9826. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA-2010-0002; Airspace Docket No. 09-ANM-32, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eldon Taylor, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, WA 98057; telephone (425) 203-4537.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Comments Invited**

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify both docket numbers (FAA Docket No. FAA-2010-0002 and Airspace Docket No. 09-ANM-32) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management System (see "ADDRESSES" section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to FAA Docket No. FAA-2010-0002 and Airspace Docket No. 09-ANM-32". The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received on or before the specified closing date for

comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

#### **Availability of NPRMs**

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at [http://www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/air\\_traffic/publications/airspace\\_amendments/](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/).

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the "ADDRESSES" section for the address and phone number) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Northwest Mountain Regional Office of the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, WA 98057.

Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs should contact the FAA's Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677, for a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

#### **The Proposal**

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by amending Class E surface airspace, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface, at William R. Fairchild International Airport, Port Angeles, WA. This action is necessary because the Ediz Hook NDB was decommissioned and is no longer operational. This action would enhance the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6002 and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.9T, signed August 27, 2009, and effective September 15, 2009, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in this Order.