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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 93, 94, and 95

[Docket No. APHIS–2006–0074]

RIN 0579–AC36

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are reopening the comment period for our interim rule that amended the regulations concerning the importation of animals and animal products to prohibit or restrict the importation of bird and poultry products from regions where any subtype of highly pathogenic avian influenza is considered to exist. The interim rule also imposed restrictions concerning importation of live poultry and birds that have been vaccinated for certain types of avian influenza, or that have moved through regions where any subtype of highly pathogenic avian influenza is considered to exist. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:


• Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send one copy of your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2006–0074, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS–2006–0074.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690–2817 before coming.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at http://www.aphis.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Julia Punderson, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export, Animal Health Policy and Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734–4356.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 24, 2011, we published in the Federal Register (76 FR 4046–4056, Docket No. APHIS–2006–0074) an interim rule that amended the regulations governing the importation into the United States of specified animals and animal products and byproducts in order to prohibit or restrict the importation of bird and poultry products from regions where any subtype of highly pathogenic avian influenza is considered to exist. The interim rule was effective upon publication.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before March 25, 2011. We are reopening the comment period on Docket No. APHIS–2006–0074 for an additional 15 days. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments. We will also consider all comments received between March 26, 2011, and the date of this notice.


Done in Washington, DC, this 28th day of April 2011.

Gregory L. Parham, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211–524 Series and RB211 Trent 500, 700, and 800 Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for the products listed above. This AD results from mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by an aviation authority of another country to identify and correct an unsafe condition on an aviation product. The MCAI describes the unsafe condition as:

During manufacture of a number of HP Compressor Stage 1 and 2 discs with axial dovetail slots, anomalies at the disc post corners have been found. Fatigue crack initiation and subsequent crack propagation at the disc post may result in release of two blades and the disc post. This may potentially be beyond the containment capabilities of the engine casings. Thus, these anomalies present at the disc posts constitute a potentially unsafe condition.

We are issuing this AD to detect cracks in the high-pressure compressor (HPC) Stage 1 and 2 disc posts which could result in failure of the disc post and release of HPC blades, release of uncontained engine debris, and damage to the airplane.

DATES: This AD becomes effective June 7, 2011. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD as of June 7, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The Docket Operations office is located at Docket Management...
Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Alan Strom, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803; e-mail: alan.strom@faa.gov; telephone (781) 238–7143; fax (781) 238–7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

We issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an AD that would apply to the specified products. That NPRM was published in the Federal Register on June 15, 2010 (75 FR 33738). That NPRM proposed to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states that:

During manufacture of a number of HP Compressor Stage 1 and 2 discs with axial dovetail slots, anomalies at the disc post corners have been found. Fatigue crack initiation and subsequent crack propagation at the disc post may result in release of two blades and the disc post. This may potentially be beyond the containment capabilities of the engine casings. Thus, these anomalies present at the disc posts constitute a potentially unsafe condition.

For the reasons described above, this AD requires repetitive inspections of the axial dovetail slots and follow-on corrective action, depending on findings.

Comments

We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this AD. We considered the comments received.

Request To Change the Definition of a Shop Visit

Five commenters request that we change the criteria for carrying out the inspections to be consistent with the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD. The commenters ask that we require performing the inspections at the first shop visit after accumulating 1,000 hours-since-new (HSN) and whenever a Level 3 (Refurbishment) or Level 4 (Overhaul) shop visit occurs. The commenters feel that requiring the inspections any time a major flange is separated would result in more inspections than required by the EASA AD. Some of the inspections would cost significantly more than what we estimated in the Costs of Compliance section of the proposed AD. We do not agree with using the Level 3 or Level 4 criteria as a definition of "engine shop visit" for the purpose of this AD. The definitions of Level 3 and Level 4 are not specific enough to ensure the inspections are conducted frequently enough to prevent the unsafe condition. We changed the definition of shop visit in paragraph (f) of the proposed AD from "For * * * an "engine shop visit" is whenever the engine high-pressure compressor module is separated from the intermediate case." to "For * * * an "engine shop visit" is whenever the engine high-pressure compressor module is separated from the intermediate case."

Request To Change the Summary of the Proposed AD

One commenter, RR, asks us to consider changing the Summary from "Thus, these anomalies present at the disc posts constitute a potentially unsafe condition" to "Thus, if these anomalies are present at the disc posts, they constitute a potentially unsafe condition." The commenter believes that the MCAI description implies that all discs have the anomalies in question. The AD does not assume that to be true.

We don’t agree. The second paragraph of the Summary quotes the EASA AD. We did not change the AD.

Request To Correct a Disc Part Number

The same commenter asks us to change paragraph (c)(1) part number (P/N) "FK20195" to "FW20195." The commenter states that the NPRM contains a typographical error.

We agree. We changed the part number in paragraph (c)(1) of the proposed AD from "FK20195" to "FW20195."

Request To Change the Unsafe Condition Statement

The same commenter asks us to change the unsafe condition statement in the Summary and in paragraph (d) of the proposed AD from "** * * failure of the disc post, which could result in failure of the disc post and HPC blades, release * * * airplane" to "** * * failure of the disc post, resulting in release of HPC blades, release * * * airplane."

The commenter states the NPRM implies that high-pressure compressor blades may themselves fail, when in fact they are released as a result of disk post failure.

We agree. We changed the unsafe condition statement in the Summary and in paragraph (d) of the proposed AD to "which could result in failure of the disc post, release of HPC blades, release of uncontained debris, * * * airplane."

Request To Ensure the Disc is Cleaned before Inspection

The same commenter asks us to change paragraph (e)(1) of the proposed AD from "Perform a * * * later. Use paragraph 3.E.(1) through 3.E.(10)(i) * * * inspections” to “Clean and perform * * * later. Use paragraph 3.A through 3.E.(10)(i) * * * inspections.”

The commenter believes the change will ensure adequate cleaning before inspection, which is essential to make sure the small cracks are visible.

We agree. Because the corrective action is looking for small cracks underneath a dry film lubricant coating, the cleaning procedure prior to fluorescent penetrant inspection (FPI) is critical to the corrective action. We changed paragraph (e)(1) of the proposed AD to “Clean and perform * * * later. Use paragraph 3.A through 3.E.(11) * * * inspections.”

The commenter believes this will ensure a common understanding of the parts involved.

We don’t agree. While the service bulletin uses the term “HPC drum,” the AD consistently refers to the HPC disks by stage number.

Conclusion

We reviewed the available data, including the comments received, and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting the AD with the changes described previously. We determined that these changes will not increase the economic burden on any operator or increase the scope of the AD.

Costs of Compliance

Based on the service information, we estimate that this AD would affect about 371 products of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it would take about 20 work-hours per product to comply with this AD. The average labor rate is $85 per work-hour. No parts would be
required per product. Based on these.
figures, we estimate the cost of the AD
on U.S. operators to be $630,700.

Authoritative for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code
specifies the FAA’s authority to issue
rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I,
section 106, describes the authority of
the FAA Administrator. “Subtitle VII:
Aviation Programs,” describes in more
detail the scope of the Agency’s
authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under
the authority described in “Subtitle VII,
Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701:
General requirements.” Under that
section, Congress charges the FAA with
promoting safe flight of civilian aircraft in
air commerce by prescribing regulations
for practices, methods, and procedures
the Administrator finds necessary for
safety in air commerce. This regulation
is within the scope of that authority
because it addresses an unsafe condition
that is likely to exist or develop on
products identified in this rulemaking
action.

Regulatory Findings

We determined that this AD will not
have federalism implications under
Executive Order 13132. This AD will
not have a substantial direct effect 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.

For the reasons discussed above, I
certify this AD:
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. 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.

We prepared a regulatory evaluation
of the estimated costs to comply with
this AD and placed it in the AD docket.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on
the Internet at http://
www.regulations.gov; or in person at
the Docket Operations office between 9 a.m.
and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday,
except Federal holidays. The AD docket
contains this AD, the regulatory
evaluation, any comments received, and
other information. The street address for
the Docket Operations office (phone
(800) 647–5527) is provided in the
ADDRESSES section. Comments will be
available in the AD docket shortly after
receipt.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation
safety, Incorporation by reference,
Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority
delegated to me by the Administrator,
the FAA amends 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. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding
the following new AD:

2011–09–07 Rolls-Royce plc (RR):
FAA–2010–0562; Directorate Identifier
2009–NE–29–AD.

Effective Date

(a) This airworthiness directive (AD)
becomes effective June 7, 2011.

AFFECTED ADs

(b) None.

Applicability

(c) This AD applies to RR model
RB211–
–524H–T–36, and –524H1–T–19; and RB211 Trent
553–61, 553A2–61, 556–61, 556A2–61, 556B–61,
556B2–61, 560–61, 560A2–61; RB211 Trent
768–60, 772–60, 772B–60; and RB211 Trent
875–17, 884–17, 884B–17, 892–17, 892B–17,
and 895–17 turboshaft engines that
have a high-pressure (HP) compressor stage
1 to 4 rotor disc with a part number (P/N)
listed in Table 1 of this AD. These engines
are installed on, but not limited to, Boeing
747, 767, and 777 series airplanes and Airbus
A330 and A340 series airplanes.

Table 1—Affected HP Compressor Stage 1 to 4 Rotor Disc P/Ns by Engine Model

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<th>Engine model</th>
<th>HP compressor stage 1 to 4 rotor disc P/N</th>
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<td>(3) RB211 Trent 768–60, 772–60, and 772B–60</td>
<td>FK22745, FK24031, FK26185, FK23313, FK25502, FK32129, FW20195, FW20196, FW20197, FW20638, or FW23711.</td>
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<td>(4) RB211 Trent 875–17, 884–17, 884B–17, 892–17, 892B–17, and 895–17.</td>
<td>FK24009, FK26167, FK32580, FW11590, or FW61622.</td>
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Reason

(d) This AD results from reports that:
During manufacture of a number of HP
Compressor Stage 1 and 2 discs with axial
dovetail slots, anomalies at the disc post
corners have been found. Fatigue crack
initiation and subsequent crack propagation
at the disc post may result in release of two
blades and the disc post. This may
potentially be beyond the containment
capabilities of the engine casings. Thus, these
anomalies present at the disc posts constitute
a potentially unsafe condition.

We are issuing this AD to detect cracks in the
high-pressure compressor (HPC) Stage 1 and
2 disc posts, which could result in failure of
the disc post and release of HPC blades,
release of uncontained engine debris, and
damage to the airplane.

Actions and Compliance

(e) Unless already done, do the following
actions.
(1) Clean and perform a fluorescent
penetrant inspection of the HP compressor
stage 1 to 4 rotor discs at the first shop visit
after accumulating 1000 cycles since new on
the stage 1 to 4 rotor discs or at the next shop
visit after the effective date of this AD,
whichever occurs later. Use paragraph 3.A
through 3.E(11) of the Accomplishment
Instructions of Rolls-Royce Alert Service
Bulletin [ASB] RB.211–72–AF964, Revision
1, dated June 6, 2008 to do the inspections.
(2) Thereafter at every engine shop visit,
perform the inspection specified by
paragraph (e)(1) of this AD.

Definitions

(f) For the purpose of this AD, an “engine
shop visit” is whenever the engine
high-pressure compressor module is separated
from the intermediate case.

Other FAA AD Provisions

(g) Alternative Methods of Compliance
(AMOCs): The Manager, Engine Certification
Office, FAA, has the authority to approve


AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

Related Information


(i) Contact Alan Strom, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803; e-mail: alan.strom@faa.gov; telephone (781) 238–7143; fax (781) 238–7199, for more information about this AD.

Material Incorporated by Reference

(j) You must use Rolls-Royce Alert Service Bulletin RB211–72–AF964, Revision 1, dated June 6, 2006, to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of this service information under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

For service information identified in this AD, contact Rolls-Royce plc, P.O. Box 31, Derby, DE24 8BJ, United Kingdom; phone: 011 44 1332 242424, fax: 011 44 1332 249936; e-mail: tech.help@rolls-royce.com.

(3) You may review copies at the FAA, New England Region, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call (202) 741–6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on April 12, 2011.

Peter A. White,
Acting Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

We issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) and a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an AD that would apply to the specified products. That NPRM was published in the Federal Register on February 18, 2009 (74 FR 7563) and that SNPRM was published in the Federal Register on October 4, 2010 (75 FR 61114). That SNPRM proposed to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states that:

During manufacture of high-pressure (HP) compressor stage 1 discs, a small number of parts have been rejected due to a machining defect that was found during inspection. Analysis of the possibility of less severe examples having been undetected and passed into service has concluded that action is required to reduce the risk of failure. It was therefore necessary to reduce the life limit.

The HP compressor stage 1 disc is part of the HP compressor stage 1–4 shaft, P/N FK32580. We are issuing this AD to prevent failure of the HP compressor stage 1 disc, uncontained engine failure, and damage to the airplane.

DATES: This AD becomes effective June 7, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The Docket Operations office is located at Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

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Request To Revise the Compliance Times

Four commenters, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Rolls-Royce plc, and The Boeing Company, request that we revise the compliance times to be consistent with the service bulletin and the airworthiness limitations section (ALS) of the engine manual. Doing this would account for the later AD release date and for the entire Trent 800 series fleet instead of just certain US operators’ expected cyclic usage. The commenters state that the proposed requirements would have a severe adverse economic impact to operators relative to the service bulletin requirements. The simplified compliance requirements in the SNPRM relative to the service bulletin requirements, may not accurately reflect the risk of an uncontained event, and are confusing. We do not agree. The requirements in the SNPRM were developed to minimize the risk of uncontained disc failure, based on the age of the parts in the field at the time the SNPRM was issued. The service bulletin requirements were developed at a time when the age of the parts in service was lower than when the SNPRM was issued. Because the risk of failure increases as the age of the parts in the field increases, any revision to the requirements of the SNPRM would again have to take the increased age of the parts in service into account. As such, an analysis would result in removal requirements more stringent than the requirements in the SNPRM, and a follow-on NPRM would be required. Therefore, we determined that it is in the public interest to keep the removal requirements the same as published in the SNPRM. We did not change the AD.

Request for Clarity and Interpretation

Delta Airlines states that it would be helpful if we could provide some clarity in the AD as to how an operator should interpret the differing information between the AD, the ALS of the Rolls-Royce Time Limits Manual, and the service bulletin. The commenter is concerned that there will be three locations where the life limit of the