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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 21 and 121

[Docket No. FAA-2002-6717; Notice No. 03-11]

RIN 2120-AI03

Extended Operations (ETOPS) of Multi-engine Airplanes; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Proposed rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document makes corrections to the proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on November 14, 2003 (68 FR 64730), which proposes to issue regulations governing the design, maintenance, and operation of airplanes and engines for flights that go beyond certain distances from an adequate airport. This correction is necessary to correct an inadvertent omission and incorrect numbering.

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Correction

In proposed rule FR Doc. 03-28407, published on November 14, 2003 (68 FR 64730), make the following corrections:

1. On page 64786, in the second column, correct § 21.4 by adding paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 21.4 ETOPS reporting requirements.

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(c) *Corrective action if in-flight shutdown rates are exceeded.* If the in-flight shutdown rate exceeds the requirements in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the certificating office of the FAA will review the in-flight shut down rate to determine if an unsafe condition that requires mandatory corrective action as specified by part 39 of this chapter exists. The rates contained in paragraph (b)(2) of this section are worldwide fleet rates applicable to

ETOPS type design holders for a given airplane-engine type combination, and are not air carrier or operator specific.

§ 121.646 [Corrected]

2. On page 64794, in the second column, correct § 121.646(b)(3) by revising the reference “(b)(1)(i)” to read “(b)(1)” each place it appears.

3. On page 64794, in the second column, correct § 121.646 (b)(4) by revising the reference “(b)(1)(i)” to read “(b)(1)”.

4. On page 64794, in the second column, correct § 121.646 by redesignating paragraphs (b)(4)(C) and (b)(4)(D) as paragraphs (c) and (d), respectively.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 30, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002-NM-165-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-135 and EMB-145 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 EMBRAER Model EMB-135 and EMB-145 series airplanes. This proposal would require replacement of the nose landing gear wheel nuts and associated inner and outer seals; and reidentification of the landing gear strut. This action is necessary to prevent separation of the wheels from the nose landing gear due to the failure of the outer wheel bearings, and consequent loss of control of the airplane during takeoff and landing. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Comments must be received by February 4, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2002-NM-165-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 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. 2002-NM-165-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 or 2000 or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER), P.O. Box 343—CEP 12.225, Sao Jose dos Campos—SP, Brazil. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

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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