

**(q) New Initial and Repetitive Inspections at STA 348.2 for Model 737-100, -200, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes**

For Groups 2 and 3 airplanes identified in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1240, Revision 1, dated June 29, 2010: Before the accumulation of 15,000 total flight cycles, or within 4,500 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, do HFEC and surface eddy current inspections for cracking of the frame, HFEC inspections for cracking of the reinforcement angle and shear web, and a detailed inspection for cracking of the STA 348.2 frame outer chord, inner chord, and reinforcement angle, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1240, Revision 1, dated June 29, 2010, except as required by paragraph (r) of this AD. If any crack is found during any inspection required by this paragraph, before further flight, do all applicable corrective actions in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1240, Revision 1, dated June 29, 2010, except as required by paragraph (r) of this AD, and except where that service bulletin specifies to contact Boeing, before further flight, repair using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (t) of this AD. Repeat the inspections thereafter at intervals not to exceed 6,000 flight cycles.

**(r) New Exceptions to Boeing Alert Service Bulletins 737-53A1204 and 737-53A1240**

(1) Note 1 of paragraph 3.A of the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1240, Revision 1, dated June 29, 2010, is to be disregarded when accomplishing the actions required by this AD.

(2) The access and restoration instructions identified in the Work Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1204, Revision 2, dated June 24, 2010; and Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1240, Revision 1, dated June 29, 2010; are not required by this AD. Operators may perform those actions in accordance with approved maintenance procedures.

(3) The use of Boeing Drawing 65-88700 is not allowed when accomplishing the actions required by this AD in accordance with the Work Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1204, Revision 2, dated June 24, 2010; and Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1240, Revision 1, dated June 29, 2010.

**(s) New Initial and Repetitive Inspections of the S-15L Aft Intercostal and Cargo Barrier Net Fitting for Model 737-200C Series Airplanes**

For Group 2 airplanes identified in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1204, Revision 2, dated June 24, 2010: Before the accumulation of 15,000 total flight cycles, or within 4,500 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, do initial detailed and HFEC inspections for cracking of the S-15L aft intercostal between BS 348.2 and BS 360, and do a detailed inspection of the cargo barrier net fitting at the intercostal, in accordance with Figure 3 of the Accomplishment Instructions of

Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1204, Revision 2, dated June 24, 2010. If any cracking is found, before further flight repair using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (t) of this AD. Repeat the inspections thereafter at intervals not to exceed 6,000 flight cycles.

**(t) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)**

(1) The Manager, Seattle ACO, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the ACO, it may be emailed to: [9-ANM-Seattle-ACO-AMOC-Requests@faa.gov](mailto:9-ANM-Seattle-ACO-AMOC-Requests@faa.gov).

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair required by this AD if it is approved by the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO to make those findings. For a repair method to be approved, the repair must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

(4) AMOCs approved previously in accordance with AD 2004-09-09, Amendment 39-13598 (69 FR 23646, April 30, 2004), are approved as AMOCs for the corresponding requirements of this AD.

(5) AMOCs approved previously in accordance with AD 2005-20-03, Amendment 39-14296 (70 FR 56361, September 27, 2005), are approved as AMOCs for the corresponding requirements of this AD, provided the repetitive inspection intervals (if any) do not exceed 6,000 flight cycles.

(6) AMOCs approved previously in accordance with AD 2009-16-14, Amendment 39-15987 (74 FR 38901, August 5, 2009), are approved as AMOCs for the corresponding requirements of this AD.

**(u) Related Information**

For more information about this AD, contact Alan Pohl, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Seattle ACO, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; phone (425) 917-6450; fax (425) 917-6590; email: [Alan.Pohl@faa.gov](mailto:Alan.Pohl@faa.gov).

**(v) Material Incorporated by Reference**

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

(2) You must use the following service information to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(3) The following service information was approved for IBR on July 23, 2012.

(i) Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1240, Revision 1, dated June 29, 2010.

(ii) Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1204, Revision 2, dated June 24, 2010.

(4) The following service information was approved for IBR on September 9, 2009 (74 FR 38901, August 5, 2009).

(i) Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1204, Revision 1, dated March 26, 2007.

(5) The following service information was approved for IBR on November 1, 2005 (70 FR 56361, September 27, 2005).

(i) Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1204, dated June 19, 2003.

(6) The following service information was approved for IBR on June 4, 2004 (69 FR 23646, April 30, 2004).

(i) Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1240, dated April 10, 2003.

(7) For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Data & Services Management, P. O. Box 3707, MC 2H-65, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207; telephone 206-544-5000, extension 1; fax 206-766-5680; Internet <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>.

(8) You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425-227-1221.

(9) You may also review copies of the service information that is incorporated by reference 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](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr_locations.html).

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 4, 2012.

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*Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 39**

**[Docket No. FAA-2011-1415; Directorate Identifier 2011-NM-145-AD; Amendment 39-17089; AD 2012-12-09]**

**RIN 2120-AA64**

**Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all The Boeing Company Model 717-200 airplanes. This AD was prompted by reports of cracks found on the center section ribs of the horizontal stabilizers. This AD requires repetitive inspections for cracking of the aft face of the left and right rib hinge bearing lugs of the center

section of the horizontal stabilizer; and crack measurement, repairs, post-repair repetitive inspections, and installation of a new center section rib if necessary. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct cracking in the left and right bearing lugs of the rib hinge spreading at the same time, which could result in failure of both hinge bearing lugs. Failure of the hinge bearing lugs could result in the inability of the horizontal stabilizer to sustain flight loads and thereby reduce the controllability of the airplane.

**DATES:** This AD is effective July 23, 2012.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in the AD as of July 23, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Data & Services Management, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, MC D800-0019, Long Beach, California 90846-0001; phone: 206-544-5000, extension 2; fax: 206-766-5683; Internet: <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>. You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425-227-1221.

**Examining the AD Docket**

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>; or in person at the Docket Management Facility 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 address for the Docket Office (phone: 800-647-5527) is Document Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Garrido, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120L, FAA, Los

Angeles Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712-4137; phone: 562-627-5357; fax: 562-627-5210; email: [George.Garrido@faa.gov](mailto:George.Garrido@faa.gov).

**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 published in the **Federal Register** on January 19, 2012 (77 FR 2664). That NPRM proposed to require repetitive eddy current high frequency (ETHF) inspections for cracks on the aft face on the left and right rib hinge bearing lugs of the center section of the horizontal stabilizer; and crack measurement, repairs, post-repair repetitive inspections, and installation of a new center section rib if necessary.

**Comments**

We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this AD. The following presents the comments received on the proposal (77 FR 2664, January 19, 2012), and the FAA's response to each comment.

**Support for NPRM (77 FR 2664, January 19, 2012)**

Boeing stated it supports the NPRM (77 FR 2664, January 19, 2012).

**Request To Decrease Inspection Interval**

Kristianna Sciarraa requested we change the repetitive inspection interval in the NPRM (77 FR 2664, January 19, 2012) from every 10,500 flight cycles to every 18 months when no cracking is found after the initial inspection. The commenter stated that more frequent inspections would increase early detection of fatigue cracking and would be workable with operator schedules. The commenter also stated that the costs associated with the decreased inspection interval are minimal when compared to the cost to an operator if an accident occurs due to fatigue cracking.

We disagree with changing the repetitive inspection interval because the repetitive inspection interval is based on damage tolerance (crack growth) analysis of the hinge bearing lug of the horizontal stabilizer center section. The analysis accounts for the loading and stress in the specific location and considers worse case crack growth from detectable to critical size and allows for multiple opportunities to detect a crack. We have not changed the final rule in this regard.

**Request To Require Reporting**

Kristianna Sciarraa requested we include mandatory reporting of inspection results in the NPRM (77 FR 2664, January 19, 2012). The commenter stated that Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 717-55A0011, dated May 17, 2011, specifies reporting and that providing the manufacturer with such information would foster an important exchange of information with an end goal of creating safe and reliable aircraft to ensure passenger and operator protection.

We disagree with requiring mandatory reporting of inspection results. Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 717-55A0011, dated May 17, 2011, already specifies submitting information to the manufacturer. This final rule does not include that requirement because we understand the unsafe condition, and we do not want to add an additional burden on the operators. We require reporting of inspection reports if the unsafe condition is a result of quality control issues or if we are trying to understand the scope of the unsafe condition. We have not changed the final rule in this regard.

**Conclusion**

We reviewed the relevant data, considered the comments received, and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting the AD as proposed.

**Costs of Compliance**

We estimate that this AD affects 129 airplanes of U.S. registry.

We estimate the following costs to comply with this AD:

**ESTIMATED COSTS**

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
ETHF Inspection .....	6 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$510 per inspection cycle.	\$0	\$510 per inspection cycle .....	\$65,790 per inspection cycle.

We have received no definitive data that would enable us to provide cost estimates for the on-condition labor

costs specified in this AD. The estimated parts cost for a replacement rib is \$16,387.

**Authority 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 civil 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

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 that this AD:*

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979),
- (3) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (4) 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.

### 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 airworthiness directive (AD):

**2012–12–09 The Boeing Company:**  
Amendment 39–17089; Docket No. FAA–2011–1415; Directorate Identifier 2011–NM–145–AD.

#### (a) Effective Date

This AD is effective July 23, 2012.

#### (b) Affected ADs

None.

#### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to all The Boeing Company Model 717–200 airplanes, certificated in any category.

#### (d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC)/Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 5510, Horizontal Stabilizer Structure.

#### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports of cracks found on the center section ribs of the horizontal stabilizers. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct cracking in the left and right bearing lugs of the rib hinge spreading at the same time, which could result in failure of both hinge bearing lugs. Failure of the hinge bearing lugs could result in the inability of the horizontal stabilizer to sustain flight loads and thereby reduce the controllability of the airplane.

#### (f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

#### (g) Repetitive Eddy Current High Frequency (ETHF) Inspections

Before the accumulation of 35,000 total flight cycles, or within 8,275 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later: Do an ETHF inspection for cracks of the aft face on the left and right rib hinge bearing lugs of the center section of the horizontal stabilizer, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 717–55A0011, dated May 17, 2011. If no crack is found, repeat the inspection thereafter at intervals not to exceed 10,500 flight cycles.

#### (h) Crack Measurement

If any crack is found during any inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD: Before further flight, measure the length of the crack, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 717–55A0011, dated May 17, 2011.

#### (i) Blend Out Repair, ETHF Inspections, and Corrective Action for Certain Crack Lengths

For any crack that meets "Condition 2A" of Table 1 of 1.E., "Compliance," of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 717–55A0011, dated May 17, 2011: Do the actions in paragraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2) of this AD.

(1) Before further flight, do a blend out repair, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 717–55A0011, dated May 17, 2011.

(2) Within 14,200 flight cycles after accomplishing the blend out repair required

by paragraph (i)(1) of this AD: Do an ETHF inspection of the blend out repair area for cracking, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 717–55A0011, dated May 17, 2011. If no cracking is found, repeat the inspection thereafter at intervals not to exceed 5,400 flight cycles.

(i) If any crack is found during the ETHF inspection required by paragraph (i)(2) of this AD: Before further flight, remove the cracked center section rib of the horizontal stabilizer and install a new center section rib, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 717–55A0011, dated May 17, 2011.

(ii) Within 35,000 flight cycles after the installation of the new center section rib, do the actions in paragraph (g) of this AD.

#### (j) Corrective Action for Certain Crack Lengths

For any crack that meets "Condition 2D" of Table 1 of 1.E., "Compliance," of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 717–55A0011, dated May 17, 2011: Before further flight, remove the cracked center section rib of the horizontal stabilizer and install a new center section rib, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 717–55A0011, dated May 17, 2011. Within 35,000 flight cycles after the installation of the new rib, do the actions in paragraph (g) of this AD.

#### (k) No Reporting Requirement

Although Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 717–55A0011, dated May 17, 2011, specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include that requirement.

#### (l) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the ACO, send it to the attention of the person identified in the Related Information section of this AD.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair required by this AD if it is approved by the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has been authorized by the Manager, Los Angeles ACO, to make those findings. For a repair method to be approved, the repair must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

#### (m) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact George Garrido, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM–120L, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood,

California 90712-4137; phone: 562-627-5357; fax: 562-627-5210; email: [George.Garrido@faa.gov](mailto:George.Garrido@faa.gov).

#### (n) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) You must use the following service information to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the following service information under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(i) Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 717-55A0011, dated May 17, 2011.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Data & Services Management, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, MC D800-0019, Long Beach, California 90846-0001; phone: 206-544-5000, extension 2; fax: 206-766-5683; Internet: <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>.

(3) You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425-227-1221.

(4) You may also review copies of the service information that is incorporated by reference 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>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2011-1170; Directorate Identifier 2010-NM-264-AD; Amendment 39-17080; AD 2012-12-01]

**RIN 2120-AA64**

#### Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are superseding an existing airworthiness directive (AD) for all Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R and A300 F4-600R series airplanes, Model A300 C4-605R Variant F airplanes, and Model A310 series airplanes. That AD currently requires modifying the wiring in the right-hand electronics rack. This new AD requires

replacing the cockpit multi-tank indicators (MTI), and for certain airplanes, replacing high-level, low-level, and overflow sensors and their harness connectors, and re-instating the low-level warning indication to the cockpit MTI. This AD was prompted by reports of failures of four fuel level sensor-amplifier and MTI units. This AD also adds Model A310 series airplanes to the applicability. We are issuing this AD to prevent degradation of the electrical insulation sleeves of the low-level indication lamps on the MTI, which could cause a short circuit that might result in high voltage being conveyed to the high- and low-level sensors in the wing tanks. This condition could cause the level sensor to heat above acceptable limits, possibly resulting in a fuel tank explosion, and consequent loss of the airplane.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective July 23, 2012.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD as of July 23, 2012.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain other publication listed in this AD as of March 27, 2009 (74 FR 7792, February 20, 2009).

**ADDRESSES:** You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan Rodina, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 227-2125; fax (425) 227-1149.

#### 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 November 7, 2011 (76 FR 68671), and proposed to supersede AD 2009-02-04, Amendment 39-15794 (74 FR 7792, February 20, 2009). That NPRM proposed to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states:

One operator experienced failures of four Fuel Level Sensor-Amplifier (FLSA) and Multi Tank Indicators (MTI) units. FLSA and MTI failures have been identified as having

been caused by incorrect connector sleeves materials fitted to the MTI units.

Degradation of the electrical insulation sleeves of the Low-level indication lamps on the MTI of the flight deck can cause a short circuit that might result in high voltage being conveyed to the high and low level sensors in the wing tanks. This condition, if not corrected, could cause the level sensor to heat above acceptable limits, possibly resulting in fuel tank explosion, and consequent loss of the aeroplane.

As an interim action, EASA AD 2008-0055 [which corresponds to FAA AD 2009-02-04, Amendment 39-15794 (74 FR 7792, February 20, 2009)], was issued requiring the accomplishment of wiring modifications to protect the FLSA and the Flight Warning Computers from 115V [volt] AC [alternating current] and 28V DC [direct current] short circuits within the cockpit MTI.

EASA AD 2009-0144, which required the replacement of the affected sensors and their harness connectors with modified units in accordance with the instructions of Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A300-28-6095 at original issue or SB A300-28-9013 at original issue, as applicable, was further on cancelled because the installation of the new inner tank fused low-level sensors was not possible, due to interference between some sensors and a fuel pipe at connector level.

Airbus SB A300-28-6095 and SB A300-28-9013 have been revised to clear this interference. The replacement of the affected sensors and their harness connectors according to the instructions of these SBs is now possible.

This [EASA] AD supersedes [EASA] AD 2008-0055 and introduces the following actions:

- Expanding of the applicability to A310 aeroplanes; and
- Replacement of the cockpit MTI with a MTI with silicone sleeves and to reinstate the low level warning indication to the cockpit MTI; and
- Replacement of the affected sensors and their harness connectors by fused level sensor units for A300-600 and A300-600ST aeroplanes.

You may obtain further information by examining the MCAI in the AD docket.

#### Comments

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

#### Requests for Extension of Compliance Time

UPS requested that we extend the compliance time specified in paragraphs (h), (i), and (j) in the NPRM (76 FR 68671, November 7, 2011) to 60 months. UPS explained that the requested extended compliance time is to reduce the potential for special maintenance visits of its airplanes, and that a compliance period of less than 60 months will cause undue hardship on UPS and its operation, and result in significant negative economic impact.