

VI. Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995

OTS had determined that the final rule will not result in expenditures by state, local, or tribal governments or by the private sector of \$100 million or more. Accordingly, this rulemaking is not subject to section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Act.

List of Subjects**12 CFR Part 509**

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties.

12 CFR Part 510

Administrative practice and procedure.

Accordingly, OTS amends chapter V, title 12, Code of Federal Regulations as set forth below:

PART 509—RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE IN ADJUDICATORY PROCEEDINGS

1. The authority citation for part 509 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 504, 554–557; 12 U.S.C. 1464, 1467, 1467a, 1468, 1817(j), 1818, 3349, 4717; 15 U.S.C. 78(l), 78o–5, 78u–2; 28

U.S.C. 2461 note; 31 U.S.C. 5321; 42 U.S.C. 4012a.

2. In § 509.103, add paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 509.103 Civil money penalties.

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(c) *Inflation adjustment.* Under the Federal Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note), OTS must adjust for inflation the civil monetary penalties in statutes that it administers. The following chart displays the adjusted civil money penalties. The amounts in this chart apply to violations that occur after October 17, 2000:

U.S. Code citation	CMP description	New maximum amount
12 U.S.C. 1464(v)(4)	Reports of Condition—1st Tier	\$2,200
12 U.S.C. 1464(v)(5)	Reports of Condition—2nd Tier	22,000
12 U.S.C. 1464(v)(6)	Reports of Condition—3rd Tier	1,175,000
12 U.S.C. 1467(d)	Refusal to Cooperate in Exam	5,500
12 U.S.C. 1467a(i)(2)	Holding Company Act Violation	27,500
12 U.S.C. 1467a(i)(3)	Holding Company Act Violation	27,500
12 U.S.C. 1467a(r)(1)	Late/Inaccurate Reports—1st Tier	2,200
12 U.S.C. 1467a(r)(2)	Late/Inaccurate Reports—2nd Tier	22,000
12 U.S.C. 1467a(r)(3)	Late/Inaccurate Reports—3rd Tier	1,175,000
12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(16)(A)	Change in Control—1st Tier	5,500
12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(16)(B)	Change in Control—2nd Tier	27,500
12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(16)(C)	Change in Control—3rd Tier	1,175,000
12 U.S.C. 1818(i)(2)(A)	Violation of Law or Unsafe or Unsound Practice—1st Tier	5,500
12 U.S.C. 1818(i)(2)(B)	Violation of Law or Unsafe or Unsound Practice—2nd Tier	27,500
12 U.S.C. 1818(i)(2)(C)	Violation of Law or Unsafe or Unsound Practice—3rd Tier	1,175,000
12 U.S.C. 1884	Violation of Security Rules	110
12 U.S.C. 3349(b)	Appraisals Violation—1st Tier	5,500
12 U.S.C. 3349(b)	Appraisals Violation—2nd Tier	27,500
12 U.S.C. 3349(b)	Appraisals Violation—3rd Tier	1,175,000
42 U.S.C. 4012a(f)	Flood Insurance	350/115,000

PART 510—MISCELLANEOUS ORGANIZATIONAL REGULATIONS

3. The authority citation for part 510 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1462a, 1463, 1464; Pub. L. 101–410, 104 Stat. 890; Pub. L. 104–134, 110 Stat. 1321–358.

§ 510.6 [Removed]

4. Section 510.6 is removed.

Dated: October 4, 2000.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Ellen Seidman,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. 2000–CE–01–AD; Amendment 39–11923; AD 2000–20–12]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Aerotechnik s.r.o. Model L 13 SEH VIVAT Sailplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to all Aerotechnik s.r.o. (Aerotechnik) Model L 13 SEH VIVAT sailplanes. This AD requires you to inspect the tail-fuselage hinge for strength requirements and damage, and also requires you to replace any hinge with damage or that does not meet strength requirements. This AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI)

issued by the airworthiness authority for the Czech Republic. The actions specified by this AD are intended to detect and correct any tail-fuselage hinge that is damaged or has inadequate material characteristics. Any tail-fuselage hinge with damage or inadequate material characteristics could fail and result in loss of controlled flight.

DATES: This AD becomes effective on November 27, 2000.

The Director of the **Federal Register** approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations as of November 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may get the service information referenced in this AD from Aerotechnik s.r.o., 686 04 Kunovic, Czech Republic; telephone: +420 632 537 111; facsimile: +420 632 537 900. You may examine this information at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000–CE–01–AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City,

Missouri 64106; or at the Office of the **Federal Register**, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Kiesov, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4144; facsimile: (816) 329-4090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

What events have caused this AD?

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), which is the airworthiness authority for the Czech Republic, recently notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on all Aerotechnik Model L 13 SEH VIVAT sailplanes. The CAA reports an incident involving one of the affected sailplanes where the tail-fuselage attachment fitting was damaged. Further analysis reveals that the material characteristics of the tail-fuselage attachment fitting were inadequate.

What are the consequences if the condition is not corrected? The tail-fuselage attachment fitting is a primary structural element within the empennage. Failure of this part, if not detected and corrected, could result in loss of controlled flight.

Has FAA taken any action to this point? We issued a proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that would apply to all Aerotechnik Model L 13 SEH VIVAT sailplanes. This proposal was published in the **Federal Register** as a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on August 9, 2000 (65 FR 48646). The NPRM proposed to require you to inspect the tail-fuselage hinge for strength requirements and damage, and would require you to replace any hinge with damage or that does not meet strength requirements.

Was the public invited to comment? Interested persons were afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were received on the proposed rule or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public.

The FAA's Determination

What is FAA's Final Determination on this Issue? After careful review of all available information related to the subject presented above, we have determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed except for minor editorial corrections. We determined that these minor corrections:

- Will not change the meaning of the AD; and
- Will not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed.

Cost Impact

How many sailplanes does this AD impact? We estimate that this AD affects 20 sailplanes in the U.S. registry.

What is the cost impact of the inspection for the affected sailplanes on the U.S. Register? We estimate that it will take approximately 4 workhours per sailplane to accomplish the inspection, at an average labor rate of \$60 an hour. Based on the cost factors presented above, we estimate the total cost impact of the inspection on U.S. operators to be \$4,800, or \$240 per sailplane.

What is the cost impact of the replacement for the affected sailplanes on the U.S. Register? We estimate that it will take approximately 16 workhours per sailplane to accomplish the replacement (as necessary), at an average labor rate of \$60 an hour. The manufacturer will provide the replacement attachment fittings at no cost. Based on the cost factors presented above, we estimate the total labor cost impact of the replacement on U.S. operators to be \$960 per sailplane.

Regulatory Impact

Does this AD impact various entities? The regulations adopted herein 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. Therefore, it is determined that this final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

Does this AD involve a significant rule or regulatory action? For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (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); 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. A copy of the final evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

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 Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (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. FAA amends Section 39.13 by adding a new AD to read as follows:

2000-20-12 Aerotechnik S.R.O.:

Amendment 39-11923; Docket No. 2000-CE-01-AD.

(a) *What sailplanes are affected by this AD?* This AD applies to Model L 13 SEH VIVAT sailplanes, all serial numbers, certificated in any category.

(b) *Who must comply with this AD?* Anyone who wishes to operate any of the above sailplanes on the U.S. Register must comply with this AD.

(c) *What problem does this AD address?* The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent the tail-fuselage hinge failing and consequent loss of controlled flight.

(d) *What must I do to address this problem?* To address this problem, you must accomplish the following actions:

Actions	Compliance times	Procedures
(1) Inspect the tail-fuselage attachment fitting, part number (P/N) A 102 021N, for damage and material hardness.	Within the next 60 days after November 27, 2000 (the effective date of this AD).	Follow the procedures in the Aerotechnik Service Bulletin SEH 13-005a, dated November 18, 1999.
(2) If the tail-fuselage attachment fitting is damaged or the material does not meet the hardness requirements specified in the service bulletin, you must replace the tail-fuselage attachment fitting.	Before further flight after the inspection	You must notify Aerotechnik and request they send the replacement part with installation instructions.

Actions	Compliance times	Procedures
(3) Do not install, on any sailplane, a P/N A 102 021N attachment fitting that has not passed the inspection requirements specified in paragraph (d)(1) of this AD.	As of November 27, 2000 (the effective date of this AD).	Inspect any attachment fitting in accordance with the previously referenced service bulletin.

(e) *Can I comply with this AD in any other way?* You may use an alternative method of compliance or adjust the compliance time if:

(1) Your alternative method of compliance provides an equivalent level of safety; and

(2) The Manager, Small Airplane Directorate approves your alternative. Submit your request through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Note 1: This AD applies to each sailplane identified in paragraph (a) of this AD, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For sailplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (e) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if you have not eliminated the unsafe condition, specific actions you propose to address it.

(f) *Where can I get information about any already-approved alternative methods of compliance?* Contact Mike Kiesov, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4144; facsimile: (816) 329-4090.

(g) *What if I need to fly the sailplane to another location to comply with this AD?* The FAA can issue a special flight permit under sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate your sailplane to a location where you can accomplish the requirements of this AD.

(h) *Are any service bulletins incorporated into this AD by reference?* Actions required by this AD must be done in accordance with Aerotechnik CZ Service Bulletin SEH 13-005a, dated November 18, 1999. The Director of the Federal Register approved this incorporation by reference under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. You can get copies from Aerotechnik s.r.o., 686 04 Kunovic, Czech Republic; telephone: +420 632 537 111; facsimile: +420 632 537 900. You can look at copies at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri, or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC 20001.

(i) *When does this amendment become effective?* This amendment becomes effective on November 27, 2000.

Note 2: The subject of this AD is addressed in Czech Republic AD Number CAA-AD-T-112/1999, dated November 18, 1999.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 28, 2000.

Michael Gallagher,

Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

15 CFR Part 902

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 000524152-0274-02; I.D. 030100C]

RIN 0648-AM34

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule; VMS component notice of approval.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues a final rule requiring vessels participating in the directed fishery for Atka mackerel in the Aleutian Islands subarea (AI) of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area to carry and use a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) transmitter, and revising regulations governing Atka mackerel harvest in the Community Development Quota (CDQ) fisheries. Additionally, NMFS issues notification of the approval of VMS components for use off Alaska. These actions are necessary to enhance monitoring of fishery activities within critical habitat areas. They are intended to further the conservation goals and objectives of the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (FMP).

DATES: Effective November 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Regulatory Impact Review/Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (RIR/FRFA) prepared for this action may be obtained from Sue Salvesson, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O.

Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, Attn: Lori Gravel, or by calling the Alaska Region, NMFS, at 907-586-7228. Send comments on any ambiguity or unnecessary complexity arising from the language used in this final rule to the Regional Administrator at the same address. Send comments on collection-of-information requirements to the same address and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington DC 20503 (Attn: NOAA Desk Officer).

For ArgoNet Mar GE information, contact NACLS Inc., 9200 Basil Court, Suite 306, Largo, MD 20774; phone 301-341-1814.

To obtain copies of the list of approved VMS components, VMS installation instructions, or to apply to have a VMS component approved for use off Alaska, contact Guy Holt, Enforcement Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21767, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)-586-9353.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Kinsolving, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NMFS notes as an initial point that as a result of a U.S. District Court Order, NMFS has closed waters within critical habitat to all trawling. An interim rule implementing this closure was published on August 15, 2000 (65 FR 49766). While this closure is in effect, no trawling for Atka mackerel may occur inside critical habitat and no Atka mackerel catch should accrue against the inside critical habitat portion of the quota, unless it is harvested by non-trawl gear. This rule does not affect that closure.

In 1997, NMFS listed the western stock of Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) as an endangered species. A statutory requirement of the Endangered Species Act is that Federal actions taken within the critical habitat of a listed species must not jeopardize the continued existence of the populations of those species or adversely affect or modify their critical habitat. Because Atka mackerel are an important prey species for Steller sea lions, the Atka mackerel fishery must be managed to avoid potential jeopardy to Steller sea lions.