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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

6 CFR Chapter I

49 CFR Chapter XII

[DHS Docket No. DHS–2021–0026]

Ratification of Security Directive

AGENCY: Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notification of ratification of directive.

SUMMARY: DHS is publishing official notice that the Transportation Security Oversight Board (TSOB) has ratified Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Security Directive Pipeline–2021–01, which is applicable to certain owners and operators (Owner/Operators) of critical pipeline systems and facilities and requires actions to enhance pipeline cybersecurity.

DATES: The ratification was executed on July 3, 2021, and took effect on that date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John D. Cohen, DHS Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Assistant Secretary for Counterterrorism and Threat Prevention, DHS Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, (202) 282–9708, john.cohen@hq.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. Ransomware Attack on the Colonial Pipeline Company

On May 8, 2021, the Colonial Pipeline Company announced that it had halted its pipeline operations due to a ransomware attack. This attack temporarily disrupted critical supplies of gasoline and other refined petroleum products throughout the East Coast of the United States. Cybersecurity incidents affecting surface transportation systems, including pipelines, are a growing threat. The

cyber-attack on Colonial Pipeline and resulting disruption of gasoline supplies to the East Coast demonstrate how criminal cyber actors are able to disrupt pipeline systems and networks in ways that threaten our national and economic security.

B. TSA Security Directive Pipeline–2021–01

On May 27, 2021, the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the TSA Administrator issued Security Directive Pipeline–2021–01 (security directive) requiring Owner/Operators of critical pipeline systems and facilities to take crucial measures to enhance pipeline cybersecurity. TSA issued this security directive in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 114(l)(2)(A), which authorizes TSA to issue emergency regulations or security directives without providing notice or public comment where “the Administrator determines that a regulation or security directive must be issued immediately in order to protect transportation security. . . .” TSA took this emergency action in response to the attack on Colonial Pipeline, which demonstrated the significant threat such attacks pose to the country’s infrastructure and its national and economic security as a result. The directive became effective on May 28, 2021 and is set to expire on May 28, 2022.

This security directive seeks to immediately enhance the cybersecurity of critical pipeline systems and facilities by requiring covered Owner/Operators to take three crucial actions to enhance pipeline cybersecurity. First, it requires TSA-specified Owner/Operators of critical pipelines to promptly report cybersecurity incidents to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). Second, it requires those Owner/Operators to designate a Cybersecurity Coordinator who must be available to TSA and CISA at all times to coordinate cybersecurity practices and address any incidents that arise. Third, it requires Owner/Operators to review their current cybersecurity practices against TSA’s Pipeline Security Guidelines related to cybersecurity and to assess cyber risks, identify any gaps, and develop necessary remediation measures, along with a timeline for achieving them.

II. TSOB Ratification

TSA has broad statutory responsibility and authority to safeguard the nation’s transportation system, including pipelines.¹ The TSOB—a body consisting of the heads of various interested Cabinet agencies, or their designees, and a representative of the National Security Council—reviews certain regulations and security directives consistent with law.² Security directives issued pursuant to the procedures in 49 U.S.C. 114(l)(2) “shall remain effective for a period not to exceed 90 days unless ratified or disapproved by the Board or rescinded by the Administrator.”³ The chairman of the TSOB convened the Board for review of TSA Security Directive Pipeline–2021–01.⁴ Following its review, on July 3, 2021, the TSOB ratified the security directive.

John K. Tien,

Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security & Chairman of the Transportation Security Oversight Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2021–0302; Project Identifier MCAI–2020–01596–R; Amendment 39–21618; AD 2021–13–13]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Leonardo S.p.a. Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all

¹ See, e.g., 49 U.S.C. 114(d), (f), (l), (m).

² See, e.g., 49 U.S.C. 115; 49 U.S.C. 114(l)(2).

³ 49 U.S.C. 114(l)(2)(B).

⁴ The Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security serves as chairman of the TSOB. DHS Delegation No. 7071.1, *Delegation to the Deputy Secretary to Chair the Transportation Security Oversight Board* (Apr. 2, 2007). Although the Department of Energy (DOE) does not have a TSOB member under 49 U.S.C. 115(b), DOE was asked to review TSA Security Directive Pipeline–2021–01 during the TSOB ratification process and concurred with the ratification.

Leonardo S.p.a. Model AW189 helicopters. This AD was prompted by the identification of misleading information in the emergency procedure for the “1(2) FUEL LOW” caution message. This AD requires revising the existing Rotorcraft Flight Manual (RFM) for your helicopter. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective August 24, 2021.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain document listed in this AD as of August 24, 2021.

ADDRESSES: For service information identified in this final rule, contact Leonardo S.p.A. Helicopters, Emanuele Bufano, Head of Airworthiness, Viale G. Agusta 520, 21017 C. Costa di Samarate (Va) Italy; telephone +39–0331–225074; fax +39–0331–229046; or at <https://customerportal.leonardo.com/en-US/>. You may view the referenced service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Room 6N–321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. It is also available at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2021–0302.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2021–0302; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is 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: Mitch Soth, Flight Test Engineer, Southwest Section, Flight Test Branch, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, FAA, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Fort Worth, TX 76177; telephone (817) 222–5110; email mitch.soth@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to Leonardo S.p.a. Model AW189 helicopters. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2021 (86 FR 20336). In the NPRM, the FAA

proposed to require revising page 3–118 of Section 3, Emergency and Malfunction Procedures, of the existing RFM for your helicopter to add remaining flight times (minutes) based on TQ value (%) and conditions that further reduce the remaining flight times. The NPRM was prompted by EASA AD 2019–0136, dated June 11, 2019 (EASA AD 2019–0136), issued by EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, to correct an unsafe condition for Leonardo S.p.A. (formerly Finmeccanica Helicopter Division, AgustaWestland) Model AW189 helicopters. EASA advises of the identification of misleading information in the AW189 RFM Emergency procedure associated with the “1(2) FUEL LOW” caution message. In particular, the procedure at issue instructs the pilot to land as soon as practicable within 20 minutes. However, this remaining flight time is guaranteed only if a constant torque value of 50% is maintained. The correct time limit depends on the fuel consumption at different engine power settings. Accordingly, EASA AD 2019–0136 requires amending section 3 of the AW189 RFM, “Emergency and malfunction procedures,” informing all flight crews, and thereafter, operating the helicopter accordingly. This condition, if not addressed, could result in the wrong estimation of the remaining flight time in a low fuel condition, possibly resulting in an uncommanded engine in-flight shut-down and forced landing, with consequent damage to the helicopter or injury to occupants.

EASA initially issued EASA AD 2019–0103, dated May 9, 2019 (EASA AD 2019–0103), to address this unsafe condition. EASA issued EASA AD 2019–0136 to supersede EASA AD 2019–0103 to require using the corrected amendment of the AW189 RFM.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received no comments on the NPRM or on the determination of the costs.

Conclusion

These helicopters have been approved by EASA and are approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA’s bilateral agreement with the European Union, EASA has notified the FAA about the unsafe condition described in its AD. The FAA reviewed the relevant data and determined that

air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these helicopters. Since the FAA issued the NPRM, the website address for Leonardo S.p.a. has changed. This AD updates that contact information to obtain service documentation. Additionally, the FAA made edits to clarify that AW189–RFM, Document No. 189G0290X002, Record of Temporary Revisions, TR No. 3–1, Revision A, dated May 24, 2019 (TR 3–1 Rev A) is included in Annex A of Leonardo Helicopters Document No. 189G0257A061, “AW189–MAF for EASA RFM Issue 2 TR 3–1, Low Fuel Caution Procedure,” Issue B, dated May 22, 2019. This AD is otherwise adopted as proposed in the NPRM.

Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed TR 3–1 Rev A, which specifies remaining flight times (minutes) based on TQ value (%) if the XFEED is closed or if the XFEED is open with both fuel pumps ON. TR 3–1 Rev A also specifies that the remaining flight times (minutes) are further reduced if the XFEED is open, both fuel pumps are ON and one tank has emptied, and the 2 engines are supplied from the remaining tank.

This service information is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Differences Between This AD and the EASA AD

EASA AD 2019–0136 requires revising the existing RFM for your helicopter within 14 days, whereas this AD requires that action within 14 hours time-in-service after the effective date of this AD instead. EASA AD 2019–0136 requires removing the RFM changes previously required by EASA AD 2019–0103, whereas this AD does not.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 4 helicopters of U.S. Registry. Labor rates are estimated at \$85 per work-hour. Based on these numbers, the FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD.

Revising the existing RFM for your helicopter takes about 0.25 work-hour for an estimated cost of \$21 per helicopter and \$84 for the U.S. fleet.

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.

The FAA is 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 helicopters 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) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, 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.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

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:

2021-13-13 Leonardo S.p.a.: Amendment 39-21618; Docket No. FAA-2021-0302; Project Identifier MCAI-2020-01596-R.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective August 24, 2021.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Leonardo S.p.a. Model AW189 helicopters, certificated in any category.

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft Service Component (JASC) Code: 7300, Engine fuel and control.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by the identification of misleading information in the emergency procedure for the "1(2) FUEL LOW" caution message. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent the wrong estimation of the remaining flight time in a low fuel condition. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in an uncommanded engine in-flight shut-down and forced landing, with subsequent damage to the helicopter or injury to the occupants.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Required Actions

Within 14 hours time-in-service after the effective date of this AD, revise page 3-118 of Section 3, Emergency and Malfunction Procedures, of the existing Rotorcraft Flight Manual for your helicopter by adding page 3-118, Temporary Revision 3-1 Rev. A, of AW189—RFM, Document No. 189G0290X002, Record of Temporary Revisions, dated May 24, 2019, as contained in Annex A of Leonardo Helicopters Document No. 189G0257A061, "AW189—MAF for EASA RFM Issue 2 TR 3-1, Low Fuel Caution Procedure," Issue B, dated May 22, 2019 (TR 3-1 Rev A). Using a different document with information identical to the information in page 3-118 of TR 3-1 Rev A is acceptable for compliance with the requirement of this paragraph. This action may be performed by the owner/operator (pilot) holding at least a private pilot certificate and must be entered into the aircraft records showing compliance with this AD in accordance with § 43.9(a)(1) through (4) and § 91.417(a)(2)(v). The record must be maintained as required by § 91.417, § 121.380, or § 135.439.

(h) Special Flight Permits

Special flight permits are prohibited.

(i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, International Validation Branch, 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 International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person

identified in paragraph (j)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@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.

(j) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Mitch Soth, Flight Test Engineer, Southwest Section, Flight Test Branch, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, FAA, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Fort Worth, TX 76177; telephone (817) 222-5110; email mitch.soth@faa.gov.

(2) The subject of this AD is addressed in European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2019-0136, dated June 11, 2019. You may view the EASA AD at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FAA-2021-0302.

(k) Material Incorporated by Reference

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

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

(i) AW189—RFM, Document No. 189G0290X002, Record of Temporary Revisions, dated May 24, 2019, as contained in Annex A of Leonardo Helicopters Document No. 189G0257A061, "AW189—MAF for EASA RFM Issue 2 TR 3-1, Low Fuel Caution Procedure," Issue B, dated May 22, 2019.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact Leonardo S.p.A. Helicopters, Emanuele Bufano, Head of Airworthiness, Viale G. Agusta 520, 21017 C.Costa di Samarate (Va) Italy; telephone +39-0331-225074; fax +39-0331-229046; or at <https://customerportal.leonardocompany.com/en-US/>.

(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Room 6N-321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

(5) You may view this 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, email: fedreg.legal@nara.gov, or go to: <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

Issued on July 9, 2021.

Gaetano A. Sciortino,

Deputy Director for Strategic Initiatives, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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