(b) Affected ADs
This AD affects AD 2012–18–13 R1, Amendment 39–17429 (78 FR 27020, May 9, 2013) (“AD 2012–18–13 R1”).

(c) Applicability
(1) This AD applies to all The Boeing Company Model 737–100, –200, –200C, –300, –400, and –500 series airplanes, certified in any category.
(2) Installation of Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) STO1219SE (http://rgl.faa.gov/Regulatory_and_Guidance_Library/rgstc.nsf/0/EBD1CECB830129EB86257CB30045537A?OpenDocument&Highlight=ST01219SE) does not affect the ability to accomplish the actions required by this AD. Therefore, for airplanes on which STC STO1219SE is installed, a “change in product” alternative method of compliance (AMOC) approval request is not necessary to comply with the requirements of 14 CFR 39.17.

(d) Subject
Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 53, Fuselage.

(e) Unsafe Condition
This AD was prompted by an evaluation by the design approval holder (DAH) indicating that the gore web lap splices of the aft pressure bulkhead are subject to widespread fatigue damage (WFD). We are issuing this AD to detect and correct cracking in the gore webs, gore web lap splices, and repair webs of the aft pressure bulkhead, which could result in possible rapid decompression and loss of structural integrity.

(f) Compliance
Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Required Actions for Group 1 Airplanes
For airplanes identified as Group 1 in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–53A1355, dated March 10, 2017: Within 120 days after the effective date of this AD, inspect the airplane, using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (k) of this AD.

(h) Actions Required for Compliance
Except as required by paragraph (j) of this AD: For airplanes identified as Group 2 in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–53A1355, dated March 10, 2017, at the applicable times specified in paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–53A1355, dated March 10, 2017, do all applicable actions identified as required for compliance (“RC”) in, and in accordance with, the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–53A1355, dated March 10, 2017.

(i) Termination of Requirements of Paragraph (o) of AD 2012–18–13 R1
Accomplishment of the initial inspection for Zone 1, defined in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–53A1355, dated March 10, 2017, and required by paragraph (h) of this AD terminates the requirements of paragraph (o) of AD 2012–18–13 R1.

(j) Exceptions to Service Information Specifications
(1) For purposes of determining compliance with the requirements of this AD: Where Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–53A1355, dated March 10, 2017, uses the phrase “the original issue date of this service bulletin,” this AD requires using “the effective date of this AD.”
(2) Although Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–53A1355, dated March 10, 2017, specifies to contact Boeing for repair instructions, and specifies that action as “RC” (Required for Compliance), this AD requires repair before further flight using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (k) of this AD.

(k) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)
(1) The Manager, Los Angeles ACO 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 certification office, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (l) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AMO- LAACO-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, modification, or alteration 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 Branch, to make those findings. To be approved, the repair method, modification, or alteration deviation must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.
(4) Except as required by paragraph (j)(2) of this AD: For service information that contains steps as labeled as Required for Compliance (RC), the provisions of paragraphs (k)(4)(i) and (k)(4)(ii) of this AD apply.
(i) The steps labeled as RC, including substeps under an RC step and any figures identified in an RC step, must be done to comply with the AD. If a step or substep is labeled “RC Exempt,” then the RC requirement is removed from that step or substep. An AMOC is required for any deviations to RC steps, including substeps and identified figures.
(ii) Steps not labeled as RC may be deviated from using accepted methods in accordance with the operator’s maintenance or inspection program without obtaining approval of an AMOC, provided the RC steps, including substeps and identified figures, can still be done as specified, and the airplane can be put back in an airworthy condition.

(l) Related Information
For more information about this AD, contact George Garrido, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Section, FAA, Los Angeles ACO Branch, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, CA 90712–4137; phone: 562–627–5232; fax: 562–627–5210; email: george.garrido@faa.gov.

(m) Material Incorporated by Reference
(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) 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.
(ii) Reserved.
(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Transport Standards Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195.
(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, call 202–741–6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on February 14, 2018.
Michael Kaszycki,
Acting Director, System Oversight Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2012–22–15, which applied to all Fokker Services B.V. Model F28 Mark 0070 and 0100 airplanes. AD 2012–22–15 required revising the maintenance program to incorporate the limitations,
tasks, thresholds, and intervals specified in certain revised Fokker maintenance review board (MRB) documents. This new AD requires revising the maintenance or inspection programs, as applicable, to incorporate new maintenance requirements and airworthiness limitations. This AD was prompted by new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations. We are issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective April 3, 2018.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of April 3, 2018.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain other publication listed in this AD as of December 20, 2012 (77 FR 68063, November 15, 2012).

ADDRESSES: For service information identified in this final rule, contact Fokker Services B.V., Technical Services Dept., P.O. Box 1357, 2130 EL Hoofddorp, the Netherlands; telephone: +31 (0)88–6280–350; fax: +31 (0)88–6280–111; email: technicalservices@fokker.com; internet http://www.myfokkerfleet.com. You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Standards Branch, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221. It is also available on the internet at http://www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2016–9435.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the internet at http://www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2016–9435; 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 (telephone 800–647–5527) is Docket 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.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

We issued a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to supersede AD 2012–22–15, Amendment 39–17252 (77 FR 68063, November 15, 2012) (‘‘AD 2012–22–15’’). AD 2012–22–15 applied to all Fokker Services B.V. Model F28 Mark 0070 and Mark 0100 airplanes. The SNPRMpublished in the Federal Register on October 19, 2017 (82 FR 48671) (‘‘the SNPRM’’). We preceded the SNPRM with a Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that published in the Federal Register on December 16, 2016 (81 FR 91068) (‘‘the NPRM’’). The NPRM was prompted by new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The NPRM proposed to revise the maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The SNPRM proposed to require revising the maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations that were issued since the NPRM was released. We are issuing this AD to prevent reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA Airworthiness Directive AD 2017–0095, dated May 30, 2017 (referred to after this as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or ‘‘the MCAI’’), to correct an unsafe condition for all Fokker Services B.V. Model F28 Mark 0070 and Mark 0100 airplanes. The MCAI states:

Fokker Services Engineering Report SE–623 contains the Airworthiness Limitation Items (ALIs) and Safe Life Items (SLIs). This report is Part 2 of the Airworthiness Limitations Section (ALS Part 2) of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness, referred to in Section 06, Appendix 1, of the Fokker 70/100 Maintenance Review Board document.

The complete ALS consists of:


Part 2—Report SE–623, ALIs and SLIs—ref. EASA AD 2016–0125 [which corresponds to certain requirements in FAA AD 2012–22–15], and


The instructions contained in those reports have been identified as mandatory actions for continued airworthiness. Failure to accomplish these actions could result in an unsafe condition.

EASA previously issued AD 2016–0125, requiring the actions described in ALS Part 2, Report SE–623 at issue 15 and 16.

Since that AD was issued, Fokker Services published issue 17 of Report SE–623, containing new and/or more restrictive maintenance tasks.

For the reasons described above, this [EASA] AD retains the requirements of AD 2016–0125, which is superseded, and requires implementation of the maintenance actions as specified in ALS Part 2 of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness, Fokker Services Engineering Report SE–623 at issue 17 (hereafter referred to as ‘‘ALS Part 2’’ in this [EASA] AD).


Comments

We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this AD. We received no comments on the SNPRM or on the determination of the cost to the public.

Conclusion

We reviewed the available data and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting this AD as proposed except for minor editorial changes. We have determined that these minor changes:

• Are consistent with the intent that was proposed in the SNPRM for correcting the unsafe condition; and

• Do not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed in the SNPRM.

Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

Fokker Services B.V. has issued Engineering Report SE–623, ‘‘Fokker 70/100 ALI’s and SLI’s,’’ Issue 17, issued April 26, 2017. The service information describes new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations. 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.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this AD affects 15 airplanes of U.S. registry. The actions required by AD 2012–22–15, and retained in this AD, take about 1 work-hour per product, at an average labor rate of $85 per work-hour. Based on these figures, the estimated cost of the actions that are required by AD 2012–22–15 is $85 per product.

We also estimate that it would take about 1 work-hour per product to
comply with the new basic requirements of this AD. The average labor rate is $85 per work-hour. Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of this AD on U.S. operators to be $1,275, or $85 per product.

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.

This AD is issued in accordance with authority delegated by the Executive Director, Aircraft Certification Service, as authorized by FAA Order 8000.51C. In accordance with that order, issuance of ADs normally is a function of the Compliance and Airworthiness Division, but during this transition period, the Executive Director has delegated the authority to issue ADs applicable to transport category airplanes to the Director of the System Oversight Division.

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 that 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);
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
§ 39.13 [Amended]
* ■ 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 removing Airworthiness Directive 2012–22–15, Amendment 39–17252 (77 FR 68063, November 15, 2012), and adding the following new AD.

2017–06–06 Fokker Services B.V.

(a) Effective Date
This AD is effective April 3, 2018.

(b) Affected ADs


(3) This AD affects AD 2008–06–20 R1, Amendment 39–16089 (74 FR 61018, November 23, 2009) (“AD 2008–06–20 R1”).

(c) Applicability
This AD applies to Fokker Services B.V. Model F28 Mark 0070 and Mark 0100 airplanes, certificated in any category, all serial numbers.

(d) Subject
Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 05, Time Limits/Maintenance Checks.

(e) Reason
This AD was promted by a revision of an airworthiness limitations items (ALI) document, which introduces new and more restrictive maintenance requirements and airworthiness limitations. We are issuing this AD to prevent reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

(f) Compliance
Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Retained Maintenance Program Revision, with Revised Compliance Language
This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (i) of AD 2012–22–15, with revised compliance language. Within 3 months after December 20, 2012 (the effective date of AD 2012–22–15), revise the maintenance program to incorporate the airworthiness limitations specified in Fokker Report SE–623, “Fokker 70/100 Airworthiness Limitation Items and Safe Life Items,” Issue 8, released March 17, 2011.

(h) Retained Corrective Actions, With Specific Delegation Approval Language
This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (j) of AD 2012–22–15, with specific delegation approval language. If any discrepancy, as defined in Fokker Report SE–623, “Fokker 70/100 Airworthiness Limitation Items and Safe Life Items,” Issue 8, released March 17, 2011, is found during accomplishment of any task specified in the applicable interval specified in Fokker Report SE–623, “Fokker 70/100 Airworthiness Limitation Items and Safe Life Items,” Issue 8, released March 17, 2011. Doing the revision required by paragraph (k) of this AD terminates the requirements of this paragraph.

(1) Within 3 months after December 20, 2012 (the effective date of AD 2012–22–15).


This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (k) of AD 2012–22–15, with a new exception.
Exception. Except as required by paragraph (k) of this AD, after accomplishing the revision required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals may be used unless the actions or intervals are approved as an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (m)(1) of this AD.

(j) Retained Method of Compliance With AD 2008–06–20 R1, With Revised Compliance Language

This paragraph restates the terminating action specified in paragraph (m) of AD 2012–22–15, with revised compliance language. Accomplishing the actions specified in paragraph (g) of this AD terminates the requirements of paragraphs (f)(1) through (f)(5) of AD 2008–06–20 R1.

(k) New Requirement of This AD: Maintenance or Inspection Program Revision

Within 30 days of the effective date of this AD, revise the maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the airworthiness limitations specified in Fokker Services B.V. Engineering Report SE–623, “Fokker 70/100 ALI’s and SLI’s,” Issue 17, issued April 26, 2017. Accomplishing the revision required by this paragraph terminates the requirements of paragraph (g) of this AD. Accomplishing the revision required by this paragraph also terminates the requirements of paragraph (g) of AD 2012–12–07.

(1) The initial compliance times for the tasks specified in Fokker Services B.V. Engineering Report SE–623, “Fokker 70/100 ALI’s and SLI’s,” Issue 17, issued April 26, 2017, are at the later of the applicable compliance times specified in Fokker Services B.V. Engineering Report SE–623, “Fokker 70/100 ALI’s and SLI’s,” Issue 17, issued April 26, 2017, or within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever is later.

(2) If any discrepancy is found, before further flight, repair using a method approved by the Manager, International Section, Transport Standards Branch, FAA; or Fokker ALI’s and SLI’s; or the EASA; or Fokker B.V. Service’s EASA DOA. If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(l) No Alternative Actions or Intervals

After the maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, has been revised as required by paragraph (k) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals may be used unless the actions or intervals are approved as an AMOC in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (m)(1) of this AD.

(m) Other FAA AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, International Section, Transport Standards 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 International Section, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (n)(2) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-ANM-116-AMOC-REQUESTS@faa.gov. 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.

(2) Contacting the Manufacturer: As of the effective date of this AD, for any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer, the action must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Section, Transport Standards Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Fokker B.V. Services’ EASA DOA. If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(n) Related Information


(o) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) 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 this AD specifies otherwise.

(3) The following service information was approved for IBR on April 3, 2018:


(iii) Reserved.

(4) The following service information was approved for IBR on December 20, 2012 (77 FR 68063, November 15, 2012).


(ii) Reserved.

(5) For service information identified in this AD, contact Fokker Services B.V., Technical Services Dept., P.O. Box 1357, 2130 EL Hoofddorp, the Netherlands; telephone: +31 (0)88–6280–350; fax: +31 (0)88–6280–111; email: technicalservices@fokker.com; internet http://www.myfokkerfleet.com.

(6) You may view this service information at the FAA, Transport Standards Branch, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

(7) 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, call 202–741–6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html.

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Michael Kaszyczki,
Acting Director, System Oversight Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 97

[Docket No. 31180; Amdt. No. 3788]

Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) and associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures for operations at certain airports. These regulatory actions are needed because of the adoption of new or revised criteria, or because of changes occurring in the National Airspace System, such as the commissioning of new navigational facilities, adding new obstacles, or changing air traffic requirements. These changes are designed to provide for the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace and to promote safe flight operations under instrument flight rules at the affected airports.

DATES: This rule is effective February 27, 2018. The compliance date for each SIAP, associated Takeoff Minimums, and ODP is specified in the amendatory provisions.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of February 27, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Availability of matter incorporated by reference in the amendment is as follows:

For Examination

1. U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Ops–M30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Bldg., Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001;