

in the MLG main fitting, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the MLG main fitting.

#### Compliance

(e) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified, unless the actions have already been done.

#### Airplane Flight Manual (AFM) Revision and Placard Installation

(f) Within 14 days after the effective date of this AD, amend the Limitations section of the Fokker F.28 AFM to prohibit application of brakes during backward movement of the airplane. This may be done by inserting a copy of this AD in the AFM.

**Note 1:** When a statement to prohibit application of brakes during backward movement of the airplane has been included in the general revisions of the AFM, the general revisions may be inserted into the AFM, and the copy of this AD may be removed from the AFM.

(g) Within 14 days after the effective date of this AD, affix a placard on the pedestal, next to the parking brake handle, having the following wording: "APPLICATION OF BRAKES DURING BACKWARD MOVEMENT IS PROHIBITED."

#### Inspection and Corrective Action

(h) At the applicable time specified in paragraph (h)(1) or (h)(2) of this AD: Do an eddy current inspection of the MLG main fittings and repair before further flight as applicable, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Messier-Dowty Service Bulletin F100-32-106, including Appendices A through C and excluding Appendix D, dated February 18, 2005, except as provided by paragraphs (i) and (j) of this AD.

(1) For airplanes on which an inspection has not been done in accordance with Messier-Dowty Service Bulletin F100-32-104, Revision 2, dated October 30, 2003: Within 3 months after the effective date of this AD.

(2) For airplanes on which an inspection has been done in accordance with Messier-Dowty Service Bulletin F100-32-104, Revision 2, dated October 30, 2003: Within 2,000 flight cycles since the last inspection done in accordance with the service bulletin or within 3 months after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

#### Exceptions to the Service Bulletin

(i) Where Messier-Dowty Service Bulletin F100-32-106, including Appendices A through C and excluding Appendix D, dated February 18, 2005, specifies contacting the manufacturer for repair: Before further flight, repair using a method approved by either the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA; or the Civil Aviation Authority—The Netherlands (CAA-NL) (or its delegated agent).

(j) Although Messier-Dowty Service Bulletin F100-32-106, including Appendices A through C and excluding Appendix D, dated February 18, 2005, specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include that requirement.

#### Parts Installation

(k) As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install, on any airplane, a Messier-Dowty MLG, unless it has been inspected/repared according to paragraph (h) of this AD.

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(l)(1) The Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested in accordance with the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

(2) Before using any AMOC approved in accordance with § 39.19 on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify the appropriate principal inspector in the FAA Flight Standards Certificate Holding District Office.

#### Related Information

(m) Dutch airworthiness directives 2002-115/2, dated October 8, 2004; and NL-2005-002, dated April 14, 2005, also address the subject of this AD.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference

(n) You must use Messier-Dowty Service Bulletin F100-32-106, including Appendices A through C and excluding Appendix D, dated February 18, 2005; to perform the actions that are required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of this document in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Contact Fokker Services B.V., Technical Services Dept, P.O. Box 231, 2150 AE Nieuw-Vennep, the Netherlands, for a copy of this service information. You may review copies at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., room PL-401, Nassif Building, Washington, DC; on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>; or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at the NARA, call (202) 741-6030, or go to [http://www.archives.gov/federal\\_register/code\\_of\\_federal\\_regulations/ibr\\_locations.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2005-23475; Directorate Identifier 2005-NM-117-AD; Amendment 39-14518; AD 2006-06-09]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model ERJ 170 Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all EMBRAER Model ERJ 170 airplanes. This AD requires revising the Airworthiness Limitations section (ALS) of the airplane maintenance manual (AMM) to include new, specific maintenance tasks related to the incorporation of a new horizontal stabilizer actuator. This AD also requires revising the ALS of the AMM to include revised repetitive inspection intervals for certain tasks in the maintenance plan related to the aileron and flap/slat flight controls system. This AD results from safety assessments of the aileron and flap/slat flight controls system, conducted after the type certification of the airplane, which showed that some dormant faults did not comply with the safety assessment criteria. We are issuing this AD to prevent failure of the aileron and flap/slat controls system, which could result in reduced controllability of the airplane.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective April 26, 2006.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in the AD as of April 26, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or in person at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, room PL-401, Washington, DC.

Contact Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER), P.O. Box 343—CEP 12.225, Sao Jose dos Campos—SP, Brazil, for service information identified in this AD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Todd Thompson, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton,

Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-1175; fax (425) 227-1149.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Examining the Docket

You may examine the airworthiness directive (AD) docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or in person at the Docket Management Facility office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Management Facility office (telephone (800) 647-5227) is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building at the street address stated in the ADDRESSES section.

##### Discussion

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an AD that would apply to all EMBRAER Model ERJ 170 airplanes. That NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on January 4, 2006 (71 FR 290). That NPRM proposed to require revising the Airworthiness Limitations section (ALS) of the airplane maintenance manual (AMM) to include new, specific maintenance tasks related to the incorporation of a new horizontal stabilizer actuator. That NPRM also proposed to require revising the ALS of the AMM to include revised repetitive inspection intervals for certain tasks in the maintenance plan related to the aileron and flap/slat flight controls system.

##### Comments

We provided the public the opportunity to participate in the development of this AD. We have considered the single comment received. The commenter, the Airline Pilots Association, International, supports the NPRM.

##### Conclusion

We have carefully reviewed the available data, including the comment received, and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting the AD as proposed.

##### Costs of Compliance

This AD will affect about 42 airplanes of U.S. registry. The required actions will take about 1 work hour per airplane, at an average labor rate of \$65 per work hour. Based on these figures, the estimated cost of the AD for U.S. operators is \$2,730, or \$65 per airplane.

##### 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

We have 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 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.

We prepared a regulatory evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this AD and placed it in the AD docket. See the ADDRESSES section for a location to examine the regulatory evaluation.

##### 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 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

**2006-06-09 Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER):**  
Amendment 39-14518. Docket No. FAA-2005-23475; Directorate Identifier 2005-NM-117-AD.

##### Effective Date

(a) This AD becomes effective April 26, 2006.

##### Affected ADs

(b) None.

##### Applicability

(c) This AD applies to all EMBRAER Model ERJ 170-100 LR, -100 STD, -100 SE, and -100 SU airplanes, certificated in any category.

##### Unsafe Condition

(d) This AD results from safety assessments of the aileron and flap/slat flight controls system, conducted after the type certification of the airplane, which showed that some dormant faults did not comply with the safety assessment criteria. We are issuing this AD to prevent failure of the aileron and flap/slat controls system, which could result in reduced controllability of the airplane.

##### Compliance

(e) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified, unless the actions have already been done.

##### Airplane Maintenance Manual (AMM) Revisions

(f) Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD: Revise the Airworthiness Limitations section of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness in the EMBRAER 170 AMM to include revisions to the maintenance tasks and repetitive inspections intervals, and applicable corrective actions that are approved by either the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA; or the Departamento de Aviação Civil (DAC), (or its delegated agent). The revisions in paragraphs (f)(1) and (f)(2) of this AD are approved methods.

(1) EMBRAER Temporary Revision (TR) 1-3 of the EMBRAER 170 Maintenance Review Board (MRB) Report MRB-1621, dated December 27, 2004, to the EMBRAER 170 AMM includes revised repetitive inspection intervals for MRB tasks 27-11-00-002 (Operational Check of Control-Yoke Disconnect System) and 27-11-11-001 (Operational Check of Aileron Override Unit). Where the revision requires a compliance time that is less than 700 flight hours after the effective date of this AD, do the action within 700 flight hours after the effective date of this AD. Thereafter, except as provided by paragraph (h) of this AD, no alternative inspection intervals may be approved.

(2) The revised EMBRAER 170 AMM maintenance tasks identified in Table 1 of this AD include new maintenance tasks and inspections related to the incorporation of a new horizontal stabilizer actuator. Thereafter, except as provided by paragraph (h) of this AD, no alternative tasks or inspections may be approved.

TABLE 1.—EMBRAER 170 AMM MAINTENANCE TASKS

AMM chapter	Task Nos.	Date	Title
27-11-03 ....	27-11-03-710-801-A, 27-11-03-720-801-A .....	January 25, 2005 ....	Aileron Control Cable—Adjustment/Test.
27-41-01 ....	27-41-01-210-801-A, 27-41-01-220-801-A, 27-41-01-220-802-A.	January 25, 2005 ....	Horizontal Stabilizer Trim Actuator—Inspection/Check.
27-81-01 ....	27-81-01-710-801-A .....	January 25, 2005 ....	Slat Actuator—Adjustment/Test.

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(g)(1) The Manager, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested in accordance with the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

(2) Before using any AMOC approved in accordance with § 39.19 on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify the appropriate principal inspector in the FAA Flight Standards Certificate Holding District Office.

#### Related Information

(h) Brazilian airworthiness directive 2005-03-02, effective April 20, 2005, also addresses the subject of this AD.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference

(i) You must use EMBRAER Temporary Revision 1-3 of the EMBRAER 170 Maintenance Review Board Report MRB-1621, dated December 27, 2004, to the EMBRAER 170 Airplane Maintenance Manual, to perform the actions that are required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of this document in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Contact Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER), P.O. Box 343—CEP 12.225, Sao Jose dos Campos—SP, Brazil, for a copy of this service information. You may review copies at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., room PL-401, Nassif Building, Washington, DC; on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>; or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at the NARA, call (202) 741-6030, or go to [http://www.archives.gov/federal\\_register/code\\_of\\_federal\\_regulations/ibr\\_locations.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html).

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Aviation Administration

##### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2005-22383; Directorate Identifier 2005-NM-102-AD; Amendment 39-14520; AD 2006-06-11]

RIN 2120-AA64

##### Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-300, 747-400, and 747-400D Series Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Boeing Model 747-100B SUD, 747-300, 747-400, and 747-400D series airplanes; and Model 747-200B series airplanes having a stretched upper deck. This AD requires repetitively inspecting for cracking or discrepancies of the fasteners in the tension ties, shear webs, and frames at body stations 1120 through 1220, and performing related investigative and corrective actions if necessary. This AD results from new reports of severed tension ties, as well as numerous reports of cracked tension ties, broken fasteners, and cracks in the frame, shear web, and shear ties adjacent to tension ties for the upper deck. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct cracking of the tension ties, shear webs, and frames of the upper deck, which could result in rapid decompression of the airplane.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective April 26, 2006.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in the AD as of April 26, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or in person at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, room PL-401, Washington, DC.

Contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle,

Washington 98124-2207, for service information identified in this AD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ivan Li, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 917-6437; fax (425) 917-6590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Examining the Docket

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##### Discussion

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an AD that would apply to certain Boeing Model 747-100B SUD, 747-300, 747-400, and 747-400D series airplanes; and Model 747-200B series airplanes having a stretched upper deck (SUD). That NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on September 12, 2005 (70 FR 53743). That NPRM proposed to require repetitively inspecting for cracking or discrepancies of the fasteners in the tension ties, shear webs, and frames at body stations 1120 through 1220, and related investigative and corrective actions if necessary.

##### Comments

We provided the public the opportunity to participate in the development of this AD. We have considered the comments received.

##### Request To Discuss Special Freighters

The Boeing Company (hereafter referred to in this AD as “Boeing”) requests that we revise the Discussion section of the proposed AD to refer to Boeing Model 747-200B(SUD)SF, 747-300SF, and 747-400SF airplanes. Boeing notes that the Discussion section mentions Boeing 747-200B series airplanes modified under a Boeing-