

certificate and production approval holder responsibilities to the manufacturers of new aircraft produced in the United States. This advance notice does not propose any changes to § 21.183(a), New aircraft manufactured under a production certificate, § 21.183(b), New aircraft manufactured under type certificate only, or § 21.183(c), Import aircraft.

#### Economic Impact

Proposed changes to Federal regulations must undergo several economic analyses. Executive Order 12866 directs each Federal agency to propose or adopt a regulation only if the agency makes a reasoned determination that the benefits of the intended regulations justify its cost. In addition, the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, as amended, required agencies to analyze the economic impact of regulatory changes on small entities. Other analyses are also required.

To aid the FAA in performing these analyses in the event that we propose a regulation, we request responses to the following questions:

1. If you are manufacturing or assembling in the United States new aircraft that received standard airworthiness certification under § 21.183(d), or if you expect to apply for airworthiness certification under § 21.183(d) to produce new aircraft'

- What is the name of your company?
- How many people does your company employ?
- How many new aircraft certificated under § 21.183(d) do you expect to produce in the future? If possible, give annual production estimates.

2. If you are producing or plan to produce new aircraft that are or would be airworthiness certificated under § 21.183(d), what do you estimate the cost of airworthiness certification under § 21.183(a) or (b) would be relative to airworthiness certification under § 21.183(d)? Please be as specific as possible in identifying additional required tests, analyses, and demonstrations and their estimated costs.

3. If you are producing or plan to produce new aircraft airworthiness certificated under § 21.183(d), what do you estimate the cost of manufacture (per aircraft) would be if the aircraft were airworthiness certificated under § 21.183(a) or (b) compared with airworthiness certification under § 21.183(d)? Please be as specific as possible in identifying required changes in equipment, materials, and manufacturing methods and their estimated costs.

4. If you are producing or plan to produce new aircraft airworthiness certificated under § 21.183(d), and you had to wait for the FAA to issue the airworthiness certificate for each aircraft, what do you estimate the cost would be (per day) once the aircraft was ready for certification?

5. Please provide any other specific information, data, or analyses that you believe may be useful in estimating the costs associated with a potential rulemaking action to preclude the standard airworthiness certification of new aircraft under § 21.183(d).

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 31, 2003.

**John J. Hickey,**

*Director, Aircraft Certification Service, AIR-1.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2003-CE-11-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### **Airworthiness Directives; Iniziative Industriali Italiane S.p.A. Models Sky Arrow 650 TC and 650 TCN Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) that would apply to certain Iniziative Industriali Italiane S.p.A. (3I) Models Sky Arrow 650 TC and 650 TCN airplanes. This proposed AD would require you to modify the nose gear support bulkhead (STA600). This proposed AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for Italy. The actions specified by this proposed AD are intended to prevent failure of the nose gear support bulkhead (STA600). Such failure could lead to loss of control of the airplane during landing or take-off.

**DATES:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must receive any comments on this proposed rule on or before May 9, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-CE-11-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. You may view any comments at this location

between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also send comments electronically to the following address: 9-ACE-7-Docket@faa.gov. Comments sent electronically must contain "Docket No. 2003-CE-11-AD" in the subject line. If you send comments electronically as attached electronic files, the files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

You may get service information that applies to this proposed AD from Iniziative Industriali Italiane S.p.A., Corso Trieste, n. 150, 00198 Rome, Italy; telephone: 06 84.15.821; facsimile: 06 855.71.62. You may also view this information at the Rules Docket at the address above.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Doug Rudolph, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4059; facsimile: (816) 329-4090.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Comments Invited**

*How Do I Comment on This Proposed AD?*

The FAA invites comments on this proposed rule. You may submit whatever written data, views, or arguments you choose. You need to include the rule's docket number and submit your comments to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES**. We will consider all comments received on or before the closing date. We may amend this proposed rule in light of comments received. Factual information that supports your ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of this proposed AD action and determining whether we need to take additional rulemaking action.

*Are There Any Specific Portions of This Proposed AD I Should Pay Attention to?*

The FAA specifically invites comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed rule that might suggest a need to modify the proposed rule. You may view all comments we receive before and after the closing date of the proposed rule in the Rules Docket. We will file a report in the Rules Docket that summarizes each contact we have with the public that concerns the substantive parts of this proposed AD.

*How Can I Be Sure FAA Receives My Comment?*

If you want FAA to acknowledge the receipt of your mailed comments, you

must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. On the postcard, write "Comments to Docket No. 2003-CE-11-AD." We will date stamp and mail the postcard back to you.

**Discussion**

*What Events Have Caused This Proposed AD?*

The Ente Nazionale per l'Aviazione Civile (ENAC), which is the airworthiness authority for Italy, recently notified FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain Iniziative Industriali Italiane S.p.A. (3I) Models Sky Arrow 650 TC and 650 TCN airplanes. The ENAC reports that data collected on in-service airplanes show that cracks have been detected on the nose gear support bulkhead (STA600) of several airplanes with high operating time on grass airfields and at flight schools where activity of hard landings have occurred.

*What Are the Consequences if the Condition Is Not Corrected?*

If not corrected, the nose gear support bulkhead (STA600) could fail. Such failure could lead to loss of control of the airplane during landing or take-off.

*Is There Service Information That Applies to This Subject?*

Iniziativa Industriali Italiane S.p.A. (3I) has issued 3i Service Bulletin SB-C No. 02/02, dated October 15, 2002.

*What Are the Provisions of This Service Information?*

The service bulletin includes procedures for modifying the nose gear support bulkhead (STA600).

*What Action Did the ENAC Take?*

The ENAC classified this service bulletin as mandatory and issued Italian AD Number 2002-591, dated November 29, 2002, in order to ensure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in Italy.

*Was This in Accordance With the Bilateral Airworthiness Agreement?*

These airplane models are manufactured in Italy and are type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of section 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement.

Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the ENAC has kept FAA informed of the situation described above.

**The FAA's Determination and an Explanation of the Provisions of This Proposed AD**

*What Has FAA Decided?*

The FAA has examined the findings of the ENAC; reviewed all available information, including the service information referenced above; and determined that:

- The unsafe condition referenced in this document exists or could develop on other Iniziative Industriali Italiane

S.p.A. (3I) Models Sky Arrow 650 TC and 650 TCN airplanes of the same type design that are on the U.S. registry;

- The actions specified in the previously-referenced service information should be accomplished on the affected airplanes; and
- AD action should be taken in order to correct this unsafe condition.

*What Would This Proposed AD Require?*

This proposed AD would require you to incorporate the actions in the previously-referenced service bulletin.

*How Does the Revision to 14 CFR Part 39 Affect This Proposed AD?*

On July 10, 2002, FAA published a new version of 14 CFR part 39 (67 FR 47997, July 22, 2002), which governs FAA's AD system. This regulation now includes material that relates to special flight permits, alternative methods of compliance, and altered products. This material previously was included in each individual AD. Since this material is included in 14 CFR part 39, we will not include it in future AD actions.

**Cost Impact**

*How Many Airplanes Would This Proposed AD Impact?*

We estimate that this proposed AD affects 10 airplanes in the U.S. registry.

*What Would Be the Cost Impact of This Proposed AD on Owners/Operators of the Affected Airplanes?*

We estimate the following costs to accomplish the proposed modification:

Labor cost	Parts cost	Total cost per airplane	Total cost on U.S. operators.
19 workhours × \$60 = \$1,140 .....	\$100	\$1,240	\$12,400.

The proposed modification to the nose gear support bulkhead (STA600) would require 39 hours for cure and post cure time.

**Regulatory Impact**

*Would This Proposed AD Impact Various Entities?*

The regulations proposed herein would 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 proposed rule would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

*Would This Proposed AD Involve a Significant Rule or Regulatory Action?*

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this proposed 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) if promulgated, 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 draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action has been placed 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, Safety.

**The Proposed Amendment**

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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.

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airplanes that are certificated in any category:

**§ 39.13 [Amended]**

2. FAA amends § 39.13 by adding a new airworthiness directive (AD) to read as follows:

(a) *What airplanes are affected by this AD?* This AD affects the following

Model	Serial No.
Sky Arrow 650 TC .....	C001 through C004, C006 through C008, and C011.
Sky Arrow 650 TCN .....	CN001 through CN006 and CN008.

(b) *Who must comply with this AD?* Anyone who wishes to operate any of the airplanes identified in paragraph (a) of this AD must comply with this AD.

AD are intended to prevent failure of the nose gear support bulkhead (STA600). Such failure could lead to loss of control of the airplane during landing or take-off.4

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

(c) *What problem does this AD address?* The actions specified by this

Actions	Compliance	Procedures
Modify the nose gear support bulkhead (STA600).	Within the next 100 hours time-in-service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD.	In accordance with Iniziativa Industriali Italiane S.p.A. 3i Service Bulletin SB-C No. 02-02, dated October 15, 2002.

(e) *Can I comply with this AD in any other way?* To use an alternative method of compliance or adjust the compliance time, follow the procedures in 14 CFR 39.19. Send these requests to the Manager, Standards Office, Small Airplane Directorate, For information on any already approved alternative methods of compliance, contact Doug Rudolph, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4059; facsimile: (816) 329-4090.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. 2003-CE-10-AD]

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**Airworthiness Directives; Iniziativa Industriali Italiane S.p.A. Models Sky Arrow 650 TC and 650 TCN Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) that would apply to all Iniziativa Industriali Italiane S.p.A. (3I) Models Sky Arrow 650 TC and 650 TCN airplanes. This proposed AD would require you to repetitively inspect the engine mount for cracks and modify or replace the engine mount if cracks are found. This proposed AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for Italy. The actions specified by this proposed AD are intended to detect and correct cracks in the engine mount, which could result in failure of the engine mount. Such failure could lead to separation of the engine from the airplane.

Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-CE-10-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. You may view any comments at this location between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also send comments electronically to the following address: 9-ACE-7-Docket@faa.gov. Comments sent electronically must contain "Docket No. 2003-CE-10-AD" in the subject line. If you send comments electronically as attached electronic files, the files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

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**Note:** The subject of this AD is addressed in Italian AD Number 2002-591, dated November 29, 2002.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 26, 2003.

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Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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