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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 550

#### Pay Administration (General)

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Technical amendment.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains a technical amendment to the final regulation that was published in the *Federal Register* on January 9, 1981. This amendment removes a reference to the CFR that is no longer available.

**DATES:** This amendment is effective on December 31, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacqueline D. Carter, (202) 606-1973.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Friday, December 10, 1999, (64 FR 69176) the Office of Personnel Management published a Final rule removing § 550.342 from 5 CFR Part 550. This amendment removes the reference “§ 550.342” from subpart C, § 550.311(a)(3).

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that these changes will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because the regulations pertain only to Federal employees and agencies.

#### List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 550

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Government employees, Wages.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Jacqueline D. Carter,**

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Accordingly, OPM is amending 5 CFR part 550 as follows:

## PART 550—PAY ADMINISTRATION (GENERAL)

1. The authority citation for subpart C of part 550 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 5527, E.O. 10982, 3 CFR 1959-1963 Comp., p. 502.

### § 550.311 [Amended]

2. In § 550.311 paragraph (a) (3), remove the first “§”, and the phrase “and 550.342”.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 98-ANE-33-AD; Amendment 39-12575; AD 2001-26-11]

**RIN 2120-AA64**

#### Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce, plc RB211 Trent 800 Series Turbofan Engines

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment supersedes an existing airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to Rolls-Royce, plc RB211 Trent 800 series turbofan engines. That AD currently requires initial and repetitive ultrasonic inspections of low pressure compressor (LPC) fan blade roots for cracks, and replacement, if necessary, with serviceable parts. This amendment requires initial inspections at modified thresholds and repetitive inspections at reduced intervals from the current AD using new LPC fan blade inspection criteria, and requires renewal of dry film lubricant on removed blades. This amendment is prompted by reports that an in-service engine experienced LPC fan blade root cracking at a lower life than previously forecast, and, the manufacturer's further investigation that has led to a better understanding of the causes of fan blade root cracking. The actions specified in this AD are intended to prevent LPC fan blade failure due to cracking, which could result in multiple fan blade release,

uncontained engine failure, and possible damage to the airplane.

**DATES:** Effective January 30, 2002. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of January 30, 2002.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before March 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 98-ANE-33-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299. Comments may be inspected at this location, by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: “9-ane-adcomment@faa.gov”. Comments sent via the Internet must contain the docket number in the subject line. The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Rolls-Royce plc, Technical Publications Department, PO Box 31, Derby, England DE248BJ; telephone 44 1332 242424, fax, 1332 249936. This information may be examined, by appointment, at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Keith Mead, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (781) 238-7744; fax (781) 238-7199.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 30, 2000, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued airworthiness directive (AD) 2000-24-26, Amendment 39-12033 (65 FR 77778, December 13, 2000), applicable to Rolls-Royce, plc RB211 Trent 875, RB211 Trent 877, RB211 Trent 884, RB211 Trent 892, and RB211 Trent 892B series turbofan engines, to require initial and repetitive ultrasonic inspections of low pressure compressor (LPC) fan blade roots for cracks, and replacement, if necessary, with serviceable parts. This AD requires initial inspections at modified thresholds and repetitive