

defer the claim only if you agree to continue to care for the crop. We will then make another appraisal when you notify us of further damage or that harvest is general in the area unless you harvest the crop, in which case we will use the harvested production. If you do not continue to care for the crop, our appraisal made prior to deferring the claim will be used to determine the production to count; and

(2) All harvested production from the insurable acreage.

(3) If mature blueberries, harvested or unharvested, are damaged by an insurable cause of loss specified in section 8 of these Crop Provisions, to the extent that the blueberries can not be sold as fresh or processed blueberries, and the percent of damage to the blueberries exceeds that shown in the Special Provisions for the type, production to count for the unit or portion of a unit will be as follows:

(i) The damaged blueberries will not be counted for that acreage if the blueberries are not sold; and

(ii) The production to count for damaged blueberries that are sold will be adjusted by dividing the price received for the damaged blueberries by the applicable price election and multiplying the resulting factor times the pounds sold.

(4) If we determine that frost protection equipment, as shown on your accepted application was not properly utilized, the indemnity for the affected acreage in the unit will be reduced by the percentage reduction allowed for frost protection equipment as specified in the Special Provisions. You must, at our request, provide us records by date for each period the frost protection equipment was used.

#### 11. Late and Prevented Planting

The late and prevented planting provisions in the Basic Provisions are not applicable.

#### 12. Written Agreements

The written agreement provisions in the Basic Provisions are not applicable, unless provided otherwise in the Special Provisions.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 23, 2003.

**Ross J. Davidson Jr.,**

*Administrator, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Part 50

RIN 3150-AG42

### Risk-Informed Categorization and Treatment of Structures, Systems and Components for Nuclear Power Reactors

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule: Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On May 16, 2003 (68 FR 26511), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published in the *Federal Register* for a 75-day comment period proposed 10 CFR 50.69 "Risk-Informed Categorization and Treatment of Structures, Systems, and Components for Nuclear Power Plants." The comment period for this proposed rule was to have expired on July 30, 2003. By letter dated July 3, 2003, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) requested a 30-day extension to the comment period. NEI indicated that this extension is to allow for the thorough review and refinement of comments developed by NEI's Option 2 task force and other constituents in the industry. In view of the importance of both the proposed rule and the industry's comments on it, the NRC has decided to extend the comment period by 30 days as requested.

**DATE:** The comment period has been extended and now expires on August 30, 2003. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any one of the following methods. Please include the following number (RIN 3150-AG42) in the subject line of your comments. Comments on rulemakings submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety on the NRC rulemaking web site. Personal information will not be removed from your comments.

Mail comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

E-mail comments to: [SECY@nrc.gov](mailto:SECY@nrc.gov). If you do not receive a reply e-mail confirming that we have received your comments, contact us directly at (301) 415-1966. You may also submit comments via the NRC's rulemaking web site at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>.

Address questions about our rulemaking website to Carol Gallagher (301) 415-5905; email [cag@nrc.gov](mailto:cag@nrc.gov).

Hand deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm Federal workdays. (Telephone (301) 415-1966).

Fax comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-1101.

Publicly available documents related to this rulemaking may be examined and copied for a fee at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), Public File Area O1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Selected documents, including comments, can be viewed and downloaded electronically via the NRC rulemaking web site at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>.

Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC after November 1, 1999, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. From this site, the public can gain entry into the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by email to [pdrr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdrr@nrc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Timothy Reed, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001; telephone (301) 415-1462; e-mail: [tar@nrc.gov](mailto:tar@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 22nd day of July, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Annette L. Vietti-Cook,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2003-NE-12-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

### Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211-22B series, RB211-524B, -524C2, -524D4, -524G2, -524G3, and -524H series, and RB211-535C and -535E series turbofan engines with high pressure compressor (HPC) stage 3 disc assemblies, part numbers (P/Ns) LK46210, LK58278, LK67634, LK76036, UL11706, UL15358, UL22577, UL22578, and UL24738 installed. This proposed AD would allow disc assemblies not modified by a certain RR service bulletin to reach their full life only after the disc assemblies are modified with anti-corrosion protection. This proposed AD is prompted by the manufacturer's reassessment of the corrosion risk on HPC stage 3 disc assemblies that have not yet been modified with sufficient application of anti-corrosion protection. The actions specified in this proposed AD are intended to prevent corrosion-induced uncontained disc failure, resulting in damage to the airplane.

**DATES:** We must receive any comments on this proposed AD by September 29, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Use one of the following addresses to submit comments on this proposed AD:

- By mail: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-NE-12-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299.
- By fax: (781) 238-7055.
- By e-mail: [9-ane-adcomment@faa.gov](mailto:9-ane-adcomment@faa.gov)

You may get the service information identified in this proposed AD from Rolls-Royce plc, PO Box 31, Derby, England, DE248BJ; telephone: 011-44-1332-242424; fax: 011-44-1332-245-418.

You may examine the AD docket at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ian Dargin, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine And Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park; Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (781) 238-7178; fax (781) 238-7199.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Comments Invited**

We invite you to submit any written relevant data, views, or arguments regarding this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under

**ADDRESSES.** Include "AD Docket No. 2003-NE-12-AD" in the subject line of your comments. If you want us to acknowledge receipt of your mailed comments, send us a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the docket number written on it; we will date-stamp your postcard and mail it back to you. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed AD. If a person contacts us through a nonwritten communication, and that contact relates to a substantive part of this proposed AD, we will summarize the contact and place the summary in the docket. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend the proposed AD in light of those comments.

We are reviewing the writing style we currently use in regulatory documents. We are interested in your comments on whether the style of this document is clear, and your suggestions to improve the clarity of our communications that affect you. You may get more information about plain language at <http://www.plainlanguage.gov>.

##### **Examining the AD Docket**

You may examine the AD Docket (including any comments and service information), by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. See **ADDRESSES** for the location.

##### **Discussion**

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), which is the airworthiness authority for the U.K., recently notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on RR RB211-22B series, RB211-524B, -524C2, -524D4, -524G2, -524G3, and -524H series, and RB211-535C and -535E series turbofan engines with HPC stage 3 disc assemblies, P/Ns LK46210, LK58278, LK67634, LK76036, UL11706, UL15358, UL22577, UL22578, and UL24738 installed. The CAA advises that numerous disc assemblies have been found at overhaul inspection having corrosion-induced pitting. RR has reassessed the risk of corrosion-induced pitting of disc assemblies that have not incorporated any revision of RR service bulletin (SB) No. RB.211-72-9434, or any revision of RR SB No. RB.211-72-5420, which rework the discs and apply anti-corrosion protection, and RR has lowered the disc lives accordingly in the Time Limits Manuals.

##### **Relevant Service Information**

We have reviewed and approved the technical contents of Rolls-Royce plc SB

No. RB.211-72-9434, Revision 4, dated January 12, 2000, and SB No. RB.211-72-5420, dated February 29, 1980, which describe procedures for reworking of HP compressor stage 3 rotor disc assemblies by machining, and application of anti-corrosion protection. The CAA, which is the airworthiness authority for the U.K., classified these SBs as mandatory and issued airworthiness directive 004-01-94, dated January 4, 2002.

##### **FAA's Determination and Requirements of the Proposed AD**

These Rolls-Royce plc RR RB211-22B series, RB211-524B, -524C2, -524D4, -524G2, -524G3, and -524H series, and RB211-535C and -535E series turbofan engines are manufactured in the U.K., 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 CAA has kept us informed of the situation described above. We have examined the CAA's findings, reviewed all available information, and determined that AD action is necessary for products of this type design that are certificated for operation in the United States.

Therefore, we are proposing this AD, which would require the following for affected HP compressor disc assemblies:

- Removing affected disc assemblies from service.
- Re-machining, inspecting, and applying anti-corrosion protection.
- Re-marking, and returning disc assemblies into service.

The proposed AD would require that these actions be done per the service information described previously.

##### **Changes to 14 CFR Part 39—Effect on the Proposed AD**

On July 10, 2002, we published a new version of 14 CFR part 39 (67 FR 47997, July 22, 2002), which governs the FAA's AD system. This regulation now includes material that relates to altered products, special flight permits, and alternative methods of compliance. 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.

##### **Costs of Compliance**

There are approximately 2,000 RR RB211-22B series, RB211-524B, -524C2, -524D4, -524G2, -524G3, and -524H series, and RB211-535C and -535E series turbofan engines of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. We estimate that 1,000 engines installed

on airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD. We also estimate that it would take approximately 31 work hours per engine to perform the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is \$65 per work hour. Required parts would cost approximately \$38,000 per engine. Based on these figures, the total cost of the proposed AD to U.S. operators is estimated to be \$40,015,000.

### Regulatory Findings

We have determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD 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.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that the proposed regulation:

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); and
3. Would 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 summary of the costs to comply with this proposal and placed it in the AD Docket. You may get a copy of this summary by sending a request to us at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include "AD Docket No. 2003-NE-12-AD" in your request.

### 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 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:

**Rolls-Royce plc:** Docket No. 2003-NE-12-AD.

#### Comments Due Date

(a) The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) action by September 29, 2003.

### Affected ADs

(b) None.

### Applicability

(c) This AD is applicable to Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211-22B series, RB211-524B, -524C2, -524D4, -524G2, -524G3, and -524H series, and RB211-535C and -535E series turbofan engines with high pressure compressor (HPC) stage 3 disc assemblies, part numbers (P/Ns) LK46210, LK58278, LK67634, LK76036, UL11706, UL15358, UL22577, UL22578, and UL24738 installed. These engines are installed on, but not limited to, Boeing 747, Boeing 757, Boeing 767, Lockheed L-1011, and Tupolev Tu204 series airplanes.

### Unsafe Condition

(d) This AD was prompted by the manufacturer's reassessment of the corrosion risk on HPC stage 3 disc assemblies that have not been modified sufficiently with application of anti-corrosion protection. The actions specified in this AD are intended to prevent corrosion-induced uncontained disc failure, resulting in damage to 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.

### Removal of HPC Stage 3 Discs

(f) Remove from service affected HPC stage 3 disc assemblies identified in the following Table 1, using one of the following criteria:

TABLE 1.—AFFECTED HPC STAGE 3 DISC ASSEMBLIES

Engine model	Rework band for cycle life accumulated on disc assemblies P/Ns LK46210 and LK58278 (pre RR service bulletin (SB) No. RB.211-72-5420)	Rework band for cycle life accumulated on disc assembly P/N LK67634 (pre RR SB No. RB.211-72-5420)	Rework band for cycle life accumulated on P/Ns LK76036, UL11706, UL15358, UL22577, UL22578, and UL24738 disc assemblies (pre RR SB No. RB.211-72-9434)
-22B series .....	4,000-6,200	7,000-10,000	11,500-14,000
-535E4 series .....	N/A	N/A	9,000-15,000
-524B-02, B-B-02, B3-02, and B4 series, Pre and SB No. 72-7730 .....	4,000-6,000	7,000-9,000	11,500-14,000
-524B2 and C2 series, Pre SB No. 72-7730 .....	4,000-6,000	7,000-9,000	11,500-14,000
-524B2-B-19 and C2-B-19, SB No. 72-7730 .....	4,000-6,000	7,000-9,000	8,500-11,000
-524D4 series, Pre SB No. 72-7730 .....	4,000-6,000	7,000-9,000	11,500-14,000
-524D4-B series, SB No. 72-7730 .....	4,000-6,000	7,000-9,000	8,500-11,000
-524G2, G3, H, and H2 series .....	4,000-6,000	7,000-9,000	8,500-11,000

(1) For discs that entered into service before 1992, remove disc and rework as specified in paragraph (g)(2) of this AD, within five years from the effective date of this AD, but not to exceed the upper cyclic limit of Table 1 of this AD before rework. Discs reworked may not exceed the published cyclic limit in the manufacturer's Time Limits Manual.

(2) For discs that entered into service in 1992 or later, remove disc within the cyclic life rework bands in Table 1 of this AD, or within 17 years after the date of the disc

assembly entering into service, whichever is sooner, but not to exceed the upper cyclic limit of Table 1 of this AD before rework. Discs reworked may not exceed the published cyclic life in the manufacturer's Time Limits Manual.

(3) For disc assemblies that when new, were modified with an application of anti-corrosion protection and re-marked to P/N LK76036 (not previously machined) as specified by Part 1 of the original issue of RR service bulletin (SB) No. RB.211-72-5420, dated April 20, 1979, remove RB211-22B

disc assemblies before accumulating 10,000 cycles-in-service (CIS), and remove RB211-524 disc assemblies before accumulating 9,000 CIS.

(4) If the disc assembly date of entry into service cannot be determined, the date of disc manufacture may be obtained from RR and used instead.

### Optional Rework of HPC Stage 3 Discs

(g) Rework HPC stage 3 disc assemblies that were removed in paragraph (f) of this AD as follows:

(1) For disc assemblies that when new, were modified with an application of anti-corrosion protection and re-marked to P/N LK76036 (not previously machined) as specified by Part 1 of the original issue of RR SB RB.211-72-5420, dated April 20, 1979, rework disc assemblies and re-mark to either LK76034 or LK78814 in accordance with paragraph 2.B. of the Accomplishment Instructions of RR SB No. RB.211-72-5420, Revision 4, dated February 29, 1980. This rework constitutes terminating action to the removal requirements in paragraph (f) of this AD.

(2) For all other disc assemblies, rework in accordance with Paragraph 3B. of the Accomplishment Instructions of RR SB No. RB.211-72-9434, Revision 4, dated January 12, 2000. This rework constitutes terminating action to the removal requirements in paragraph (f) of this AD.

**Note 1:** If rework is done on disc assemblies that are removed before the disc assembly reaches the lower life of the cyclic life rework band in Table 1 of this AD, artificial aging of the disc to the lower life of

the rework band, at time of rework, is required.

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance

(h) Alternative methods of compliance must be requested in accordance with 14 CFR part 39.19, and must be approved by the Manager, Engine Certification Office, FAA.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference

(i) The rework must be done in accordance with the following Rolls Royce service bulletins:

Document No.	Pages	Revision	Date
RB.211-72-5420 .....	1 .....	4 .....	February 29, 1980.
	2 .....	3 .....	January 12, 1980.
	3-8 .....	4 .....	February 29, 1980.
	9-10 .....	Original .....	April 20, 1979.
Total pages: 8			
RB.211-72-9434 .....	All .....	4 .....	January 12, 2000.
Total pages: 20			

Approval of incorporation by reference from the Office of the Federal Register is pending.

#### Related Information

(j) The subject of this AD is addressed in Civil Aviation Authority airworthiness directive 004-01-94.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on July 24, 2003.

**Francis A. Favara,**

*Acting Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### 14 CFR Part 204

[Docket No. OST-03-15759]

RIN: 2105-AD25

#### Review of Data Filed by Certificated or Commuter Air Carriers To Support Continuing Fitness Determinations Involving Citizenship Issues

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM); request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In response to a report by the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Department is asking for comments on two issues relating to air carrier continuing fitness determinations involving citizenship issues. First, the Inspector General identified a list of criteria the Department typically uses to determine actual control of an air carrier

when evaluating the citizenship of an air carrier during a continuing fitness review. We seek comments on whether there are any other factors or criteria the Department routinely considers in its evaluations that should be added to this list. Second, the Department seeks comments on the need for a regulatory change to the requirements of 14 CFR part 204 applicable to certificated and commuter air carriers proposing to undergo a substantial change in operations, ownership, or management that may impact their U.S. citizenship status. The Inspector General found that the Department's informal process is not well-suited to complex, contentious, and controversial cases involving citizenship determinations and suggested that the Department allow greater transparency and public participation in such matters, including public notice when such a review is initiated and completed, as well as public access to information filed with the Department during such reviews.

**DATES:** Comments due on or before September 29, 2003. To the extent practicable, we will consider late-filed comments as we consider further action.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to the Dockets Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments should identify Docket Number OST-03-15759. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. You may also submit comments by e-mail by accessing the Dockets Management System Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>

and following the instructions for submitting a document electronically.

The Dockets Management System is located on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. You can review public dockets there between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You can also review comments on-line at the DOT Dockets Management System Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia L. Thomas, Chief Air Carrier Fitness Division, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9721.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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