

Applicability

(c) This AD applies to all Airbus (Type Certificate previously held by Airbus Industrie) Model A340–211, –212, –213, –311, –312, –313, –541, and –642 series airplanes; certificated in any category; all serial numbers.

Note 1: This AD requires revisions to certain operator maintenance documents to include new inspections. Compliance with these inspections is required by 14 CFR 91.403(c). For airplanes that have been previously modified, altered, or repaired in the areas addressed by these inspections, the operator may not be able to accomplish the inspections described in the revisions. In this situation, to comply with 14 CFR 91.403(c), the operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance according to paragraph (g)(1) of this AD. The request should include a description of changes to the required inspections that will ensure the continued damage tolerance of the affected structure. The FAA has provided guidance for this determination in Advisory Circular (AC) 25–1529–1.

Subject

(d) Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 05.

Reason

(e) The mandatory continued airworthiness information (MCAI) states:

The Certification Maintenance Requirements (CMR) were given in the AIRBUS A340 CMR Document reference 955.3019/92 up to revision 15, which was mandated by EASA AD 2007–0240, and referenced in the Airworthiness Limitations Section (ALS) Part 3. The content of the CMR Document has been recently transferred into the ALS Part 3 Revision 00, which is approved by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

This Revision 00 of AIRBUS A340 ALS Part 3:

- adds new CMR tasks associated with modifications,
- revises the applicability of some CMR tasks,
- revises some CMR tasks with increased intervals,
- revises a CMR task with a more restrictive interval,
- deletes CMR task 282300–B0002–1–C which is the subject of EASA AD 2007–0279.

Some of those changes constitute more restrictive requirements for aeroplane configuration already in service. Failure to comply with this Revision 00 of AIRBUS A340 ALS Part 3 constitutes an unsafe condition. This new AD * * * requires the implementation of Revision 00 of AIRBUS A340 ALS Part 3.

The unsafe condition is a safety-significant latent failure that would, in combination with one or more other specific failures or events, result in a hazardous or catastrophic failure condition. This AD requires revising the ALS of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness by incorporating new and revised CMRs.

Actions and Compliance

(f) Unless already done, within 3 months after the effective date of this AD, revise the ALS of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness by incorporating Airbus A340 ALS, Part 3—Certification Maintenance Requirements (CMR), Revision 00, dated July 31, 2008 (“ALS, Part 3”). Accomplish the actions specified in the ALS, Part 3, at the times specified in the ALS, Part 3, and in accordance with the ALS, Part 3, except as provided by paragraphs (f)(1) and (f)(2) of this AD.

(1) Count the associated interval for any new task from the effective date of this AD, except that Airbus A340 CMR Task 212100–00001–1–C must be performed at the later of the times specified in paragraphs (f)(1)(i) and (f)(1)(ii) of this AD.

(i) Before the accumulation of 2,600 total flight hours since the date of issuance of the original French airworthiness certificate or the date of issuance of the original French or EASA export certificate of airworthiness.

(ii) Within 800 flight hours or 3 months, whichever comes first, after the approval date of Revision 00 of the ALS, Part 3.

(2) Count the associated interval for any revised task from the previous performance of the task.

(3) Doing the revision required by paragraph (f) of this AD terminates the requirements of paragraph (f) of AD 2007–05–08, Amendment 39–14969, for that airplane only.

FAA AD Differences

Note 1: This AD differs from the MCAI and/or service information as follows: No differences.

Other FAA AD Provisions

(g) The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. Send information to ATTN: Vladimir Ulyanov, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057–3356; telephone (425) 227–1138; fax (425) 227–1149. Before using any approved AMOC on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify your principal maintenance inspector (PMI) or principal avionics inspector (PAI), as appropriate, or lacking a principal inspector, your local Flight Standards District Office. The AMOC approval letter must specifically reference this AD.

(2) *Airworthy Product:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer or other source, use these actions if they are FAA-approved. Corrective actions are considered FAA-approved if they are approved by the State of Design Authority (or their delegated agent). You are required to assure the product is airworthy before it is returned to service.

(3) *Reporting Requirements:* For any reporting requirement in this AD, under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act

(44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements and has assigned OMB Control Number 2120–0056.

Related Information

(h) Refer to Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information (MCAI) EASA Airworthiness Directive 2009–0098, dated April 22, 2009; and Airbus A340 ALS, Part 3—Certification Maintenance Requirements (CMR), Revision 00, dated July 31, 2008; for related information.

Material Incorporated by Reference

(i) You must use Airbus A340 ALS, Part 3—Certification Maintenance Requirements (CMR), Revision 00, including Appendices 1 and 2, dated July 31, 2008, to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise. (The title page of this document does not specify a revision date; the revision date is specified on all other pages of the document. Only the title page and the Record of Revisions specify the revision level of this document.)

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of this service information under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Airbus SAS—Airworthiness Office—EAL, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France; telephone +33 5 61 93 36 96; fax +33 5 61 93 45 80, e-mail airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com; Internet <http://www.airbus.com>.

(3) You may review copies of the service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221 or 425–227–1152.

(4) You may also review copies of the 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/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

Treatment of Undeliverable Books and Sound Recordings

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is revising *Mailing Standards of the United States*

Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual, for the disposal or treatment of books and sound recordings that are undeliverable-as-addressed (UAA) in their original packaging. The disposal of these items as waste will simplify handling procedures and reduce costs.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 1, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bert Olsen, 202–268–7276, Mary Collins, 202–268–5440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Postal Service published a **Federal Register** proposed rule (73 FR 39272–39273) on July 9, 2008 to remove DMM section 507.1.9.2. The intent of this section was to facilitate a process for identifying and returning books and recordings that had become undeliverable as a result of being “loose in the mail” (contents separated from packaging and other address information), to the original publisher or distributor. This standard was misinterpreted to allow some publishers and distributors to reclaim ownership of all UAA mail and not just mail that was truly identified as “loose” in the mail.

Comments

We received comments from three respondents on the proposed rule. One respondent represented several trade associations and two other respondents were from separate publishing companies. All comments received were in opposition to the proposal and are summarized and presented below followed by our responses:

1. *Comment:* The Postal Service did not work closely and discuss the proposal with affected mailers.

The Postal Service previously offered an opportunity for mailers to provide input well before the proposal was published. Additionally, publication of the proposed rule and requests for comments (July 9, 2008) afforded mailers an additional opportunity to contribute to the rule-making process prior to issuing a final rule.

2. *Comment:* Due to copyright concerns and privacy issues, mailers are opposed to the Postal Service selling at auction undeliverable-as-addressed books and sound recordings.

Obligations concerning privacy issues and copyright concerns are the publisher's obligations. USPS® ancillary services allow mailers to fulfill their obligations by having undeliverable books returned to them, but only in accordance with postal services and endorsements currently available to mailers. One option when using Standard Mail® is that UAA mail can be forwarded or returned at the appropriate Media Mail or Library Mail price if the

content of the mail qualifies as Media Mail under DMM 507.1.5.3, 173, 373, or 473 or Library Mail under DMM 183, 383, or 483 and the mail is marked “Media Mail” or “Library Mail” directly below the ancillary service endorsement.

3. *Comment:* The Postal Service should recycle undeliverable-as-addressed items.

We are currently exploring a recycling offering by adding a new ancillary endorsement that mailers could use to assure undeliverable-as-addressed mail would be destroyed so it could not be used as originally intended. This potential offering is in its formative stage but if adopted may provide an attractive endorsement alternative for manufacturers and distributors of books and sound recordings who desire destruction of their undeliverable products for a fee.

4. *Comment:* Provide electronic notification for the reason a mailpiece was undeliverable as addressed when using the “Return Service Requested” endorsement.

The Return Service Requested endorsement provides the reason of nondelivery by hardcopy at the time of return of the product. However, we understand that mailers would prefer to know as quickly as possible why a piece was undeliverable via electronic data. We intend to evaluate the development of an electronic notification option with the Return Service Requested endorsement for a fee as a future service offering.

The Postal Service adopts the following changes to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See 39 CFR 111.1.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

■ Accordingly, 39 CFR Part 111 is amended as follows:

PART 111—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for 39 CFR Part 111 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 414, 416, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3632, 3633, and 5001.

■ 2. Revise the following sections of *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) as follows:

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500 Additional Services

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507 Mailer Services

1.0 Treatment of Mail

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1.9 Dead Mail

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[Delete 1.9.2 in its entirety and renumber current 1.9.3 as new 1.9.2]

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We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR Part 111 to reflect these changes.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 601

Purchasing of Property and Services

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is revising its regulations governing the supplier disagreement resolution (SDR) process to clarify and explain the purposes of that process, and to remove extraneous and duplicative language.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 12, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul D. McGinn, 202–268–4368, or Edward B. Halstead, 202 268–6221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Postal Service is revising the regulations in 39 CFR 601.107 and 601.108 that govern the supplier disagreement resolution (SDR) process in order to clarify certain SDR procedures. These changes are explained in more detail below.

Explanation of Changes

Section 601.107: Initial Disagreement Resolution

Paragraph (a) has been revised to state that the Supplier Disagreement Resolution Official (SDR Official) is a contracting officer designated by the Postal Service to perform the functions established under § 601.108.

Paragraph (b) has been revised to clarify the timelines for filing initial disagreements concerning solicitations.

Paragraph (c) is revised to inform parties that the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process may be used to resolve disagreements and that if an agreement cannot be reached under ADR, the supplier has 10 days to lodge its disagreement with the SDR Official.