

that the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute conducts a testing program to verify manufacturers' certifications of the energy efficiency and other performance criteria of residential and commercial air conditioning and heat pump systems. The Department seeks information on any similar existing programs that certify or verify the performance characteristics of motors. In addition, the Department seeks information as to whether foreign commercial laboratories, foreign government laboratories, or trade associations operate such programs.

The Department also seeks advice concerning two other possible issues under 122(e) of the EPAct (EPCA section 345(c), 42 U.S.C. 6316(c)). First, questions may arise as to what constitutes "an independent testing or certification program [that is] nationally recognized." The Department seeks input as to the criteria by which an organization should be considered competent (1) to conduct the specific tests or calibrations for motors according to the required test procedures, and (2) to operate a certification program. One possibility is that the Department could consider a motor testing or certification program to be "nationally recognized" if the program were accredited by the National Institute of Standards and Technology/National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NIST/NVLAP). The Department seeks views on such an approach, including the question of whether a foreign program recognized by NIST/NVLAP should be considered "nationally recognized in the United States." Second, the Department seeks views as to whether manufacturers are permitted to self-test or self-certify the energy efficiency of their own motors, and, if so, under what circumstances.

e. *Identification of other issues.* The Department will seek to resolve the above issues in developing a proposed rule. In addition, there may be other issues that the Department will need to address. The purpose of the meeting is to identify all of these various issues and to begin dialogue with interested parties to help resolve them.

#### 4. Public Meeting Procedure

The meeting will be conducted in an informal, conference style. A court reporter will be present to record the minutes of the meeting. There shall be no discussion of proprietary information, costs or prices, market shares, or other commercial matters regulated by antitrust law. After the meeting and period for written

statements, the Department will consider the views presented in formulating a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding energy efficient motors.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 95-NM-13-AD]

#### **Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767 Series Airplanes Equipped With BFGoodrich Off-Wing Ramp/Slide Evacuation Systems**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Boeing Model 767 series airplanes. This proposal would require modification of the off-wing ramp/slide evacuation systems. This proposal is prompted by reports of punctured tubes on certain BFGoodrich off-wing ramp/slide evacuation systems installed on these airplanes. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent such tube punctures, which could delay or impede the evacuation of passengers during an emergency. **DATES:** Comments must be received by July 17, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 95-NM-13-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207; and BFGoodrich Company, Aircraft Evacuation Systems, Sustaining Engineering, Dept. 7916, Phoenix, Arizona 85040. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind

Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California.

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

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Comments Invited**

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this notice must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 95-NM-13-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

##### **Availability of NPRMs**

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 95-NM-13-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

##### **Discussion**

The FAA has received reports of punctured tubes on BFGoodrich off-wing ramp/slide evacuation systems, having part numbers (P/N) 101630, 101655, and 101656, installed on certain Boeing Model 767 series airplanes. There have been several incidents in