

2010-04-16 SICLI (formerly General Incendie MAIP): Amendment 39- 16209. Docket No. FAA-2010-0126; Directorate Identifier 2010-NM-015- AD.

Effective Date

(a) This airworthiness directive (AD) becomes effective March 8, 2010.

Affected ADs

(b) None.

Applicability

(c) This AD applies to Type H1-10 AIR Halon 1211 (BCF) portable fire extinguishers manufactured by SICLI, having part number (P/N) 1708337B4 and having any serial number listed in Table 1 of this AD. These fire extinguishers may be installed on (or carried or stowed on board) various airplanes and rotorcraft, certificated in any category, identified in but not limited to the airplanes and rotorcraft of the manufacturers included in Table 2 of this AD, all type-certificated models.

Table 1--Serial Numbers of Affected SICLI Fire Extinguishers, P/N 1708337B4

Serial Numbers		
0843113 and 0843114	0843971	0844424 through 0844428 incl.
0843329, 0843330 and 0843331	0843973 through 0843977 incl.	0844430 through 0844436 incl.
0843333 through 0843339 inclusive (incl.)	0843979 through 0843982 incl.	0844439 through 0844450 incl.
0843341 through 0843350 incl.	0843984, 0843985 and 0843986	0844452 through 0844454 incl.
0843352 through 0843358 incl.	0843988 through 0844016 incl.	0844456 through 0844470 incl.
0843360 through 0843369 incl.	0844018 through 0844043 incl.	0844472 through 0844475 incl.
0843372	0844045 and 0844046	0844477 through 0844494 incl.
0843374 through 0843386 incl.	0844048 and 0844049	0844496 through 0844512 incl.
0843388	0844051 through 0844069 incl.	0844514 through 0844518 incl.
0843390 through 0843407 incl.	0844071 through 0844077 incl.	0844520 through 0844524 incl.
0843409 through 0843464 incl.	0844079 through 0844109 incl.	0844526
0843466 through 0843468 incl.	0844111 and 0844112	0844528
0843470 and 0843471	0844115 through 0844119 incl.	0844530
0843473	0844121 through 0844125 incl.	0844534
0843475	0844127 through 0844161 incl.	0844536 through 0844568 incl.
0843477	0844163 through 0844190 incl.	0844570 through 0844592 incl.
0843479 through 0843487 incl.	0844192 and 0844193	0844594 through 0844619 incl.
0843489 through 0843522 incl.	0844195	0844621 through 0844626 incl.

0843524 through 0843552 incl.	0844197	0844628 through 0844635 incl.
0843554 through 0843561 incl.	0844199 through 0844218 incl.	0844637 through 0844660 incl.
0843563	0844220 through 0844225 incl.	0844663 through 0844666 incl.
0843565 through 0843574 incl.	0844228 through 0844240 incl.	0844668
0843579 through 0843587 incl.	0844242 through 0844249 incl.	0844670 through 0844673 incl.
0843589 through 0843629 incl.	0844253 through 0844257 incl.	0844676 through 0844685 incl.
0843631 through 0843676 incl.	0844259 through 0844263 incl.	0844687 through 0844692 incl.
0843679 through 0843700 incl.	0844265 through 0844267 incl.	0844694 through 0844702 incl.
0843702 through 0843737 incl.	0844269 through 0844280 incl.	0844704 through 0844708 incl.
0843739 through 0843780 incl.	0844282 through 0844286 incl.	0844710 through 0844723 incl.
0843782 through 0843845 incl.	0844288 and 0844289	0844725 through 0844730 incl.
0843847 and 0843848	0844291 through 0844303 incl.	0844732 through 0844741 incl.
0843850 through 0843856 incl.	0844305 through 0844317 incl.	0844743 through 0844747 incl.
0843858 through 0843861 incl.	0844319 through 0844332 incl.	0844749 through 0844771 incl.
0843863 through 0843878 incl.	0844334 through 0844337 incl.	0844773 through 0844778 incl.
0843879 through 0843902 incl.	0844339 through 0844376 incl.	0844781 through 0844792 incl.
0843904 through 0843934 incl.	0844379 through 0844398 incl.	0844794 through 0844801 incl.
0843936 through 0843951 incl.	0844400 and 0844401	0844803 through 0844837 incl.
0843953 through 0843957 incl.	0844403 through 0844415 incl.	
0843959 through 0843969 incl.	0844417 through 0844422 incl.	

Table 2--Affected Airplanes and Rotorcraft

Manufacturer
Airbus
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The Boeing Company
Bombardier, Inc.
Cessna Aircraft Company
Dassault-Aviation
Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER)
Eurocopter Canada Limited
Eurocopter Deutschland GMBH (ECD)
Eurocopter France
McDonnell Douglas Corporation

Subject

(d) Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 26: Fire Protection.

Reason

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

The Civil Aviation Authority of the United Kingdom (UK) has informed EASA [European Aviation Safety Agency] that significant quantities of Halon 1211 gas, determined to be outside the required specification, have been supplied to the aviation industry for use in fire extinguishing equipment. Halon 1211 (BCF) is used in portable fire extinguishers, usually fitted or stowed in aircraft passenger cabins and flight decks.

EASA published Safety Information Bulletin (SIB) 2009-39 on 23 October 2009 to make the aviation community aware of this safety concern.

The results of the ongoing investigation have now established that LyonTech Engineering Ltd, a UK-based company, has supplied further consignments of Halon 1211 (BCF) to SICLI that do not meet the required specification. This Halon 1211 has subsequently been used to fill P/N [part number] 1708337B4 portable fire extinguishers that are now likely to be installed in or carried on board aircraft.

The contaminated nature of this gas, when used against a fire, may provide reduced fire suppression, endangering the safety of the aircraft and its occupants. In addition, extinguisher activation may lead to release of toxic fumes, possibly causing injury to aircraft occupants.

For the reason described above, this EASA AD requires the identification and removal from service of certain batches of fire extinguishers and replacement with serviceable units.

Compliance

(f) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified, unless the actions have already been done.

Actions

(g) Within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, replace all Type H1-10 AIR Halon 1211 (BCF) portable fire extinguishers manufactured by SICLI, having P/N 1708337B4 and having any serial number listed in Table 1 of this AD, with serviceable fire extinguishers.

(h) Within 90 days after doing any replacement required by paragraph (g) of this AD, return the affected fire extinguisher to: SICLI, ZI la Sauniere, 89600 Saint Florentin, France; telephone: +33 (0)3 8643 7930; fax: +33 (0)3 8635 3632; e-mail jerome.villette@sicli.com; Web site: <http://www.sicli.com>.

(i) As of the effective date of this AD, do not install any SICLI fire extinguisher having P/N 1708337B4 and a serial number listed in Table 1 of this AD, on any airplane or rotorcraft.

FAA AD Differences

Note 1: This AD differs from the MCAI and/or service information as follows:

(1) EASA AD 2009-0278, dated December 22, 2009, specifies a time of 30 days to do the actions. This AD requires that the actions be done within 90 days. We have determined that a 90-day compliance time will ensure an acceptable level of safety.

(2) EASA AD 2009-0278 includes fire extinguishers having certain serial numbers in its applicability. The EASA AD also includes a requirement to inspect to determine if the fire extinguishers have those serial numbers and replacement if necessary. Since the affected fire extinguishers are part of the applicability, it is not necessary to also require inspecting for them. Therefore, this AD includes fire extinguishers having certain serial numbers in its applicability and does not include an additional requirement to inspect for serial numbers; this AD requires replacement of all affected fire extinguishers.

Other FAA AD Provisions

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

(1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The manager of the office having certificate responsibility for the affected product has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. Before using any approved AMOC on any aircraft 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.

(i) For transport airplanes: Send information to ATTN: Dan Rodina, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 227-2125; fax (425) 227-1149.

(ii) For small airplanes: Send information to ATTN: Leslie B. Taylor, Aerospace Engineer, Standards Staff, Small Airplane Directorate, FAA, 901 Locust Street, Room 301, Kansas City, MO 64106; telephone (816) 329-4134; fax (816) 329-4090.

(iii) For rotorcraft: Send information to ATTN: DOT/FAA Southwest Region, J.R. Holton, Jr., ASW-112, Aviation Safety Engineer, Rotorcraft Directorate, Safety Management Group, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76137; telephone (817) 222-4964; fax (817) 222-5961.

(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

(k) Refer to MCAI EASA Airworthiness Directive 2010-0278, dated December 22, 2009, for related information.

Material Incorporated by Reference

(l) None.