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RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-400 and -400F Series Airplanes

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 747-400 and -400F series airplanes.

This proposal would require a detailed inspection(s) of the side guide support fittings in the lower lobe cargo compartments for cracks and fractures; and applicable investigative/corrective actions and operational limitations, if necessary. This proposal also would require a terminating action for the repetitive inspections. This action is necessary to prevent cracked/fractured side guide support fittings in the lower lobe cargo compartments, which could result in unrestrained cargo shifting in flight and damaging the airplane structure or systems, and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Comments must be received by [insert date 45 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**].

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-NM-176-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. Comments may be submitted via fax to

(425) 227-1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address:

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