

Revision 1, dated January 10, 2008; or BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41–28–013, Revision 2, dated July 8, 2019; and, if incorrect clearances are found, before next flight, adjust clearances in accordance with BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41–28–013, Revision 1, dated January 10, 2008; or BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41–28–013, Revision 2, dated July 8, 2019. As of the effective date of this AD, BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41–28–013, Revision 2, dated July 8, 2019, must be used for the actions required by this paragraph.

(3) Install additional electrical bonding of components within the LH and RH wings in accordance with paragraphs 2.B.(4) through 2.B.(15) of the Accomplishment Instructions of BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41–28–013, Revision 1, dated January 10, 2008; or paragraphs 2.B.(4) and 2.B.(6) through 2.B.(16) inclusive of BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41–28–013, Revision 2, dated July 8, 2019. As of the effective date of this AD, BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41–28–013, Revision 2, dated July 8, 2019, must be used for the actions required by this paragraph.

**(h) New Requirement of This AD: Replace Bolts and Washers Securing Crossfeed Valve**

Within 24 months after the effective date of this AD, install additional bonding leads on components within the dry bay at Rib 1 on the airplane centerline and below the fuselage (around the crossfeed valve) and perform a resistance check in accordance with paragraph 2.B.(5) of BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41–28–013, Revision 2, dated July 8, 2019.

**(i) Other FAA AD Provisions**

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: The Manager, Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j)(2) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: [9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov](mailto:9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov). Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer*: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, FAA; or the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA); or BAE Systems (Operations) Limited's CAA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

**(j) Related Information**

(1) Refer to Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information (MCAI) CAA AD G–2021–0013, dated October 21, 2021, for related information. This MCAI may be found in the AD docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2022–0461.

(2) For more information about this AD, contact Todd Thompson, Aerospace Engineer, Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone and fax 206–231–3228; email [todd.thompson@faa.gov](mailto:todd.thompson@faa.gov).

(3) Service information identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference is available at the addresses specified in paragraphs (k)(5) and (6) of this AD.

**(k) Material Incorporated by Reference**

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

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(3) The following service information was approved for IBR on August 18, 2022.

(i) BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41–28–013, Revision 2, dated July 8, 2019.

(ii) [Reserved]

(4) The following service information was approved for IBR on September 9, 2008 (73 FR 45346, August 5, 2008).

(i) BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin J41–28–013, Revision 1, dated January 10, 2008.

(ii) [Reserved]

(5) For service information identified in this AD, contact BAE Systems (Operations) Limited, Customer Information Department, Prestwick International Airport, Ayrshire, KA9 2RW, Scotland, United Kingdom; telephone +44 1292 675207; fax +44 1292 675704; email [RAPublications@baesystems.com](mailto:RAPublications@baesystems.com); internet <https://www.baesystems.com/Businesses/RegionalAircraft/index.htm>.

(6) You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195.

(7) You may view this 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, email [fr.inspection@nara.gov](mailto:fr.inspection@nara.gov), or go to: <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

Issued on June 27, 2022.

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*Acting Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. FAA–2022–0454; Project Identifier MCAI–2021–01124–T; Amendment 39–22106; AD 2022–14–01]

**RIN 2120–AA64**

**Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2019–03–25, which applied to certain Airbus SAS Model Airbus SAS Model A318 series airplanes; Model A319–111, –112, –113, –114, –115, –131, –132, and –133 airplanes; Model A320–211, –212, –214, –216, –231, –232, and –233 airplanes; and Model A321–111, –112, –131, –211, –212, –213, –231, and –232 airplanes. AD 2019–03–25 required repetitive inspections of the center and outer wing box lower stiffeners and panels at a certain junction on the left- and right-hand sides for any cracking, and repair if necessary. AD 2019–03–25 also provided an optional modification, which would terminate the repetitive inspections. This AD was prompted by a determination that, for certain airplanes, the compliance time for the initial inspection is inadequate and must be revised. This AD continues to require the actions specified in AD 2019–03–25 with revised compliance times for certain airplanes and additional actions for certain airplanes, and expands the applicability, as specified in a European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is incorporated by reference. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective August 18, 2022.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of August 18, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** For material incorporated by reference (IBR) in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email [ADs@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu); internet [www.easa.europa.eu](http://www.easa.europa.eu). You may find this material on the EASA website at <https://ad.easa.europa.eu>. You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South

216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195. It is also available in the AD docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2022–0454.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2022–0454; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vladimir Ulyanov, Aerospace Engineer, Large Aircraft Section, FAA, International Validation Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone and fax 206–231–3223; email [Vladimir.Ulyanov@faa.gov](mailto:Vladimir.Ulyanov@faa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2021–0228, dated October 12, 2021 (EASA AD 2021–0228) (also referred to as the MCAI), to correct an unsafe condition for certain Airbus SAS Model A318 series airplanes; Model A319–111, –112, –113, –114, –115, –131, –132, and –133 airplanes; Model A320–211, –212, –214, –215, –216, –231, –232, and –233 airplanes; and Model A321–111, –112, –131, –211, –212, –213, –231, and –232 airplanes. Model A320–215 airplanes are not certificated by the FAA and are

not included on the U.S. type certificate data sheet; this AD therefore does not include those airplanes in the applicability.

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to supersede AD 2019–03–25, Amendment 39–19577 (84 FR 8805, March 12, 2019) (AD 2019–03–25). AD 2019–03–25 applied to certain Airbus SAS Model A318 series airplanes; Model A319–111, –112, –113, –114, –115, –131, –132, and –133 airplanes; Model A320–211, –212, –214, –216, –231, –232, and –233 airplanes; and Model A321–111, –112, –131, –211, –212, –213, –231, and –232 airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2022 (87 FR 21044). The NPRM was prompted by a determination that, for certain airplanes, the compliance time for the initial inspection is inadequate and must be revised and additional actions are required. The NPRM proposed to continue to require the actions specified in AD 2019–03–25 with revised compliance times for certain airplanes and additional actions for certain airplanes, and proposed to expand the applicability, as specified in EASA AD 2021–0228.

The FAA is issuing this AD to address the loss of pre-tension in the fasteners, which could affect the structural integrity of the airplane. See the MCAI for additional background information.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received a comment from United Airlines who supported the NPRM without change.

Additional Changes Made to This AD

The FAA has added paragraph (i) to this AD to specify that reporting is not required, and redesignated subsequent paragraphs accordingly. The FAA has

also removed the Paperwork Reduction Act portion of this AD, as it is no longer relevant. The FAA did not intend to require reporting and these revisions clarify that intent.

Conclusion

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered the comment received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

EASA AD 2021–0228 specifies procedures for repetitive internal and external SDIs (ultrasonic inspections) of the center and outer wing box lower stiffeners and panels at the level of rib 1 junction on the left- and right-hand sides for any cracking, and repair if necessary; and additional actions (re-protection of the inspected area at the lower panel at rib1 junction at the left- and right-hand sides) for airplanes on which certain service information was used. EASA AD 2021–0228 also specifies procedures for an optional modification, which would terminate the repetitive inspections. This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 765 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

| Action                                 | Labor cost                               | Parts cost | Cost per product | Cost on U.S. operators                 |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Retained actions from 2019–03–25 ..... | 51 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$4,335. | \$0        | \$4,335          | \$25,860 (516 airplanes).              |
| New additional actions .....           | 13 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$1,105. | 0          | 1,105            | Up to \$845,325 (Up to 765 airplanes). |

The FAA has received no definitive data that enables the agency to provide cost estimates for the repair specified in this AD.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA’s authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more

detail the scope of the Agency’s authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA

with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

### Regulatory Findings

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will 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 this AD:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

### The Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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:
- a. Removing Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2019–03–25, Amendment 39–19577 (84 FR 8805, March 12, 2019); and
  - b. Adding the following new AD:

**2022–14–01 Airbus SAS:** Amendment 39–22106; Docket No. FAA–2022–0454; Project Identifier MCAI–2021–01124–T.

#### (a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective August 18, 2022.

#### (b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2019–03–25, Amendment 39–19577 (84 FR 8805, March 12, 2019) (AD 2019–03–25).

#### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus SAS Model A318–111, –112, –121, and –122 airplanes; Model A319–111, –112, –113, –114, –115, –131, –132, and –133 airplanes; Model A320–211, –212, –214, –216, –231, –232, and –233 airplanes; and Model A321–111, –112, –131, –211, –212, –213, –231, and –232 airplanes; certificated in any category; as identified in European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2021–0228, dated October 12, 2021 (EASA AD 2021–0228).

#### (d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 57, Wings.

#### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report that taperlocks used in the wing-to-fuselage junction at rib 1 were found to be non-compliant with the applicable specification, resulting in a loss of pre-tension in the fasteners; and a determination that, for certain airplanes, the compliance time for the initial inspection is inadequate and must be revised and additional actions are required. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the loss of pre-tension in the fasteners, which could affect the structural integrity of the airplane.

#### (f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

#### (g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, EASA AD 2021–0228.

#### (h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2021–0228

- (1) Where EASA AD 2021–0228 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.
- (2) Where paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2021–0228 specifies to “contact Airbus for approved repair instructions” if any damage (cracking) is found, for this AD, if any cracking is found, the cracking must be repaired before further flight using a method approved by the Manager, Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Airbus SAS’s EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.
- (3) The “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2021–0228 does not apply to this AD.

#### (i) No Reporting Requirement

Although the service information referenced in EASA AD 2021–0228 specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include that requirement.

#### (j) Additional FAA AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

- (1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures

found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k) of this AD. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Airbus SAS’s EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(3) *Required for Compliance (RC):* Except as required by paragraph (j)(2) of this AD, if any service information contains procedures or tests that are identified as RC, those procedures and tests must be done to comply with this AD; any procedures or tests that are not identified as RC are recommended. Those procedures and tests that are not identified as RC may be deviated from using accepted methods in accordance with the operator’s maintenance or inspection program without obtaining approval of an AMOC, provided the procedures and tests identified as RC can be done and the airplane can be put back in an airworthy condition. Any substitutions or changes to procedures or tests identified as RC require approval of an AMOC.

#### (k) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Vladimir Ulyanov, Aerospace Engineer, Large Aircraft Section, FAA, International Validation Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone and fax 206–231–3223; email [Vladimir.Ulyanov@faa.gov](mailto:Vladimir.Ulyanov@faa.gov).

#### (l) Material Incorporated by Reference

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

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2021–0228, dated October 12, 2021.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA AD 2021–0228, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email [ADs@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu); internet [www.easa.europa.eu](http://www.easa.europa.eu). You may find this EASA AD on the EASA website at <https://ad.easa.europa.eu>.

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195.

(5) You may view this material that is incorporated by reference at the National

Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email [fr.inspection@nara.gov](mailto:fr.inspection@nara.gov), or go to: <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

Issued on June 22, 2022.

**Ross Landes,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2022-0385; Project Identifier MCAI-2021-00786-E; Amendment 39-22117; AD 2022-14-12]

**RIN 2120-AA64**

#### **Airworthiness Directives; GE Aviation Czech s.r.o. (Type Certificate Previously Held by WALTER Engines a.s., Walter a.s., and MOTORLET a.s.) Turboprop Engines**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain GE Aviation Czech s.r.o. (GEAC) M601D-11, M601E-11, M601E-11A, M601E-11AS, M601E-11S, and M601F model turboprop engines. This AD was prompted by the absence of life limits for propeller shaft part number (P/N) M601-6081.6 in the airworthiness limitations section (ALS) of the applicable GEAC M601 Engine Shop Manual. This AD was also prompted by a report that operators may not have been provided with enough data to determine the accumulated life of certain propeller shafts. For M601F model turboprop engines, this AD requires removal and replacement of the propeller shaft before the propeller shaft accumulates 12,000 flight hours (FHs) since first installation on an engine, or before accumulating 350 FHs after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, with a part eligible for installation. For M601D-11, M601E-11, M601E-11A, M601E-11AS, and M601E-11S model turboprop engines, this AD requires calculation of the accumulated life of the propeller shaft and, depending on the number of accumulated FHs removal and replacement of the propeller shaft with a part eligible for installation. The FAA

is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective August 18, 2022.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of August 18, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** For service information identified in this final rule, contact GE Aviation Czech s.r.o., Beranových 65, 199 02 Praha 9, Letňany, Czech Republic; phone: +420 222 538 111. You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110. It is also available at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2022-0385.

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

You may examine the AD docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2022-0385; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Caufield, Aviation Safety Engineer, ECO Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: (781) 238-7146; email: [barbara.caufield@faa.gov](mailto:barbara.caufield@faa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain GEAC M601D-11, M601E-11, M601E-11A, M601E-11AS, M601E-11S, and M601F model turboprop engines. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on April 01, 2022 (87 FR 19029). The NPRM was prompted by the absence of life limits for propeller shaft P/N M601-6081.6 in the ALS of the applicable GEAC M601 Engine Shop Manual. The NPRM was also prompted by a report that operators may not have been provided with enough data to determine the accumulated life of certain propeller shafts. For M601F model turboprop

engines, the NPRM proposed to require removal and replacement of the propeller shaft with a part eligible for installation before the propeller shaft accumulates 12,000 FHs since first installation on an engine, or before accumulating 350 FHs after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later. For M601D-11, M601E-11, M601E-11A, M601E-11AS, and M601E-11S model turboprop engines, the NPRM proposed to require calculation of the accumulated life of the propeller shaft and, depending on the number of accumulated FHs, removal and replacement of the propeller shaft with a part eligible for installation. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2021-0154, dated July 1, 2021 (referred to after this as “the MCAI”), to address the unsafe condition on these products. The MCAI states:

It has been determined that the life limit for the propeller shaft P/N M601-6081.6 is not published in the applicable ALS for M601 engines. In addition, it has also been reported that some data, which can be used to determine the accumulated life of certain propeller shafts, may have not been provided to operators, so the propeller shaft life limit may not have been implemented correctly.

These conditions, if not corrected, may lead to failure of a propeller shaft, possibly resulting in detachment of the propeller and consequent damage to the engine and/or the aircraft, and reduced control of the aeroplane.

To address this potential unsafe condition, GEAC issued the original issue of the ASB, providing applicable instructions, and EASA issued AD 2021-0052 to require implementation of the applicable life limit and replacing each propeller shaft with a serviceable propeller shaft.

Since that [EASA] AD was issued, additional data, which can be used to determine the accumulated life of certain propeller shafts, and to support an extended compliance time for Group 1 engines, has been made available; GEAC revised accordingly the ASB (now at revision 02).

For the reasons described above, this [EASA] AD partially retains the requirements of EASA AD 2021-0052, which is superseded, introducing updated affected population and different compliance times.

You may obtain further information by examining the MCAI in the AD docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2022-0385.