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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### 8 CFR Parts 215, 235 and 252

[DHS-2004-0002]

RIN 1650-AA00

#### United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology Program ("US-VISIT"); Authority To Collect Biometric Data From Additional Travelers and Expansion to the 50 Most Highly Trafficked Land Border Ports of Entry; Correction

**AGENCY:** Border and Transportation Security Directorate, DHS.

**ACTION:** Interim rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** On August 31, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published an interim rule in the **Federal Register** at 69 FR 53318 expanding the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Technology Program (US-VISIT) to the 50 most highly trafficked land border ports of entry in the United States. The interim rule also further defined the population of aliens who are required to provide biometric identifiers and other identifying information under the US-VISIT program. The interim rule contained a typographical error and identified an incorrect docket number. The correct docket number is DHS-2004-0002.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* The interim rule is effective September 30, 2004.

*Comment date:* Written comments must be submitted on or before November 1, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Hardin, Senior Policy Advisor, US-VISIT, Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security, 1616 Fort Myer Drive, 18th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22209, (202) 298-5200.

Dated: August 31, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2004-18958; Directorate Identifier 2004-NE-32-AD; Amendment 39-13778; AD 2004-18-01]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Hoffmann Propeller GmbH & Co KG Models HO-V343 and HO-V343K Propellers

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for Hoffmann Propeller GmbH & Co KG (Hoffmann Propeller) models HO-V343 and HO-V343K propellers. This AD requires initial and repetitive visual inspections of propeller blades for blade shake and blade nut preload. This AD also requires initial and repetitive eddy current inspections of blade hubs for damage and cracks. This AD results from a report of a blade separating from either a model HO-V343 or HO-V343K propeller. We are issuing this AD to prevent propeller hub failure and blade separation due to an unknown root cause, leading to damage and possible loss of control of the airplane.

**DATES:** Effective September 17, 2004. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations as of September 17, 2004.

We must receive any comments on this AD by November 1, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Use one of the following addresses to submit comments on this proposed AD.

- DOT Docket Web site: Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- Government-wide rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>

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- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590.

- Fax: (202) 493-2251.
- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

You can get the service information identified in this AD from Hoffmann Propeller GmbH & Co KG, K pferlingstra e 9, D-83022 Rosenheim, Germany, telephone ++49-(0)8031-1878-0; fax ++49-(0)8031-1878-78.

You may examine the comments on this AD in the AD docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frank Walsh, Aerospace Engineer, Boston Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (781) 238-7158; fax (781) 238-7199.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA), which is the aviation authority for Germany, recently notified us that an unsafe condition may exist on Hoffmann propeller models HO-V343 and HO-V343K propellers. The LBA has notified us of an occurrence of a propeller blade separating from the hub. Initial investigation after that blade separation revealed that the propeller hub was cracked. The root cause of the failure is not known and is still under investigation. A propeller blade having blade shake may be evidence of either incorrect blade nut preload or a cracked hub or both. Incorrect blade nut preload may be evidence of a cracked hub. The actions specified in this AD are of precautionary nature. We certificated these propellers for use in the U.S. in 1997. We estimate that 12 of these propellers of the same type design are installed on airplanes of U.S. registry.

#### Relevant Service Information

We have reviewed and approved the technical contents of Hoffmann Propeller GmbH & Co KG Service Instruction No. 61-10-05 SIE 4B, dated July 13, 2004, that describes procedures for initial and repetitive visual inspections of propeller blades for blade