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FAA Proposes \$1.2 Million Civil Penalty for GE Caledonian

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The FAA has proposed a civil penalty of \$1,225,000 for GE Caledonian, an FAA-certificated foreign repair station based in Scotland, for improper maintenance procedures involving 101 engines over a three and one-half year period.

“We hold certificated foreign repair stations to the same high standards as the repair stations here in the U.S.,” said Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. “When necessary, we will issue civil penalties and ensure that companies take corrective action.”

Between January 2005 and May 2008, GE Caledonian used a procedure to remove the thrust pins from the forward engine mounts of 101 CF6 engines that was different than the one required by the manufacturer’s maintenance manuals. When it removed the thrust pins, GE Caledonian welded the locking screw to the thrust pin instead of drilling and tapping a hole in the thrust pin, as required in the manual.

“Our safety regulations are the core of our aviation system and we take them seriously,” said FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt.

GE Caledonian has 30 days from the receipt of the FAA’s civil penalty letter to respond to the agency.

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