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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 25**

**Docket No. FAA-2013-1036; Special Conditions No. 25-510-SC**

**Special Conditions: Cessna Model 750 Series Airplanes; Aircraft Electronic System  
Security Protection from Unauthorized External Access**

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

**ACTION:** Final special condition; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** These special conditions are issued for the Cessna Model 750 Series airplanes.

These airplanes will have a novel or unusual design feature associated with the architecture and connectivity capabilities of the airplanes' computer systems and networks. Connectivity to, or access by, external systems and networks may result in security vulnerabilities to the airplanes' systems.

**DATES:** The effective date of these special conditions is [insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*]. We must receive your comments by [insert a date 45 days after date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by docket number [FAA-2013-XXXX] using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRegulations Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

Mail: Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, D.C., 20590-0001.

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## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The proposed network architecture includes the following connectivity between systems:

1. Airplane control, communication, display, monitoring and navigation systems,
2. Operator business and administrative support systems, and
3. Passenger entertainment systems, and access by systems external to the airplane.

The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.

The FAA has determined that notice of, and opportunity for prior public comment on, these special conditions are impracticable because these procedures would significantly delay issuance of the design approval and thus delivery of the affected aircraft. The FAA has also determined that notice of these special conditions is unnecessary because the substance of these special conditions has been subject to the public comment process in several prior instances with no substantive comments received. The FAA therefore finds that good cause exists for making these special conditions effective upon publication in the *Federal Register*.

## **Comments Invited**

We invite interested people to take part in this rulemaking by sending written comments, data, or views. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the special conditions, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data.

We will consider all comments we receive by the closing date for comments. We may change these special conditions based on the comments we receive.

## **Background**

On September 10, 2010, Cessna Aircraft Company applied for an amendment to the Model 750 Type Certificate No. T00007WI.

The Model 750 is a twin-engine pressurized executive jet airplane with standard seating provisions for 14 passenger/crew. This airplane will have a maximum takeoff weight of 36,600 pounds with a wingspan of 69.2 feet, a maximum operating altitude of 51,000 feet, and will have two aft-mounted Rolls-Royce AE3007C2 engines.

The proposed Cessna Model 750 avionics architecture is novel or unusual for executive jet airplanes by allowing connection to airplane electronic systems and networks, and access from aircraft external sources (e.g., wireless devices, Internet connectivity) to the previously isolated airplane electronic assets. Cessna's proposed design is considered by the FAA to be an architecture which introduces potential security risks and vulnerabilities not addressed in current regulations and aircraft-level or system-level safety assessment methods. Consequently, this special condition has been produced to address security and safety issues arising from the use of this type of architecture, and foreseeable flight and maintenance applications impacted by these interconnected data networks and the addition of external access points.

## **Type Certification Basis**

Under Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) 21.17, Cessna must show that the Model 750 series meets the applicable provisions of 14 CFR part 25, as amended by Amendments 25-1 through 25-128. The certification basis for the 750 (S/N -000501 and on) is documented and agreed to within the Cessna Aircraft Company Model 750 Block Point Change G-1 Issue Paper.

If the Administrator finds that the applicable airworthiness regulations (i.e., 14 CFR part 25) do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for the Model 750 series because of a novel or unusual design feature, special conditions are prescribed under § 21.16.

Special conditions are initially applicable to the model for which they are issued. Should the type certificate for that model be amended later to include any other model that incorporates the same novel or unusual design feature, the proposed special conditions would also apply to the other model under § 21.101.

In addition to the applicable airworthiness regulations and proposed special conditions, the Cessna Model 750 series airplane must comply with the fuel vent and exhaust emission requirements of 14 CFR part 34 and the noise certification requirements of 14 CFR part 36 and the FAA must issue a finding of regulatory adequacy under § 611 of Public Law 92-574, the "Noise Control Act of 1972."

The FAA issues special conditions, as defined in 14 CFR 11.19, under § 11.38, and they become part of the type-certification basis under § 21.17(a)(2).

## **Novel or Unusual Design Features**

The Cessna Model 750 will incorporate the following novel or unusual design features: digital systems architecture composed of several connected networks. The proposed architecture and network configuration may be used for, or interfaced with, a diverse set of functions, including:

1. Flight-safety related control, communication, display, monitoring, and navigation systems (aircraft control functions);
  2. Operator business and administrative support (operator information services);
  3. Passenger information and entertainment systems (passenger entertainment services);
- and,
4. The capability to allow access to or by systems external to the airplane.

## **Discussion**

The architecture and network configuration in the Cessna Model 750 Series airplanes may allow increased connectivity to, or access by, external airplane sources, airline operations, and maintenance systems to the aircraft control functions and airline information services. The aircraft control functions and airline information services perform functions required for the safe operation and maintenance of the airplane. Previously these functions and services had very limited connectivity with external sources. The architecture and network configuration may allow the exploitation of network security vulnerabilities resulting in intentional or unintentional destruction, disruption, degradation, or exploitation of data, systems, and networks critical to the safety and maintenance of the airplane. This configuration may also include the electronic transmission of field-loadable software (and hardware) applications and databases to the

airplane, which would subsequently be loaded into the safety-related equipment and systems. The existing regulations and guidance material did not anticipate these types of airplane system architectures. Furthermore, 14 CFR regulations and current system safety assessment policy and techniques do not address potential security vulnerabilities, which could be exploited by unauthorized access to airplane systems, data buses, and servers. Therefore, these special conditions are issued to ensure that the security (i.e., confidentiality, integrity, and availability) of airplane systems is not compromised by unauthorized wired or wireless electronic connections.

For the reasons discussed above, these special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.

### **Applicability**

As discussed above, these special conditions are applicable to the Cessna Model 750 Series airplanes. Should Cessna apply at a later date for a change to the type certificate to include another model incorporating the same novel or unusual design feature, the special conditions would apply to that model as well.

### **Conclusion**

This action affects only certain novel or unusual design features on one model series of airplanes. It is not a rule of general applicability.

The substance of these special conditions has been subjected to the notice and comment period in several prior instances and has been derived without substantive change from those previously issued. It is unlikely that prior public comment would result in a significant change

from the substance contained herein. Therefore, the FAA has determined that prior public notice and comment are unnecessary, and good cause exists for adopting these special conditions upon publication in the *Federal Register*. The FAA is requesting comments to allow interested persons to submit views that may not have been submitted in response to the prior opportunities for comment described above.

### **List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 25**

Aircraft, Aviation safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

The authority citation for these special conditions is as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701, 44702, 44704.

### **The Special Conditions**

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the following special conditions are issued as part of the type certification basis for Cessna Model 750 Series airplanes.

#### ***System Security Protection for Aircraft Control Domain and Information Services Domain from External Access.***

1. The applicant must ensure airplane electronic system security protection from access by unauthorized sources external to the airplane, including those possibly caused by maintenance activity.

2. The applicant must ensure that electronic system security threats are identified and assessed, and that effective electronic system security protection strategies are implemented to protect the airplane from all adverse impacts on safety, functionality, and continued airworthiness.



3. The applicant must establish appropriate procedures to allow the operator to ensure that continued airworthiness of the aircraft is maintained, including all post-type-certification modifications that may have an impact on the approved electronic system security safeguards.

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