Continued Airworthiness Notification to the International Community

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To: Civil Aviation Authorities From: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Engine and Propeller Standards Branch, AIR-6A0 1200 District Avenue Burlington, MA 01803

Subject: This message is to advise you of the FAA's ongoing activities related to in-flight shutdown (IFSD) events on Pratt & Whitney (PW) 1500G series model turbofan engines installed on Airbus A220 airplanes. The engine is of similar design to the PW1900G, installed on the Embraer E190-E2 airplanes, which are therefore also included in the FAA's actions.

Accident/ Incident Description: On July 25, 2019, an Airbus A220-300 airplane powered by a PW PW1524G-3 model turbofan engine, on a Swiss Air Lines International (Swiss Air) flight, experienced an IFSD. On September 16, 2019, an Airbus A220 airplane, also on a Swiss Air flight and powered by a PW PW1524-G engine, again experienced an IFSD. In both these events, the crew either diverted to a nearby airport or performed an air turnback and landed safety.

Aircraft/ Engine Make, Model and Series: PW PW1519G, PW1521G, PW1521GA, PW1524G, PW1525G, PW1521G-3, PW1524G-3, PW1525G-3, PW1919G, PW1921G, PW1922G, PW1923G, and PW1923G-A model turbofan engines model turbofan engines installed on Airbus A220 airplanes and Embraer E190-E2 airplanes

U.S.-registered fleet: 18 engines Worldwide fleet: 166 engines

Operators: Air Tanzania (Tanzania); AIR Baltic (Latvia); Korean Air Lines (South Korea); Air Astana (Kazakhstan); EgyptAir (Egypt); Swiss Air (Switzerland); and Wideroe Airlines (Norway).

Ongoing activities: The FAA is issuing an airworthiness directive to require initial and repetitive borescope inspections of the low-pressure compressor (LPC) inlet guide vanes and the LPC rotor 1 and, depending on the results of the inspection, possible repair or replacement of the LPC.

Next update, if any: None.

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