further flight, repair in accordance with a

exceed 6,000 flight cycles.

Service Bulletin A320-53-1085, dated March

beams at frame 43, in accordance with Airbus

after the effective date of this AD, whichever

accomplishment of paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2)
of this AD. Accomplishment of paragraphs (b)(1)

A320-53-1085, dated March 31, 1995. The

paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) constitutes terminating

as specified by the Manager, Internation Branch,

the longitudinal floor beams at frame 43, in

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. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness
directive:

98-15-04 Airbus Industrie: Amendment

39-10655. Docket 97-NM-197-AD.

Applicability: Model A320 series airplanes,
on which Airbus Modification 20904

(reference Airbus Service Bulletin A320-53-1085,
dated March 31, 1995) has not been

accomplished, certified in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane

identified in the preceding applicability

provision, regardless of whether it has been

otherwise modified, altered, or repaired in

the area subject to the requirements of this

AD. For airplanes that have been modified,
altered, or repaired so that the performance

of the requirements of this AD is affected,

the owner/operator must request approval for an

alternative method of compliance in

accordance with paragraph (c) of this AD.

The request should include an assessment of the

effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by

this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been

eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless

accomplished previously.

To prevent fatigue cracking on the bottom

flanges of the longitudinal floor beams at

frame 43, which could result in reduced

structural integrity of the airplane, accomplish the following:

(a) Prior to the accumulation of 20,000

total flight cycles, or within 1,000 flight cycles

after the effective date of this AD, whichever

occurs later, perform a visual inspection for

fatigue cracking of the longitudinal floor beams at frame 43, in accordance with Airbus

Service Bulletin A320-53-1085, dated March


(I) No cracking is detected, repeat the

visual inspection thereafter at intervals not to

exceed 6,000 flight cycles.

(2) If any cracking is detected, prior to

further flight, repair in accordance with a


(b) Prior to the accumulation of 32,000

total flight cycles, or within 1,000 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, perform a visual inspection for fatigue cracking of the longitudinal floor beams at frame 43, in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A320-53-1085, dated March 31, 1995.

(1) No cracking is detected, repeat the visual inspection thereafter at intervals not to exceed 6,000 flight cycles.

(2) If any cracking is detected, prior to further flight, repair in accordance with a method approved by the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate.

(c) Do not operate the airplane until the

required repair has been accomplished in


(d) A repetitive inspection program shall be done in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A320-53-1085, dated March 31, 1995.

(e) The repetitive inspection program shall be accomplished in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A320-53-1085, dated March 31, 1995.

(f) This amendment becomes effective on

annuity interest assumptions represent a decrease (from those in effect for July 1998) of 0.10 percent for the first 25 years following the valuation date and are otherwise unchanged. For benefits to be paid as lump sums, the interest assumptions to be used by the PBGC will be 4.00 percent for the period during which a benefit is in pay status and during any years preceding the benefit’s placement in pay status. The lump sum interest assumptions are unchanged from those in effect for July 1998.

The PBGC has determined that notice and public comment on this amendment are impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This finding is based on the need to determine and issue new interest assumptions promptly so that changes for FY 1999.

The values of \( i_{t} \) are:

- \( i_{t} \) for \( t=1 \) to 25: 0.0540
- \( i_{t} \) for \( t>25 \): N/A
- \( i_{t} \) for \( t=N/A \)

**TABLE II. Lump Sum Valuations**

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In consideration of the foregoing, 29 CFR part 4044 is amended as follows:

**PART 4044—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans**

1. The authority citation for part 4044 continues to read as follows:

   Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1301(a), 1302(b)(3), 1341, 1344, 1362.

2. In appendix B, a new entry is added to Table I, and Rate Set 58 is added to Table II, as set forth below. The introductory text of each table is republished for the convenience of the reader and remains unchanged.

**Appendix B to Part 4044—Interest Rates Used to Value Annuities and Lump Sums**

**POSTAL SERVICE**

**39 CFR Part 111**

Changes in Preferred Postage Rates—Periodicals and Standard Mail

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** Public Law No. 103-123 authorizes annual changes in the reduced rates for preferred periodicals and non-profit standard mail formerly financed by appropriations for revenue forgone. This action implements these changes for FY 1999.

**DATES:** Effective Date: October 4, 1998. The changes pertaining to postage rates will be implemented effective 12:01 a.m., Sunday, October 4, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas DeVaughan, (202) 268-4491.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under 39 U.S.C. 3626(a) and 3642, the Postal Service is authorized to make adjustments in the Periodicals Preferred In-County pound rates and the nonadvertising per piece rates for