

**Related Investigative and Corrective Actions, and Repetitive Intervals if the Freeplay Measurement Is 0.020 Inch or Greater**

(h) If, during any freeplay measurement required by paragraph (f), (g), or (h) of this AD, the freeplay measurement is 0.020 inch or greater: Do the applicable action in paragraph (h)(1), (h)(2), or (h)(3) of this AD. Accomplishing the actions specified in paragraph (j) or (k) of this AD, as applicable, extends the intervals for repetitive measurements for the associated flap support only. Do all actions in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Service Bulletin 777-27A0066, Revision 1, dated May 18, 2006, and note (e) of Table 1 in paragraph 1.E., "Compliance."

(1) For airplanes that have accumulated 6,000 total flight cycles or more as of the effective date of this AD, and for which the freeplay measurement is 0.020 inch to 0.100 inch inclusive: Repeat the freeplay measurement required by paragraph (f) of this AD thereafter at intervals not to exceed 500 flight cycles until the support teardown inspection in paragraph (h)(1)(i) or (h)(1)(ii) of this AD is done.

(i) Within 12 months after the first freeplay measurement of 0.020 inch to 0.100 inch inclusive, do the applicable related investigative and corrective actions specified in the service bulletin as the "Support Teardown Inspection," and repeat the freeplay measurement required by paragraph (f) of this AD thereafter at intervals not to exceed 6,000 flight cycles or 120 months, whichever occurs first.

(ii) Before further flight after the first freeplay measurement of 0.020 inch to 0.100 inch inclusive, do the applicable related investigative and corrective actions specified in the service bulletin as the "Temporary Return to Service Inspection" and, within 24 months after the first freeplay measurement of 0.020 inch to 0.100 inch inclusive, do the applicable related investigative and corrective actions specified in the service bulletin as the "Support Teardown Inspection." Repeat the freeplay measurement required by paragraph (f) of this AD thereafter at intervals not to exceed 6,000 flight cycles, or 120 months, whichever occurs first.

(2) For airplanes that have accumulated 6,000 total flight cycles or more as of the effective date of this AD, and the freeplay measurement is greater than 0.100 inch: Do the action in paragraph (h)(2)(i) or (h)(2)(ii) of this AD.

(i) Before further flight after the first freeplay measurement of greater than 0.100 inch, do the applicable related investigative and corrective actions specified in the service bulletin as the "Support Teardown Inspection." Repeat the freeplay measurement required by paragraph (f) of this AD thereafter at intervals not to exceed 6,000 flight cycles or 120 months, whichever occurs first.

(ii) Before further flight after the first freeplay measurement of greater than 0.100 inch, do applicable related investigative and corrective actions in the "Temporary Return to Service Inspection," and within 6 months after the first freeplay measurement of greater

than 0.100 inch, do the applicable related investigative and corrective actions in the "Support Teardown Inspection." Repeat the freeplay measurement required by paragraph (f) of this AD thereafter at intervals not to exceed 6,000 flight cycles or 120 months, whichever occurs first.

(3) For airplanes that have accumulated fewer than 6,000 total flight cycles as of the effective date of this AD: Before further flight after the first freeplay measurement of 0.020 inch or greater, do the related investigative and corrective actions specified in the service bulletin as the "Support Teardown Inspection." Repeat the freeplay measurement required by paragraph (f) of this AD thereafter at intervals not to exceed 6,000 flight cycles or 120 months, whichever occurs first.

**Repetitive Lubrications**

(i) Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD: Lubricate the joints of the trailing edge flap supports using BMS 3-33 grease. Repeat the lubrication thereafter at intervals not to exceed 1,000 flight cycles, or 240 days, whichever occurs first. Do all actions in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions, and note (d) of Table 1 in paragraph 1.E., "Compliance" of Boeing Service Bulletin 777-27A0066, Revision 1, dated May 18, 2006.

**Modification/Repetitive Freeplay Measurements**

(j) Before the accumulation of 23,000 total flight cycles or within 24 months after the effective date of this AD, whichever is later: Replace the pins, ball sets, and bushings on the joints of the trailing edge flap at support numbers 3 and 6 with new, improved components by doing all the applicable actions, including all applicable corrective actions, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 777-27A0071, Revision 1, dated October 16, 2006. Before further flight after doing the actions, do a detailed inspection of the components that interface with the flap support pins for discrepancies (corrosion, damage, or excessive wear), and a general visual inspection for any blocked lubrication paths; and do all applicable corrective actions. Repeat the freeplay measurements for the associated flap support at intervals not to exceed 16,000 flight cycles in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 777-27A0071, Revision 1, dated October 16, 2006. Accomplishing the actions in this paragraph constitutes terminating action for the actions specified in paragraphs (f), (g), (h), and (i) of this AD, for the associated trailing edge flap support only.

**Optional Modification**

(k) Accomplishing the actions specified in paragraph (j) of this AD at support numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8, extends the intervals for the repetitive measurements required by paragraph (g) of this AD for the associated flap support only.

**Revise Maintenance Planning Data (MPD) Document**

(l) Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD: Revise the maintenance

practices for performing periodic inspections and maintenance of the support joints of the trailing edge flap for the maintenance inspection program of the Boeing 777 MPD Document by doing the actions specified in paragraphs 1 and 3 only of Part 7 of the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 777-27A0071, Revision 1, dated October 16, 2006.

**Actions Accomplished Previously**

(m) Actions done before the effective date of this AD in accordance with Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 777-27A0066, dated July 28, 2005, are acceptable for compliance with paragraphs (f), (g), (h), and (i) of this AD, as applicable. Actions done before the effective date of this AD in accordance with Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 777-27A0071, dated March 30, 2006, are acceptable for compliance with paragraphs (j), (k), and (l) of this AD, as applicable.

**Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)**

(n)(1) The Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested in accordance with the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

(2) Before using any AMOC approved in accordance with § 39.19 on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify the appropriate principal inspector in the FAA Flight Standards Certificate Holding District Office.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair required by this AD, if it is approved by an Authorized Representative for the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Delegation Option Authorization Organization who has been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO, to make those findings. For a repair method to be approved, the repair must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

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**Ali Bahrami,**

*Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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**FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**16 CFR Part 255**

**Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising**

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Extension of deadline for submission of comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") is extending until June 18, 2007 the deadline for filing comments on the Guides and on two consumer surveys commissioned by the Commission

concerning the interpretation of consumer endorsements.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed rule published January 18, 2007, must be received by June 18, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shira Modell, Attorney, Division of Advertising Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580; (202) 326-3116.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 16, 2007, the Commission announced that it was seeking public comment in conjunction with its regulatory review of the Guides Concerning Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising (“the Guides”). See 72 FR 2214 (Jan. 18, 2007). The Commission’s **Federal Register** notice: (1) Solicited comment on the Guides and on two consumer surveys commissioned by the Commission concerning the interpretation of consumer endorsements; and (2) requested empirical evidence on several issues relating to the Guides. The deadline established for the submission of comments was March 19, 2007.

The Electronic Retailing Association (“ERA”) has requested a 90-day extension of the March 19 deadline. ERA states that it needs the additional time to review the two reports put on the public record in January and compile information from its members to submit for the record in this proceeding.

In light of the number and importance of the issues on which it has requested comment, the Commission has decided to extend the filing deadline until June 18, 2007.

By direction of the Commission.

**Donald S. Clark,**  
*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

### 16 CFR Part 432

#### Trade Regulation Rule Relating to Power Output Claims for Amplifiers Utilized in Home Entertainment Products

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking: Termination of rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”) has completed its review, pursuant to a

supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (“SNPR”), of the testing procedures for multichannel “home theater” amplifiers under the Trade Regulation Rule Relating to Power Output Claims for Amplifiers Utilized in Home Entertainment Products (“Rule” or “Amplifier Rule”). The Commission has determined not to amend the Rule at this time and to place the Rule on its regular review schedule for 2008 as part of the Commission’s ongoing systematic review of Federal Trade Commission rules and guides. Until the Commission provides further guidance regarding which channels need be associated for purposes of rating multichannel amplifiers, the Commission will not enforce the association requirement of Section 432.2 of the Rule as it relates to the continuous power output per channel ratings for multichannel amplifiers. The Commission, however, will continue to enforce the other provisions of the Rule with regard to multichannel amplifiers.

**DATES:** This rulemaking is terminated as of March 20, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of this notice should be sent to the Consumer Response Center, Room 130, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580. The notice also is available on the Internet at the Commission’s Web site, <http://www.ftc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jock Chung, (202) 326-2984, Attorney, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580. E-mail: [jchung@ftc.gov](mailto:jchung@ftc.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

The Amplifier Rule, promulgated in 1974, assists consumers in purchasing power amplification equipment for home entertainment purposes by standardizing the measurement and disclosure of various performance characteristics. The Commission issued the Rule in response to sellers making misleading or confusing power distortion and other performance claims based on differing or unrecognized test procedures. The Rule establishes uniform test standards and disclosures so that consumers can make more meaningful comparisons of amplifier performance attributes.

The present regulatory review began on April 7, 1997 (62 FR 16500). On July 9, 1998, the Commission decided to retain the Rule, concluding that it continued to be valuable both to consumers and businesses (63 FR 37234). At the same time, the

Commission issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking seeking comment on whether the Commission should initiate a rulemaking proceeding to address several technological and marketplace changes raised by industry (63 FR 37238).

On December 22, 2000, the Commission amended the Rule to clarify the testing procedure for self-powered speakers and eliminate or modify certain testing and disclosure requirements that had outlived their usefulness. At the same time, the Commission issued a SNPR soliciting comment on Commission proposals to amend the definition of “associated channels” in connection with the power rating testing of multichannel “home theater” amplifiers. Multichannel amplifiers incorporate five or more discrete or synthesized amplification channels and are designed to decode and/or amplify digitally encoded multichannel movie soundtracks or music program material recorded in various formats, including videocassette tapes or digital video discs (65 FR 80798). Section 432.2(a) of the Rule requires that an amplifier’s continuous power output per channel be “[m]easured with all associated channels fully driven to rated per channel power.”<sup>1</sup> Thus, manufacturers of multichannel audio/video receivers and amplifiers must decide which of the five or more discrete channels of amplification are considered “associated” and, therefore, subject to simultaneous operation at full rated power. In the SNPR, the Commission solicited public comment on three alternative designations of “associated channels” for such audio amplifiers.

The SNPR elicited one comment, submitted by the Consumer Electronics Association (“CEA”). CEA noted that there was no industry consensus on testing, measuring, and specifying the power output of multichannel amplifier products. Consequently, CEA formed an industry working group to establish a voluntary industry standard.

On January 15, 2002, the Commission deferred action on the proposed rule but kept the rulemaking record open to allow time for a self-regulatory approach to develop a consensus procedure for the testing of multichannel amplifiers (67 FR 1915). Although CEA issued a standard, designated CEA-490-A, the Commission’s review has not found widespread adoption of this standard in advertisements or product specifications, and the Commission is

<sup>1</sup> This continuous measurement represents the maximum per-channel power an amplifier can deliver over a five minute period.