

EASA considerations, leading to the decision to adopt Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) AD 2020-03-11

On 12 February 2020, the FAA issued [AD 2020-03-11](#), applicable to certain Boeing 707, 720 and 720B aeroplanes.

That AD required modification of the fuel quantity indicating system (FQIS) to prevent development of an ignition source inside the centre fuel tank due to electrical fault conditions.

At the time of the review of FAA AD 2020-03-11, EASA was not in possession of sufficient data to allow determination of an unsafe condition to support the required actions of FAA AD 2020-03-11. Consequently, EASA decided to suspend the adoption of the AD until further justification information was obtained. Decision dated 19 February 2020 refers.

Since that Decision was published, the existence of an FAA document recording clarifications from the Design Approval Holder was brought to the attention of EASA. In light of this further evidence, the required actions of FAA AD 2020-03-11 are deemed by EASA to be justified and proportionate to the risk.

For that reason, EASA has decided to adopt FAA AD 2020-03-11.

At the time of publication of this Decision, EASA understands there are no Boeing 707, 720 or 720B aeroplanes on the civil registers of EASA Member States.

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