European Union Aviation Safety Agency

Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 26-139

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Note: This Proposed Airworthiness Directive (PAD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 on behalf of the European Union, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 129 of that Regulation

In accordance with the EASA Continuing Airworthiness Procedures, the Executive Director is proposing the issuance of an EASA Airworthiness Directive (AD), applicable to the aeronautical product(s) identified below.
All interested persons may send their comments, referencing the PAD Number above, to the e-mail address specified in the 'Remarks' section, prior to the consultation date indicated.

Design Change Approval Holder's Name:
SOCIETE AIR FRANCE S.A.

Design Change Description:
As defined in Table 1 of this AD

Effective Date:	[TBD - standard: 14 days after AD issue date]
STC Number(s):	EASA Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) 10072189, EASA STC 10081045 up to Rev. 1, and EASA STC 10086734 up to Rev. 1
Foreign AD:	Not applicable
Supersedure:	None

ATA 33 – Lights – Sidewall Lights – Inspection / Modification

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Manufacturer(s):
The Boeing Company

Applicability:
Boeing 777-300ER aeroplanes, manufacturer serial numbers 32711, 32723, 32724, 32725, 32726, 32727, 32845, 32846, 32847, 32848, 32849, 32850, 32851, 32852, 32853, 32854, 32960, 32961, 32962, 32963, 32964, 32968, 35297, 35542, 35543, 35544, 35676, 35677, 35678, 37432, 37433, 37435, 38665, 38705, 38706, 39970, 39971, 39973, 40063, 40064, 40376, 44553 and 61701 modified in accordance with EASA STC 10072189, EASA STC 10081045 up to Rev. 1, or EASA STC 10086734 up to Rev. 1, as applicable.

Definitions:
For the purpose of this AD, the following definitions apply:

The AFSB: Société Air France S.A. Alert Service Bulletin (AFSB) AFSB-B777-19-003A33-001, AFSB-B777-17-007A33-001 or AFSB-B777-21-005A33-001, as applicable.

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Affected sidewall light: Sidewall lights Part Number (P/N) 1J5011-200135-(), 1J5011-200142-() or 1J5011-200156-(), installed at the locations listed in step 4, section 3.B. of the 'Accomplishment Instructions' of the AFSB (see Note 1 of this AD).

Note 1: () represents any alpha/numerical sequence.

Serviceable sidewall light: An affected sidewall light that is new (not previously installed on any aeroplane), or any sidewall light, eligible for installation in accordance with approved Société Air France S.A. instructions, which is not an affected sidewall light.

Reason:

During a maintenance check, an operator reported wire chafing and arcing damage on the power cable of the Light Emitting Diode (LED) sidewall lights. The damage occurred following maintenance when the LED sidewall light power connector wire bundle became trapped within the sidewall, the light housing and moisture barrier.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to electrical arcing, possibly resulting in electrical shock or fire, and consequent injury to maintenance personnel.

To address this potential unsafe condition, Société Air France S.A. issued the AFSB, as defined in this AD, providing instructions to perform a general visual inspection (GVI) of the affected sidewall lights and, depending on findings, replacement of the sidewall lights, repair of chafing damages, and modification of the LED sidewall light wire routing.

For the reason described above, this AD requires a one-time inspection of the affected sidewall lights and accomplishment of applicable corrective action(s).

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):

Required as indicated by this AD, unless the actions required by this AD have been already accomplished:

Table 1 – Affected STCs and Minor Modifications (Mod)

EASA STC / Mod No.	Embodiment Instruction	Description
10072189	AFSB-B777-17-007A33-001	Caraïbes - Océan Indien (COI) 14J Cabin reconfiguration
10081045	AFSB-B777-19-003A33-001	48J Cabin Reconfiguration
10086734	AFSB-B777-21-005A33-001	4P-60J Cabin Reconfiguration - IFE SAFRAN "RAVE" Installation/Rearrangement

One-time Inspection:

(1) Within 34 months after the effective date of this AD, accomplish a GVI of each affected sidewall light in accordance with the instructions of the AFSB.

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Corrective Action(s):

(2) If, during the inspection as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, any wire chafing damage is found, before next flight, replace the affected sidewall light with a serviceable sidewall light in accordance with the instructions of the AFSB.

(3) Concurrently with the requirement of paragraph (2) of this AD, if applicable, repair any chafing damage at sidewall light location and modify the wire(s) installation in accordance with the instructions of the AFSB.

(4) If, during the inspection as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, no wire chafing damage is found, but the wire harness of the affected sidewall light is not correctly routed or secured as defined in the AFSB, before next flight, modify the wire(s) installation in accordance with the instructions of the AFSB.

Ref. Publications:

Société Air France S.A. AFSB-B777-19-003A33-001 Revision 0 dated 20 October 2026.

Société Air France S.A. AFSB-B777-17-007A33-001 Revision 0 dated 20 October 2026.

Société Air France S.A. AFSB-B777-21-005A33-001 Revision 0 dated 20 October 2026.

The use of later approved revisions of the above-mentioned documents is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.

Remarks:

1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 15 December 2026.

2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the EASA Safety Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu.

3. Information about any failures, malfunctions, defects or other occurrences, which may be similar to the unsafe condition addressed by this PAD, and which may occur, or have occurred on a product, part or appliance not affected by this PAD, can be reported to the EU aviation safety reporting system. This may include reporting on the same or similar components, other than those covered by the design to which this PAD applies, if the same unsafe condition can exist or may develop on an aircraft with those components installed. Such components may be installed under an FAA Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA), Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) or other modification.

4. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this PAD, please contact: Air France MT.NI, 95747 Roissy Charles de Gaulle Cedex, France (postal address) Email: mail.office.airworthiness@airfrance.fr.

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