



FAR PART 39

PART 39 – AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

39.1 Purpose of this Regulation

1. The regulations in this part provide a legal framework for FAA's system of Airworthiness Directives.

39.3 Definition of Airworthiness Directives

1. FAA's airworthiness directives are legally enforceable rules that apply to aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, and appliances (e.g., vacuum pump, alternator, navigation radios, etc.).

39.5 When does FAA issue airworthiness directives?

1. FAA issues an airworthiness directive addressing a product when they find that:
 - a. An unsafe condition exists in the product; and
 - b. The condition is likely to exist or develop in other products of the same type design.

39.7 What is the legal effect of failing to comply with an airworthiness directive?

1. Anyone who operates a product that does not meet the requirements of an applicable airworthiness directive is in violation of this section.

39.9 What if I operate an aircraft or use a product that does not meet the requirements of an airworthiness directive?

1. If the requirements of an airworthiness directive have not been met, you violate 39.7 each time you operate the aircraft or use the product.

39.11 What actions do airworthiness directives require?

1. Airworthiness directives specify inspections you must carry out, conditions and limitations you must comply with, and any actions you must take to resolve an unsafe condition.

39.13 Are airworthiness directives part of the Code of Federal Regulations?

1. Yes, airworthiness directives are part of the Code of Federal Regulations, but they are not codified in the annual edition.
2. FAA publishes airworthiness directives in full in the Federal Register as amendments to this regulation.