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An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.

Subject: MD-11 Airplane Training Programs - Simulator Instruction in the Proper Operating Procedure for Autopilot Disengagement and Subsequent Manual Control of the Airplane

Purpose: The purpose of this InFO is to provide the flight crewmembers operating the Boeing MD-11 airplane with information regarding the potential for pitch attitude upsets caused by improper operation of the autopilot, and to ensure that MD-11 training programs provide pilots with simulator instruction in the proper procedures for autopilot disengagement and the subsequent manual control of the airplane. It has been developed in response to NTSB recommendations A-99-40 and supersedes Flight Standards Information Bulletin for Air Transportation (FSAT) 00-01.

For a detailed discussion and further guidance on this subject, see FAA web site:

http://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/info/all_infos/media/2008/InFO08045Sup.pdf.

Recommended action: Directors of safety, directors of operations and training managers of certificate holders operating MD-11 type aircraft shall be aware of the information contained in this InFO. In addition:

A. Each operator should included in its company flight manual information regarding the potential for pitch attitude upsets caused by improper operation of the autopilot and disseminate that information to each flight crewmember of the MD-11; and,

B. Each operator should include simulator instruction in the proper operating procedure for autopilot disengagement and subsequent manual control of the airplane in its MD-11 initial, upgrade, recurrent, transition, and re-qualification training programs.