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Revised EASA decision concerning Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) AD 2013-06-51

Arguments, leading to the EASA decision to no longer consider FAA AD 2013-06-51 as adopted:

On 22 March 2013, EASA issued AD 2013-0077-E, applicable to certain AgustaWestland S.p.A, Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., Bell Helicopter Textron Canada, Ltd., Eurocopter, Eurocopter Deutschland, Kamov and Sikorsky helicopters. The AD required accomplishment of a one-time test of the installed Goodrich hoist.

Subsequently, FAA issued Emergency AD 2013-06-51 (the Final Rule of that AD was issued on 28 June 2013), applicable to all helicopters with a Goodrich hoist installed, e.g. AgustaWestland S.p.A, Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., Bell Helicopter Textron Canada, Ltd., Eurocopter, Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH (ECD) and Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, requiring a similar hoist test to the one required by EASA AD 2013-0077-E.

EASA decided to "partially adopt" FAA AD 2013-06-51, only for type designs for which the FAA is the State of Design Authority, i.e. Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (BHTI), MD Helicopters Inc. (MDHI) and Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation helicopters, as well as AgustaWestland AB412 and AB412 EP helicopters, if modified per FAA STC SH3189SO (STC Holder Bell Helicopter Textron). Concurrently, EASA AD 2013-0077-E was revised, removing Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. and Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation helicopters from the Applicability.

Since those ADs were issued/adopted, EASA issued AD 2013-0275, superseding EASA AD 2013-0077R1, and applicable to all helicopters (US, Canadian and European designs) for which it is known that the affected Goodrich hoist is eligible for installation.

For the reason described above, the adoption of FAA AD 2013-06-51 is no longer valid, and the actions specified in that AD are no longer required for the affected helicopters registered in Europe, as new (repetitive) actions are now required by EASA AD 2013-0275.

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