



EASA

## Decision not to adopt Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) AD 2013-20-16

### **EASA considerations, leading to the decision not to adopt FAA AD 2013-20-16**

On 25 October 2013, EASA issued Emergency [AD 2013-0260-E](#), applicable to MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI) MD900 helicopters. That AD was issued by the Agency, representing the Member States of Registry, as the affected type is not of European design. AD 2013-0260-E requires daily pre-flight checks of certain main rotor blade retention bolts, replacement when discrepancies are detected, and introduces reduced life limits (when compared to those established by MDHI) for the affected bolts.

Shortly after that, on 31 October 2013, the FAA issued State of Design [AD 2013-20-16](#), applicable to those same helicopters and requiring similar daily checks and repetitive inspections of the affected of main rotor blade retention bolts.

As EASA AD 2013-0260-E adequately addresses the unsafe condition for the affected helicopters registered in EASA Member States, the Agency have decided, with reference to the provisions of [FD Decision 02/2003](#), not to adopt FAA AD 2013-20-16.

At this time, EASA [SIB 2009-18R1](#), which includes additional recommended actions, remains valid.

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