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Person in charge of airworthiness: AIRBUS SAS		Type(s): A318, A319, A320 and A321 aircraft		
Type certificate(s) No. 180 TCDS No 180				
ATA chapter: 25	Subject: Equipment/Furnishings - Passenger door emergency escape slides			

1. **EFFECTIVITY :**

AIRBUS A318, A319, A320 and A321 aircraft, all certified models, all serial numbers equipped with an emergency slide with part numbers (PN) :

- forward passenger door emergency escape slide : PN D31516-111, -113, -115, -117, -311 or -313
- aft passenger door emergency escape slide : PN D31517-111, -113, -115, -117, -311 or -313

Note: No action is required by this Airworthiness Directive (AD) on the aircraft, on which no above listed slide PN has been installed after embodiment of AIRBUS modification 33429 in production, or AIRBUS Service Bulletin (SB) A320-25-1338 in service.

2. **REASONS :**

Several incomplete inflation of emergency escape slides have been experienced by the manufacturer during tests deployment in their facility.

Investigations revealed that the inflation hose ruptured at its end fitting due to interference with slide fabric during inflation.

An incomplete emergency escape slide inflation would delay passengers evacuation.


This AD mandates the application of SB A320-25-1338, which introduces an inflation hose retainer.

3. **MANDATORY ACTION AND COMPLIANCE TIME:**

Before June 30, 2007, modify all door emergency escape slides in accordance with SB A320-25-1338.

4. **REFERENCE PUBLICATION:**

AIRBUS Service Bulletin A320-25-1338
(Any later approved revision of this document is acceptable).

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5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

June 05, 2004.

6. **REMARK:**

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7. **APPROVAL:**

This AD is approved under EASA reference No 2004-5335 dated May 17, 2004.

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