


EASA	NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE AN AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE
	<p>PAD No.: 15-129</p> <p>Date: 06 October 2015</p> <p>Note: This Proposed Airworthiness Directive (PAD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 on behalf of the European Community, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 66 of that Regulation.</p>
<p>In accordance with the EASA Continuing Airworthiness Procedures, the Executive Director is proposing the issuance of an EASA Airworthiness Directive (AD), applicable to the aeronautical product(s) identified below. All interested persons may send their comments, referencing the PAD Number above, to the e-mail address specified in the 'Remarks' section, prior to the consultation closing date indicated.</p>	
<p>Design Approval Holder's Name: AGUSTAWESTLAND S.p.A.</p>	<p>Type/Model designation(s): A109S helicopters</p>
<p>TCDS Number: EASA.R.005</p>	
<p>Foreign AD: Not applicable</p>	
<p>Supersedure: None</p>	
ATA	Rotorcraft Flight Manual – Limitations Section – Amendment
<p>Manufacturer(s): AgustaWestland S.p.A (formerly Agusta S.p.A.)</p>	
<p>Applicability: A109S helicopters, all serial numbers.</p>	
Reason:	<p>An occurrence was reported on an A109S helicopter where, during landing with the right (RH) door removed, the RH lower cabin liner of Internal Arrangement, Part Number (P/N) 109-0814-21-101, detached from the structure and hit three main rotor blades.</p> <p>This condition, if not corrected, could lead to further occurrences of in-flight lower cabin liner detachment, possibly resulting in damage to, or loss of control of, the helicopter.</p> <p>To address this potential unsafe condition, AgustaWestland revised the Limitations Section included in the Rotorcraft Flight Manual (RFM).</p> <p>For the reason described above, this AD requires updating the applicable RFM, Section 1 (Limitations). This AD is considered as an interim action and further AD action may follow.</p>
Effective Date:	[TBD: 14 days after final AD issue date]

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):	<p>Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, amend the applicable RFM, by incorporating AgustaWestland RFM 109G0040A013 Issue 2 Revision 3, inform all flight crews and, thereafter, operate the helicopter accordingly. (2) For an helicopter, which RFM is not already at Issue 2 Revision 3, inserting a copy of Appendix 1 of this AD into the applicable RFM is acceptable in lieu of amending the RFM as requested by paragraph (1) of this AD.
Ref. Publications:	<p>AgustaWestland RFM 109G0040A013 Issue 2 Revision 3, dated 23 April 2015.</p> <p>The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.</p>
Remarks:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 03 November 2015. 2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the Safety Information Section, Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu. 3. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this PAD, please contact: Agusta S.p.A. Customer Support, Via del Gregge, 100, 21015 Lonate Pozzolo (VA) – Italy Telephone: +39 0331 664600; Fax: +39 0331 664684 E-mail: AW109.mbx@agustawestland.com.

Appendix 1

PASSENGER CABIN SLIDING DOORS OPENED OR REMOVED

For helicopters with Internal Arrangement P/N 109-0814-21-101 installed

Flight with either one or both passenger cabin sliding doors opened or removed is prohibited.

For helicopters without Internal Arrangement P/N 109-0814-21-101 installed

Flight with either one or both passenger cabin sliding doors opened is prohibited if passenger door modification P/N 109-0814-35 is not installed.

Flight with one or both passenger cabin sliding doors opened is allowed only with the door(s) locked.

VNE with any passenger cabin sliding door opened or removed 75 KIAS

Maximum airspeed for passenger cabin sliding doors opening or closing 50 KIAS

IFR operation is prohibited with any door opened or removed.