



COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT

EASA PAD No. 16-096

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Comment # 1

I get some question for about the PAD 16-096 regarding aircraft EC 120.

A) If the helicopter doesn't perform over water operation, and so not equipped with floating system.

Does it remain concern about this PAD?

B) Moreover, this item is not listed in any aircraft documentation, because Push button and LACU are "On Condition" Equipments.

We (operators) can't considered to flight the helicopter to a facility just to determine if we're concerned or not.

In that case, you should suggest an "Alternative method of compliance" like "Over water operation prohibited".

EASA response:

1) The AD is applicable to all helicopters. Some of the requirements are indeed applicable only to some helicopters depending on their configuration (e.g., paragraph (1) requires actions only on helicopters equipped with an affected LACU).

Other requirements are anyway applicable to all serial numbers (e.g., paragraph (6), prohibiting installation of affected LACU).

2) If the P/N of the LACU is not recorded in the helicopter documentation, a physical inspection of the item is adequate to identify the P/N of the LACU. If in doubt about the position of the placard, the operator can contact Airbus Helicopters.

No changes have been made to the Final AD in response to this comment

