



## COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT

EASA PAD No. 18-020

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### **Comment # 1**

The Original AD 2018-0217 and the proposed AD PAD 18-020 both request to determine the number of DFL applications.

If I read correctly However the corrective actions proposed in the AD do not cover for Fan blades which have had between 13-20 DFL application and which do not have a scheduled maintenance program DFL treatment.

Following the AD there is no corrective action required, until next (unscheduled) blade removal.

However I believe SBTAY 72-A1833 rev 1 requires to remove the blades from service after 500 FH.

For Fan blades with between 13 and 20 DFL applications for which the operators maintenance plan does not require Scheduled DFL application task, according to step D2[4], the SB requires you to continue with step G of Part B of the SB within the compliance time of step 1.E being 500 FH. This skipping the introduction of Part B, hence the note “if installed on more than one engine of the same aircraft”.

I.e. the SB indicates replacement is required after 500 FH if the blades have between 13 and 20 DFL applications.

Can you please review and clarify if this is/will also be the requirement of the AD?

### **EASA response:**

**Comment agreed: the wording of PAD 18-020R1 was amended accordingly.**

