



COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT

EASA PAD No. 18-112

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Comment # 1

Referring to your issued EASA PAD # 18-112 dated 31st Jul 2018 addressing Leonardo SB 189-170 dated 25th Jul 2018, please provide clarification to the effectivity of this PAD as in Leonardo's SB 189-170 at the end of Section E – Description, it is mentioned that "Helicopters equipped with straps P/N A487A003A do not need any additional action". This statement cancels the requirements of Leonardo's SB 189-170.

Please confirm that in case that helicopters equipped with straps P/N A487A003A will be not comply with the requirements of Leonardo's SB 189-170.

Attached is Leonardo's SB 189-170 page # 2 including Section E – Description with highlights of the mentioned above wording.

Please note that the compliance is within and not later than 750 flight hours or 2 years, whichever occurs first, after the first issue of this Service Bulletin. So your kind prompt response will help us plan sourcing the required materials in adequate time.

EASA response:

Comment partially agreed. As clarified in the AD applicability paragraph, the AD does not apply to AW189 helicopters, if fitted with an emergency exit window equipped with strap P/N A487A003A. In case the helicopter has a mixed configuration where one or more windows is equipped with strap P/N A487A003A while other window may be equipped with an affected emergency exit handle, P/N 8G9500L00151 or P/N 8G9500L00251, the modification [SB 189-170] must be applied only to the latter ones. In paragraph (2) of the PAD, the word 'affected' was inadvertently omitted, which may have created the (wrong) impression that ALL emergency exit handles must be modified.

Paragraph (2) of the Final AD has been amended accordingly in response to this comment.

