



Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 19-029

Issued: 22 February 2019

Note: This Proposed Airworthiness Directive (PAD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 on behalf of the European Union, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 129 of that Regulation.

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 date indicated.

Design Approval Holder's Name:

WSK "PZL – ŚWIDNIK" S.A.

Type/Model designation(s):

PZL SW-4 helicopters

Effective Date: [TBD - standard: 14 days after AD issue date]

TCDS Number(s): EASA.R.100

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: This AD supersedes EASA AD 2014-0054 dated 06 March 2014.

ATA 04 – Time Limits / Maintenance Checks – Airworthiness Limitations – Amendment

Manufacturer(s):

WSK "PZL – Świdnik" S.A.

Applicability:

PZL SW-4 helicopters, all serial numbers.

Definitions:

For the purpose of this AD, the following definitions apply:

The ALS: PZL SW-4 Instructions for Continued Airworthiness - Maintenance Manual (document number AE 60.01.04.0 MM), Chapter 4 - Airworthiness Limitations (ALS) Revision 14 dated November 2018.

The AMP: The approved Aircraft Maintenance Programme (AMP) containing the maintenance tasks and limitations on the basis of which the operator or the owner ensures the continuing airworthiness of each operated helicopter. For helicopters registered in Europe, compliance with the approved AMP is required by Commission Regulation (EU) [1321/2014](#), Part M.A.301, paragraph 3.



New and/or more restrictive maintenance tasks and life limits: This includes all maintenance tasks and life limits that are new, or for which a threshold and/or interval was reduced, which were introduced into the ALS (as defined in this AD) since the previous ALS Revision that is currently incorporated in the AMP.

Reason:

The airworthiness limitations for the PZL SW-4, which are approved by EASA, are currently defined and published in the PZL SW-4 ALS document. These instructions have been identified as mandatory for continued airworthiness.

Failure to accomplish these instructions could result in an unsafe condition.

Previously, EASA issued AD 2014-0054 to require accomplishment of maintenance tasks and replacement of life limited parts as described in PZL SW-4 Instructions for Continued Airworthiness - Maintenance Manual (document number AE 60.01.04.0 MM), Chapter 4 - Airworthiness Limitations at Revision 10. Since that AD was issued, WSK "PZL – Świdnik" S.A. published the ALS including new and/or more restrictive maintenance tasks and life limits.

For the reason described above, this AD retains the requirements of EASA AD 2014-0054, which is superseded, and requires accomplishment of the actions specified in the ALS.

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

Maintenance Tasks and Replacement of Life Limited Parts:

(1) From the effective date of this AD, accomplish the following actions, as specified in the ALS, as applicable to helicopter operation and configuration:

(1.1) Replace each part before exceeding the applicable life limit, and

(1.2) Accomplish all maintenance tasks within the applicable thresholds and intervals.

Corrective Action(s):

(2) In case of finding any discrepancy during accomplishment of any action as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, within the compliance time specified in the ALS, accomplish the applicable corrective action(s) in accordance with the applicable WSK "PZL – Świdnik" S.A. maintenance documentation. If no compliance time is identified in the ALS, accomplish the applicable corrective action(s) before next flight. If a detected discrepancy cannot be corrected by using existing WSK "PZL – Świdnik" S.A. instructions, before next flight, contact WSK "PZL-Świdnik" S.A. for approved instructions and accomplish those instructions accordingly.

AMP Revision:

(3) Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, revise the approved AMP by incorporating maintenance tasks, life limits and associated thresholds and intervals described in the ALS, as applicable to helicopter operation and configuration.



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- (4) For an AMP that, on the effective date of this AD, is already updated to incorporate the maintenance tasks and life limits, as specified in a previous issue of the ALS, that action ensures the continued accomplishment of those maintenance tasks and applicable life limits.

Consequently, for a helicopter to which that AMP applies, it is acceptable to accomplish the new and/or more restrictive maintenance tasks and life limits as specified in the ALS, as applicable to helicopter operation and configuration, within the compliance times as specified in the ALS, to comply with paragraph (1) of this AD.

For that AMP, it is acceptable to incorporate the new and/or more restrictive maintenance tasks and life limits, as specified in the ALS, as applicable to helicopter operation and configuration, into the AMP to comply with paragraph (3) of this AD.

Recording AD compliance:

- (5) When the AMP of a helicopter has been revised as required by paragraph (3) or (4) of this AD, as applicable, that action ensures continued accomplishment of the actions as required by paragraph (1) and (2) of this AD for that helicopter. Consequently, after revising the AMP, as required by paragraph (3) or (4) of this AD, as applicable, it is not necessary that accomplishment of individual action is recorded for demonstration of AD compliance on a continued basis.

Ref. Publications:

PZL SW-4 Instructions for Continued Airworthiness - Maintenance Manual (document number AE 60.01.04.0 MM), Chapter 4 - Airworthiness Limitations Revision 14 dated November 2018.

The use of later approved revisions of the above-mentioned document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.

Remarks:

1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 22 March 2019.
2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the EASA Safety Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu.
3. Information about any failures, malfunctions, defects or other occurrences, which may be similar to the unsafe condition addressed by this PAD, and which may occur, or have occurred on a product, part or appliance not affected by this PAD, can be reported to the [EU aviation safety reporting system](#).
4. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this PAD, please contact: WSK "PZL- Świdnik" S.A., Al. Lotników Polskich 1, 21-045 Świdnik, Poland; Telephone: (+48) 81 722 6140; E-mail: PL-CustomerSupport.AW@leonardocompany.com.

