

COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT

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Commenter 1: AMAC Aerospace Switzerland AG – Thomas Flour / Sikula Pavol – 10/04/2026

Comment # 1

The newly published PAD excludes certain aeroplanes from the applicability depending on their configuration.

“Applicability: [...] all manufacturer serial number (MSN), except:

- aeroplanes on which Airbus modification (mod) 165961 was embodied in production;***
- aeroplanes on which Airbus mod 162338 was embodied in production;***
- aeroplanes on which Airbus mod 162339 was embodied in production.”***

May the AD Applicability be more precise on the configuration ?

Does the exclusion require the embodiment of all three modifications, or does the embodiment of any single modification satisfy the requirement?

Example:

“Applicability: [...] all manufacturer serial number (MSN), except:

- aeroplanes on which Airbus modification (mod) 165961 was embodied in production; “OR” or “AND”***
- aeroplanes on which Airbus mod 162338 was embodied in production; “OR” or “AND”***
- aeroplanes on which Airbus mod 162339 was embodied in production.”***

EASA response:

Comment noted.

An aeroplane in either configuration (one or several) is exempted from the applicability as described in the AD. The addition of “or” or “and” does not provide benefit in this case. If several conditions would be under an “and” conditions, those would be treated under the same bullet point.

No change has been made to the final AD in response to this comment.

Commenter 2: Cathay Pacific Airways Limited – Coco Szeto – 05/05/2026

Comment # 2

CPA would like EASA AD Team to advise the following:

Per inspection SB Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A320-53-1544 (LH side) , A320-53-1545 (RH side), “Accomplishment of this Service Bulletin is expected to lead to cancellation of ALI task reference Ref. ALI 53-11-05 after the modification is addressed in a revision to Airworthiness Limitation Section (ALS) Part 2.”

However, the cancellation of ALI task 53-11-05 has not been mentioned in EASA PAD 26-045.

Please confirm if AD will be updated to align the ALI cancellation.

EASA response:

Comment agreed. Paragraph (7) was added in the AD.

