

COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT

EASA PAD No. 25-091

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Comment #1

With regard to the PAD in subject, in order to formulate the complete set of comments, the content of the Publication AH ASB H160-25-63-0001 is required.

Moreover, for me is not clear if the PLB is externally connected to the Life Raft by ropes or if the PLB is inside the Life Raft component, in addition to the survival kit.

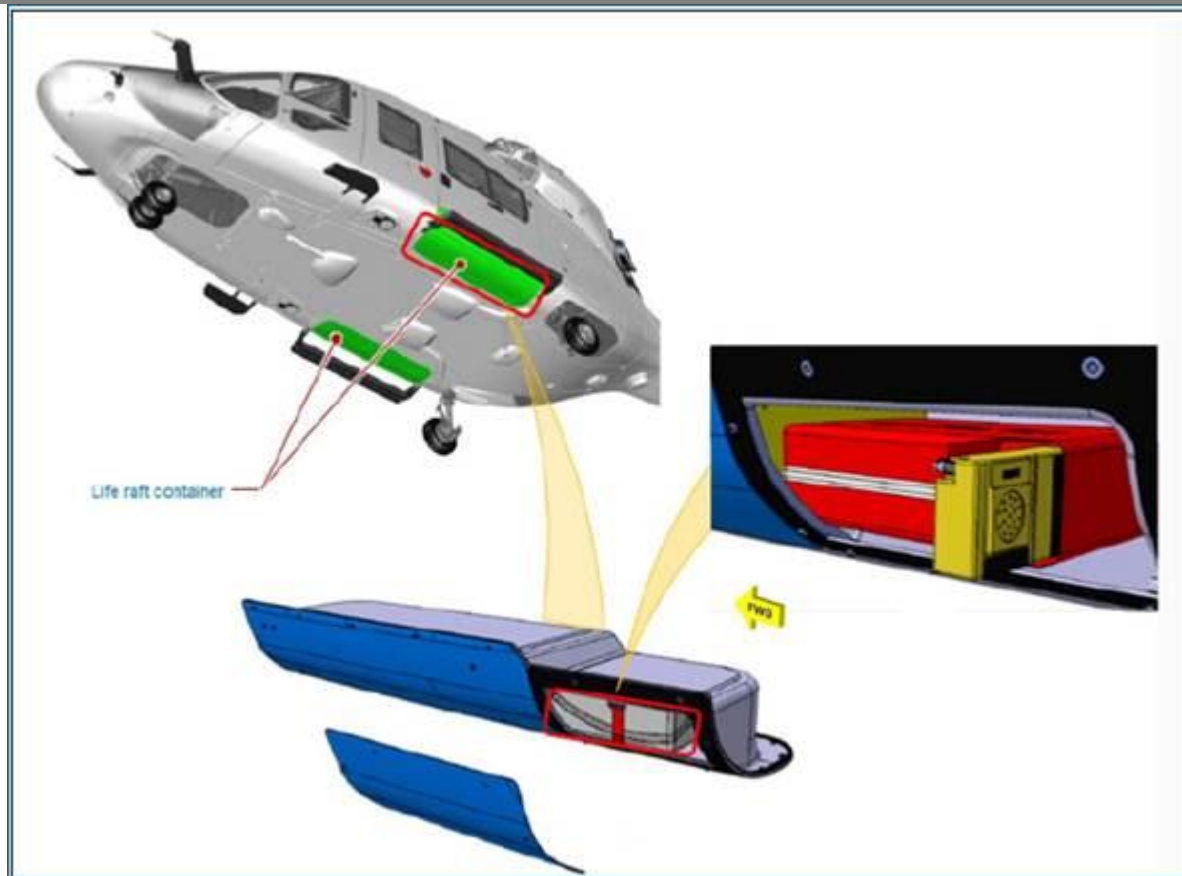
In this last case, an applicability listing the Type of Life Rafts installed in the H160B helicopters, would be more effective in identifying the faulty PLBs.

EASA response:

Comment noted.

The Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) is part of the Emergency Life Raft System (ELRS) and it is stored inside a dedicated compartment of the life raft container (see picture below, Airbus Helicopter property):





Current PAD applicability [“H160-B helicopters, all serial numbers (s/n)”] complemented by the definition of the affected part [PLB having P/N U256M30T1001 (Manufacturer P/N 500-32-2Y-H)] is sufficiently clear.

It also adequately covers scenarios where the ELRS was not installed at the time of delivery but is added later in service.

As the Applicability is based on the PLB P/N, it inherently requires verification of both the PLB and its installation within the ELRS, regardless of when the installation takes place, whether during production or post-delivery.

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

