

## COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT

EASA PAD No.: 26-018

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### Commenter 1: Avalon Aero Technical Services Ltd – Michael Harding – 29/01/2026

#### Comment # 1

Would it be possible to provide a copy of the referenced service bulletin (detailed below), or alternatively provide a contact address at Safran where this can be obtained?

**Ref. Publications:**

Safran Electronics & Defense Beacons SB S1840501-25-01 Revision 00 (original issue) dated 21 January 2026.

#### EASA response:

**Comment not agreed. Please note that EASA cannot provide you with those documents. Refer to the dedicated FAQ on the EASA website:**

**[Can EASA provide the service information referenced in an AD? | EASA](#)**

**Operators can contact SAFRAN Electronics & Defense Beacons using the contact details provided in the remarks section of the AD.**

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

### Commenter 2: Cathay Pacific Airways Limited – Venugopal Ponnampalam – 02/02/2026

#### Comment # 2

- A. Does the requirement of this PAD only apply to aircraft fitted with ELT PN S1840501-01 or PN S1840501-01?
- B. If there is a scenario of an aircraft fitted with ELT which are not PN S1840501-01 or PN S1840501-01 but installed with an affected part Programming Dongle Connector P/N S1820514-01 or Programming Dongle Assembly PN S1820514-06, will the requirement in this PAD still applicable to operator?



**EASA response:**

**2A) Comment noted. EASA confirms that the actions required by the AD are only applicable to ELT P/N S1840501-01 or P/N S1840501-04.**

**EASA confirms that an ELT having P/N other than S1840501-01 or S1840501-04 is not affected by this AD even if the installation configuration includes a programming dongle connector P/N S1820514-01 or a Programming Dongle Assembly P/N S1820514-06.**

**2B) See EASA answer to Comment 2A.**

**No changes have been made to the AD in response to these comments.**

**Commenter 3: Air Canada – Aishwarya Ravi – 02/02/2026**
**Comment # 3**

Kindly clarify if the AD is applicable only to a combination of applicable P/N (Kannad 406 AF-Compact Emergency Locator Transmitter P/N S1840501-01 or P/N S1840501-04) and affected P/N (Programming dongle connector P/N S1820514-01 or a Programming Dongle Assembly having P/N S1820514-06).

Air Canada A32X fleet does not have the applicable P/N ELT installed, however we have affected P/N S1820514-01. Please advise if all aircraft that use affected P/N S1820514-01 are affected by upcoming AD, irrespective of ELT P/N installed on board.

**EASA response:**

**See EASA answer to Comment 2A.**

**Commenter 4: Aeropuerto Adolfo Suárez Madrid - Barajas – Lucía Camero Espinosa – 05/02/2026**
**Comment # 4**

We would like to request clarification regarding the applicability and affected parts defined in PAD 26-018.

Could you please confirm whether the affected parts are limited exclusively to the ELT programming of the following ELT models P/N : S1840501-01 and P/N : S1840501-04?



During our review, we have identified documentation related to the ELT part numbers currently installed in our fleet. In some of our aircraft, the KANNAD 406 AP, P/N S1820502-02, is installed. Based on the documentation found, this ELT model can also be programmed using the programming equipment identified as affected by the PAD.

Therefore, we would like to clarify whether, for ELT P/N S1820502-02, the use of the following programming equipment would also be prohibited under PAD 26-018:

- Programming dongle connector, P/N S1820514-01
- Programming dongle assembly, P/N S1820514-06

Your clarification on this matter would be highly appreciated in order to ensure full compliance with the PAD requirements.

**EASA response:**

**See EASA answer to Comment 2A.**

#### **Commenter 5: Ryanair Engineering – Renan Zacche – 24/02/2026**

##### **Comment # 5**

The PAD identifies the following as affected parts: Programming Dongle Connector PN S1820514-01 or Programming Dongle Assembly PN S1820514-06.

Ryanair kindly request clarification on the following topics:

- Scope of affected parts: Please confirm whether the programming dongle connector/assembly PN S1820514-01 or S1820514-06 are considered "affected parts" only when installed on the ELTs listed in the applicability section of PAD 26-018 (i.e. ELT PN S1840501-01 or PN S1840501-04).
- Use of "affected parts" (dongles) on other ELTs not listed in the PAD: Please confirm whether ELTs not listed in the applicability section of PAD 26-018 may still use programming dongle connector/assembly PN S1820514-01 or S1820514-06, and that such installations are not considered affected by PAD 26-018. Our understanding is that the PAD applies exclusively to the ELT model and part numbers specified under its Applicability section.

**EASA response:**

**5A) See EASA answer to Comment 2A.**

**5B) See EASA answer to Comment 2A.**

