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COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT

EASA PAD No.: 26-110

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Commenter 1: Swiss International Air Lines Ltd. – Cani Aliji – 21/09/2026

Comment # 1

Regarding PAD 26-110, I would like to raise the following question:

The PAD does not appear to provide any credit for aircraft that have already experienced findings in the affected area. Within our fleet, five aircraft are already covered by specific Airbus RDAFs due to cracked sealant and/or bush migration. Given that these findings have already been identified and the RDAFs remain valid beyond DSG/MPPT, what is the benefit of performing the inspection again at the next 12-year check?

In addition, two aircraft are currently operating under temporary RDAFs that require repetitive inspections every 12 months.

Could you please confirm/consider whether aircraft with an existing valid RDAF are excluded from the applicability of this AD?

EASA response:

Comment not agreed. The AD supersedes any disposition given in previous RDAFs, a those RDAFs were not containing instructions for crack inspection in case of bushing migration, meanwhile the SB requests in addition to the bush migration the inspection for corrosion and cracks.

Consequently, the requirements of the AD apply in this case.

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

Commenter 2: Lufthansa Technik AG – Torsten Plüm – 23/09/2026

Comment # 2

After reading mentioned PAD and mandated SB A350-55-P016 REV 00, please consider post MOD 120887 aeroplanes might not be affected by the safety issue at all, as the SB is not applicable for such post MOD aeroplanes.

EASA response:

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Comment not agreed. MOD 120887 is not certified yet and its impact on the requirement of this PAD is therefore yet to be determined. Note that Airbus has also confirmed that any reference to MOD 120887 will be removed from SB 55-P016.

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

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