EASA considerations, leading to the decision not to take AD action similar to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) AD 2020-01-15

On 11 February 2020, the FAA issued AD 2020-01-15, applicable to certain Airbus A300-600 and A310 aeroplanes, except those modified to install a Flammability Reduction System (FRS).

That AD requires modifying the fuel quantity indicating system (FQIS) to prevent development of an ignition source inside the centre fuel tank.

As FAA AD 2020-01-15 is not a ‘State of Design’ AD for the affected type designs, the AD is not eligible for adoption by EASA under the provisions of ED Decision 2019/018/ED.

EASA is not in possession of sufficient data to allow determination of an unsafe condition and to support corrective action that would be deemed proportionate to the risk. Consequently, there is insufficient justification to warrant the actions as required by FAA AD 2020-01-15.

However, EASA is considering possible alternative action(s) to mitigate the safety risk addressed by FAA AD 2020-01-15. In that regard, EASA will be closely coordinating with the design approval holder for obtaining and accessing additional data.

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