

## **EASA Position regarding FAA AD 2023-09-09 – Not eligible for adoption**

### **EASA considerations, leading to the conclusion that Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) AD 2023-09-09 is not eligible for adoption**

On 12 June 2023, the FAA issued AD 2023-09-09, applicable to various aeroplanes, helicopters and engines, with a certain v-band coupling installed.

That AD establishes a life limit for spot-welded, multi-segment exhaust tailpipe v-band couplings and requires repetitive inspections of the spot-welded, multi-segment exhaust tailpipe v-band coupling. When a v-band coupling fails to meet any inspection criteria, as specified in the AD, it must be removed from service and replaced with a new part.

The Applicability of FAA AD 2023-09-09 provides a list of affected aeroplane, helicopter and engines types (not exhaustive – “but not limited to”) which includes many for which the FAA does not represent the State of Design.

For the reasons described above, FAA AD 2023-09-09 is not eligible for adoption by EASA under the provisions of [ED Decision 2019/018/ED](#).

EASA agrees with the presence of an unsafe condition and with most of the FAA-required actions and plans to issue its own ‘equipment-level’ AD.

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