Safety Information Bulletin
Airworthiness
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Subject: Check of the Engine and Propeller Control System

Ref. Publications:

Applicability:
L 410UVP-E20 aeroplanes, manufacturer serial numbers from 2904 and up, if equipped with GE Aviation H80-200 engine and Avia Propeller AV-725 propeller.

Description:
Preliminary investigation of an accident on 15 November 2017 with an L 410 aeroplane near Khabarovsk, Russia, identified an un-commanded activation of the beta mode signalization of a propeller during the final approach. For the time being, as a preliminary preventive measure, AI issued Revision 1 of SB L410UVP-E/492b, providing instructions to check the components of engine and propeller control system, including the beta switch.

At this time, the safety concern described in this SIB is not considered to be an unsafe condition that would warrant Airworthiness Directive (AD) action under Regulation (EU) 748/2012, Part 21.A.3B.

As soon as the investigation identifies the root cause and/or contributing factors of the accident, EASA may take further action.

Recommendation(s):
EASA recommends owners and operators to accomplish the actions as specified in Revision 1 of AI SB L410UVP-E/492b.

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