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AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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Inspection and/or modifications described below are mandatory. No person may operate a product to which this Airworthiness Directive applies except in accordance with the requirements of this Airworthiness Directive.

Translation of 'Consigne de Navigabilité' ref. : 96-082-054(B) R1 In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

EUROCOPTER FRANCE

316 - 319 helicopters

Main rotor blade attachment fittings

This Airworthiness Directive applies to SE 3160, SA 316 B, SA 316C and SA 319 B (ALOUETTE III) helicopters.

Further to fatigue tests conducted on the main rotor blade spar/fitting assembly, the following measures are rendered mandatory from the effective date of original issue of this Airworthiness Directive :

Every 400 operating hours (for the first time in 400 hours), perform a crack detection inspection on the attachment fitting in the area of the main rotor blade attachment bolts, in accordance with the procedure given in Chapter 5 of the DGAC approved Maintenance Manual, revision dated 03-96.

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