

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. : 96-099-059(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

EUROCOPTER FRANCE

AS 332 Helicopters

Tail rotor blades

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AS 332 helicopters, versions C, C1, L and L1, on which modifications 332A07-41569 and 332A07-66150 have not been embodied. These modifications correspond to ensuring compliance with EUROCOPTER FRANCE AS 332 Service bulletin N° 64.00.22 (Tail Rotor : Improved Resistance to Lightning Strike).

Further to a ditching in the North Sea that was caused by an extremely severe lightning strike, the following measure is rendered mandatory from the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

- Flights in foreseeable or confirmed stormy areas are prohibited for aircraft that are not equipped with tail rotor blades that have been reinforced against lightning strike.

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