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.: 97-114-060(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A340 Aircraft

Centre landing gear door hinge pins

This Airworthiness Directive applies to A340 AIRBUS INDUSTRIE aircraft, all certified models and serial numbers as defined according to the following configurations:

<u>Configuration 1</u>: Aircraft serial numbers 007, 008, 009 and 011 inclusive which have not received AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 43998 (AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4070).

Configuration 2: Aircraft serial numbers 002 thru 006; 013 thru 016; 018 thru 029; 031 thru 036; 038 thru 041; 043; 044; 046 thru 049; 051 thru 053; 056 thru 058; 061; 063; 074 thru 076; 078 thru 081; 084; 085 088 thru 090 inclusive which have not received AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 42975 (AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4031).

In order to prevent a rupture of any door hinge pins on the centre landing gear as evidenced during fatigue tests, unless already accomplished, the following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

<u>Configuration 1</u>: Before accumulation of 8400 flights, perform the modifications in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4070.

<u>Configuration 2</u>: Before accumulation of 8400 flights, perform the modifications in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4031.

Ref.: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4070 AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4031 (or any further approved revision)

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