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	No person may operate an aircraft to which an Airworthiness Directive applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that Airworthiness Directive, unless otherwise agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry.			
Corresponding foreign Airworthiness Directive(s): Not applicable		Airworthiness Directive(s) replaced: None		
Person in charge of airworthiness: AIRBUS SAS		Type(s): A300 aircraft		
Type certificate(s) No. 72 TCDS No 145				
ATA chapter: 22	Subject: Introduction of autopilot disconnection by stick force			

1. EFFECTIVITY:

AIRBUS A300 aircraft, all certified models, all serial numbers, except for:

- "FFCC" certified versions of A300B4-220, A300B4-203 and A300B2-203 models aircraft
- A300-600 series
- and
- aircraft on which AIRBUS Service Bulletin (SB) A300-22-0117 has been embodied in service.

2. REASONS:

The purpose of this Airworthiness Directive (AD) is to avoid possible cases of pitch trim loss when the crew tries to override the autopilot pitch control.

The manufacturer has developed a modification which allows the autopilot disconnection upon manual pitch override in all flight phases.

The embodiment of this modification is rendered mandatory by this AD.


Reminder: to remedy this situation, a definition change has been introduced on the FFCC version of A300 aircraft and on the A310 and A300-600 aircraft.

3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIMES:

Before July 31, 2006, unless already accomplished, perform wiring modifications on aircraft, in accordance with the instructions of SB A300-22-0117.

4. REFERENCE PUBLICATION:

AIRBUS Service Bulletin A300-22-0117
Any later approved revision of this SB is acceptable.

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5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

December 04, 2004.

6. **REMARK:**

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7. **APPROVAL:**

This AD is approved under EASA reference 2004-11114 dated November 17, 2004.

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