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Direction générale de l'aviation civile France  GSAC publication	This Airworthiness Directive is published by the DGAC on behalf of EASA, Airworthiness Authority of the State of Design for the affected product, part or appliance.		<i>Translation of « Consigne de Navigabilité » of same number. In case of difficulty, reference should be made to the French issue.</i>	
	<b>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.</b>			
Corresponding foreign Airworthiness Directive(s): <b>Not applicable</b>		Airworthiness Directive(s) replaced: <b>None</b>		
Person in charge of airworthiness: <b>EUROCOPTER</b>		Type(s): <b>AS 365 N helicopters</b>		
Type certificate(s) No. <b>86</b> TCDS No <b>159</b>				
ATA chapter:  <b>25</b>	Subject: <b>Equipment/Furnishings - Life raft installation</b>			

**1. EFFECTIVITY:**

EUROCOPTER SA 365 N, N1 and AS 365 N2, N3 helicopters, all serial numbers, equipped with life rafts, part numbers 203631-1 (704A42.6910.06) or 203631-2 (704A42.6910.19) or 203631-3 (704A42.6910.54).

**Note:** this Airworthiness Directive (AD) is intended for crews and maintenance personnel.

**2. REASON:**

This AD is issued following the discovery of interference between the headrests (optional equipment) of the first row of passenger seats, and the life rafts, during a life raft launching test on an AS 365 N3 helicopter. This interference may compromise the launching of the life rafts in the event of ditching.


**3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIMES:**

The following measures are rendered mandatory as from the effective date of this AD:

- 3.1.** Before the next flight over water, modify the life raft launching instruction labels in accordance with the instructions given in paragraph 2. of referenced EUROCOPTER Alert Telex (AT) No. 25.00.70.
- 3.2.** Before installing a life raft referenced in paragraph 1. of this AD, on an aircraft, comply with paragraph 2.B.2. of the referenced EUROCOPTER Alert Telex.

**4. REFERENCE PUBLICATION:**

EUROCOPTER AS 365 N/N1/N2/N3 Alert Telex No. 25.00.70  
(Any subsequent approved revision to this AT is acceptable).

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5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

On receipt, as from May 25, 2005.

6. **REMARK:**

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7. **APPROVAL:**

This AD is approved under EASA reference No 2005-4322 of May 18, 2005.

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