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| EASA | EMERGENCY AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE |
|  | <p>AD No.: 2009-0148-E</p> <p>Date: 09 July 2009</p> <p>Note: This Emergency Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 on behalf of the European Community, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 66 of that Regulation.</p> |
| <p>This AD is issued in accordance with EC 1702/2003, Part 21A.3B. In accordance with EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.A.301, the continuing airworthiness of an aircraft shall be ensured by accomplishing any applicable ADs. Consequently, no person may operate an aircraft to which an AD applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that AD, unless otherwise specified by the Agency [EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.A.303] or agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry [EC 216/2008, Article 14(4) exemption].</p> | |
| <p>Type Approval Holders' Names :</p> <p>Agusta S.p.A, Eurocopter,</p> <p>Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH, Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation</p> | <p>Type/Model designations:</p> <p>A109 series and AB139/AW139, AS332, AS350 and AS355 series, EC225, SA330, SA365, AS365 and EC155 series, SA360, EC135, MBB-BK 117, BO 105 series, S-61 helicopters</p> |
| <p>TCDS Numbers : EASA R.002, R.005, R.006, R.008, R.009, R.010 and R.146, LBA Germany No. 3025, DGAC France No. 53 and 159, FAA U.S.A. 1H15</p> | |
| <p>Foreign AD :</p> | <p>Not applicable</p> |
| <p>Supersedure :</p> | <p>This AD supersedes EASA AD 2008-012, dated 12 June 2009</p> |
| <p>ATA 25</p> | <p>Equipment / Furnishings – D-Lok Hook of the Rescue Hoist – Inspection / Removal from Service / Replacement</p> |
| <p>Manufacturers:</p> | <p>Agusta S.p.A., Agusta Aerospace Corporation, American Eurocopter LLC, Eurocopter (formerly Eurocopter France), Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH, Eurocopter ESPANA S.A., Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation.</p> |
| <p>Applicability:</p> | <p>Agusta S.p.A model A109 series and AB139/AW139 helicopters , <u>and</u> Eurocopter model AS332, AS350, AS355, SA330, SA365, AS365 and EC155 series, EC225 LP and SA360 C helicopters, <u>and</u> Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH model EC135, MBB-BK 117 and BO 105 series helicopters, <u>and</u> Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation S-61N helicopters, all serial numbers, if equipped with Lifesaving Systems D-Lok Hooks with part numbers (P/N) 410-A or 410-F and identified as part of lot number 208 or 1108.</p> <p>Note: the rescue hoist P/N provided in the service information of the rescue hoist system manufacturers (Goodrich or Breeze-Eastern) is for information only. Refer to Lifesaving Systems D-Lok Hooks P/N to determine AD applicability.</p> |

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| Reason: | <p>Field reports from rescue hoist operators have noted surface irregularities and discontinuities on D-Lok Hooks supplied by Lifesaving Systems with P/N 410-A and 410-F. It was determined that a non-approved change in the hook manufacturing process, from forged material to cast material, is the cause of the irregularities and discontinuities found in the material.</p> <p>This condition, if left uncorrected, could lead to the fracture of the hook. Furthermore, the new manufacturing process has not been shown to be compliant with the applicable regulations.</p> <p>EASA AD 2009-0124 was issued as an emergency measure to mandate visual inspection and replacement, as applicable, of D-Lok Hooks supplied by Lifesaving System with P/N 410-A and 410-F and installed on certain Goodrich Corporation hook kits or rescue hoist assemblies.</p> <p>It has been later discovered that the same Lifesaving Systems D-Lok Hooks P/N are also installed on Breeze-Eastern Corporation rescue hoist assemblies.</p> <p>For the above stated reasons this AD, which supersedes EASA AD 2009-0124, requires inspection of Goodrich and Breeze-Eastern rescue hoist assemblies and, if the affected D-Lok Hooks are found installed, their removal from service or replacement with serviceable parts.</p> |
| Effective Date: | 11 July 2009 |
| Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s): | <p>Required as indicated, unless previously accomplished:</p> <p>(1) From the effective date of this AD, before the next hoist operation inspect the rescue hoist assembly and, if a Lifesaving System D-Lok Hook with P/N 410-A or 410-F and identified as part of lot number 208 or 1108 (cast hook) is found installed, perform visual inspection in accordance with the applicable instructions of the rescue hoist system manufacturer (Goodrich or Breeze-Eastern), depending on the helicopter type. If the hook does not pass the visual inspection, further operation using the hook is prohibited.</p> <p>The inspection and relevant corrective actions carried out, before the effective date of this AD, in accordance with paragraph (1) or (3) of EASA AD 2009-0124 are acceptable to comply with paragraph (1) of this AD.</p> <p>Note: Only the visual inspection criteria of the referenced Goodrich and Breeze-Eastern publications are applicable. Required Actions and Compliance Times are as described in this AD section.</p> <p>(2) Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, or within 1000 Total Lift Cycles of the hoist since installation of the affected hook, whichever occurs first, replace the cast hook with a serviceable part to continue hoist operations.</p> <p>(3) After the effective date of this AD, do not install a D-Lok Hook with P/N 410-A or 410-F and identified as part of lot number 208 or 1108 on any helicopter.</p> |
| Ref. Publications: | <p>Goodrich Service Bulletin 42315-489-01 revision 1,</p> <p>Breeze-Eastern Corporation Service Information Letter SIL01 BLH-20200-431 original release,</p> <p>Breeze-Eastern Corporation Service Bulletin SB BLH-20200-504-25-01 original release,</p> <p>Breeze-Eastern Corporation Service Information Letter SIL01 HK-116-5 original release.</p> |
| Remarks: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD. The safety assessment has requested not to implement the full consultation process and an immediate publication and notification. |

3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the Airworthiness Directives, Safety Management & Research Section, Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu.
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