


EASA	PROPOSED AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE	
	PAD No.: 06-027	
	Date: 13 February 2006	
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.		
Type Approval Holder's Name: EUROCOPTER		Type/Model designation(s): AS 365 N
TCDS Number: France No. 159		
Foreign AD: None.		
Supersedes: F-2005-085		
ATA 25	Equipment/Furnishings – Life Raft Installation	
Manufacturer(s):	EUROCOPTER (formerly EUROCOPTER FRANCE, AEROSPATIALE)	
Applicability:	EUROCOPTER SA 365 N, N1 and AS 365 N2, N3 helicopters, all serial numbers, equipped with life rafts, PN 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 maintenance personnel and crews.	
Reason:	This AD is issued following the discovery of interference between the (optional) headrests of the first row of passenger seats and the life rafts, on an AS 365 N3 helicopter, during a life raft launching test. Interference can affect correct life raft launching in the event of a forced ditching. This AD incorporates the requirements of AD F-2005-085 and covers the conversion of EUROCOPTER Alert Telex No. 25.00.70 into an Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) with the same reference number and with no change to the technical content. This latest AD requires no additional action compared with AD F-2005-085.	
Effective Date:	Proposed: 10 March 2006	
Compliance:	Reminder of the actions that are mandatory as from May 25, 2005, the effective date of AD F-2005-085:	

	<p>3.1. Before the next flight over water, modify the life raft launching instruction labels, in compliance with the instructions specified in paragraph 2. of referenced EUROCOPTER ASB No. 25.00.70.</p> <p>3.2. Before installation on an aircraft, of a life raft held as spares, referenced in paragraph 1 of this AD, comply with paragraph 2.B.2. of the referenced ASB.</p>
Ref. Publication:	<p>EUROCOPTER AS 365 N/N1/N2/N3 Alert Service Bulletin No. 25.00.70. (Any subsequent revision to this ASB is acceptable).</p>
Remarks :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If requested and appropriately substantiated the responsible EASA manager for the related product has the authority to accept Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs) for this AD. 2. The closing dated for comments is 28 February 2006. 3. Enquiries regarding this Airworthiness Directive should be referred to Mr. M. Capaccio, Airworthiness Directive Focal Point - Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail: ADs@easa.eu.int. 4. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact EUROCOPTER (Ph. +33 (0)442 85 97 97; Fax +33 (0)442 85 99 96).