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REFERENCES:

/A/ EASA PAD No.: 13-114

/B/ A340-600 Weight Variant 1XX Series Structural Repair Manual

/C/ A340-500/-600 Weight Variant 0XX Series Structural Repair Manual

/D/ Airbus SB A340-57-5034

/E/ Airbus SB A340-57-5035

MESSAGE:

VIR have reviewed Ref /A/ PAD and have made the following observations:

Ref /A/ PAD Appendix Tables 1, 2 and 3 provide Inspection compliance times and intervals for the following Weight Variants:

A340-500/-600 WV001

A340-500/-600 WV101

However, Ref /A/ PAD Paras (4) & (5) instruct to carry out inspections per Refs /D/ and /E/ SBs.

Refs /D/ and /E/ SBs are applicable to other Weight Variants, including VIR MSN0804 which is “WV102” per Ref /B/ SRM.

In addition, Ref /A/ PAD, Page 1, Para “Applicability” states: “Airbus A340-541, A340-542, A340-642, and A340-643 aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers.”. This statement necessitates the inclusion of ALL Weight Variants.

As a result of the above discrepancies, VIR suggest that Ref /A/ Appendix Tables 1, 2 and 3 are amended to reflect the full range of Weight Variants within the Airbus A340-541, A340-542, A340-642, and A340-643 Fleet as follows:

- A340-500 WV0XX Series
- A340-600 WV0XX Series
- A340-500 WV1XX Series
- A340-600 WV1XX Series

QUESTION:

Could EASA clarify whether the A340-500/-600 Weight Variants not included in Ref /A/ PAD Tables 1, 2 and 3 will be included in the appropriate Appendix Tables of the final AD?

If so, VIR would suggest using the terms “WV1XX Series” and “WV0XX Series” per Refs /C/ and /D/ Airbus SRMs instead of the current “WV001” and “WV101” in order to ensure there is no ambiguity regarding the applicable Weight Variants.

EASA response:

Comment agreed. EASA PAD 13-114R1 has been published.