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## AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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For the reasons set out in the background section, the CASA delegate whose signature appears below issues the following Airworthiness Directive (AD) under subregulation 39.1 (1) of CAR 1998. The AD requires that the action set out in the requirement section (being action that the delegate considers necessary to correct the unsafe condition) be taken in relation to the aircraft or aeronautical product mentioned in the applicability section: (a) in the circumstances mentioned in the requirement section; and (b) in accordance with the instructions set out in the requirement section; and (c) at the time mentioned in the compliance section.

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### Cargo Equipment

**AD/CARGO/3      Ribeco Air Cargo Pallets and Air Cargo Nets      11/2002  
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Applicability:      Ribeco Air Cargo Nets with type certification:

11.401/51, 11.401/52, 11.401/53, 11.401/54, 11.401/55, 11.401/56, 11.401/63, and 11.401/64.

Ribeco Air Cargo Nets with JTSO approval:

LBA.O.11.401/76JTSO, and LBA.O.11.401/77JTSO.

Ribeco Air Cargo Pallets with JTSO approval:

LBA.O.11.400/165JTSO, LBA.O.11.400/166JTSO, LBA.O.11.400/167JTSO, LBA.O.11.400/168JTSO.

All above mentioned Ribeco Air Cargo Pallets and Air Cargo Nets produced and were released after 26 March 2002, or produced by the Chinese manufacturer Deyang Ribeco Air Cargo Equipment Co. Ltd.

Requirement:      Retire affected air cargo pallets and air cargo nets from service, and mark affected parts to preclude re-use.

*Note 1: Affected air cargo pallets and air cargo nets have been detected with false identification plates, and a specific examination of the manufacturer's delivery notes may be required.*

*Note 2: LBA AD 2002-303 refers.*

Compliance:      Within 7 days after the effective date of this Directive.

This Airworthiness Directive becomes effective on 18 September 2002.

## Cargo Equipment

AD/CARGO/3 (continued)

Background: German manufacturer Ribeco Cargo Equipment GmbH lost manufacturer approval under JAR-21 subpart G for the production of air cargo pallets and air cargo nets on 26 March 2002. The LBA has received information that Chinese manufacturer Deyang Ribeco Air Cargo Co. Ltd. has taken over production for air cargo pallets and air cargo nets without having the required authorisation. Unapproved parts are unserviceable and use could result in unsatisfactory load security.



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