AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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.

Airbus Industrie A330 Series Aeroplanes

AD/A330/6 Emergency Door 3 Type I - Escape Slide Parachute Pin 13/2002

Applicability: Model A330-201, -202, -203, -223, -243, -301, -321, -322, -323, -341, -342, and -343 aircraft; equipped with escape slide part number 7A1509-101 through -117, serial numbers AD001 through AD0855, at the door 3 Type I exit.

Requirement: Action in accordance with the requirements of DGAC AD 2001-359(B) R3.

Note: Airbus All Operator Telex (AOT) A330-25A3154 refers.

Compliance: As specified in the Requirement document, with a revised effective date of 26 December 2002.

This Airworthiness Directive becomes effective on 26 December 2002.

Background: During an escape slide deployment test, a door 3 Type I slide did not deploy. Investigation revealed an incorrect installation of the slide parachute pin, and if not corrected, a slide non-deployment would prevent egress of passengers from the affected left and right doors during an emergency evacuation. This Directive also requires adjustment of the slide soft cover speed lacing.

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Delegate of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority

6 November 2002

The above AD is notified in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette on 4 December 2002.