AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

On the effective date specified below, and for the reasons set out in the background section, the CASA delegate whose signature appears below revokes Airworthiness Directive (AD) AD/A330/17 Amdt 2 and issues the following AD under subregulation 39.001(1) of CASR 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/A330/17  Type A Passenger/Crew Door Slide Rafts and Type 1 Emergency Door Slides  6/2009
Amdt 3

Applicability: All Model A330-200 and A330-300 series aircraft, all serial numbers, equipped with Goodrich slides and slide rafts with part numbers listed in the Effectivity section of DGAC AD F-2004-094 R1.

Requirement: Action in accordance with the requirements of DGAC AD F-2004-094 R1.

Compliance: As specified in the Requirement document.

This Amendment becomes effective on 4 June 2009.

Background: The DGAC received reports of non-deployment of Type A door slide rafts during maintenance tests, in both automatic and manual modes. In all cases, the regulator valve had malfunctioned and prevented gas release.

Amendment 1 corrected the compliance to align it with the DGAC Directive. This was an error in the original issue.

Amendment 2 mandated a terminating modification of the Vespel piston inner diameter as per Goodrich VSB 25-347 to ensure correct operation of the regulator valve.

Amendment 3 is issued in response to a revision of the related DGAC AD, which adds information on aircraft affected; and references the applicable AIRBUS service bulletin in the Mandatory Actions and Compliance Times section of the AD.

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