COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

FLS Aerospace OA7 Optica Series Aeroplanes

AD/OPTICA/6

Engine Control Linkage

8/97

Applicability: All Optica OA7 series aircraft.

Requirement:

- 1. Inspect the 3/16 inch ball joints in the throttle and mixture linkage, forward and aft ends, for signs of wear in accordance with Paragraph 5 Part A of FLS Aerospace Mandatory SB B2/SB/007 Issue 2 dated 17/10/96.
- 2. Replace the ball joints in the throttle and mixture linkage in accordance with Paragraph 5 Part B of FLS Aerospace Mandatory SB B2/SB/007 Issue 2 dated 17/10/96.

Note: UK CAA AD 009-10-96 refers.

Compliance:

- 1. At next 50 hourly inspection after the effective date. Thereafter, reinspect at intervals not exceeding 50 hours time in service until Requirement 2 has been carried out.
- 2. Unless previously carried out, at next annual inspection.

This airworthiness directive becomes effective on 17 July 1997.

Background:

The manufacturer has advised that during maintenance of an overseas aircraft the throttle arm was found to have been drilled oversize to accommodate a ¼ inch ball joint fitting.