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 39.001(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.

British Aerospace BAe 146 Series Aeroplanes

AD/BAe 146/132 Forward and Aft Wing Links at Frames 26 and 29 3/2008

Applicability: All Model BAe 146 and AVRO 146-RJ aircraft, all serial numbers.

Requirement: Action in accordance with the requirements of EASA AD 2007-0303.

Note: BAE Systems Service Bulletin 53-203 original issue, or later EASA approved revision, refers.

Compliance: As specified in the Requirement document, with a revised effective date of 13 March 2007.

This Airworthiness Directive becomes effective on 13 March 2008.

Background: During removal of forward and aft wing links, corrosion was detected on the wing links and the wing link attachment bolts in areas that are not readily accessible during the currently required Maintenance Review Board Report (MRBR) zonal inspections, or Corrosion Prevention and Control Programme (CPCP) inspections. If left uncorrected, such corrosion could adversely affect the structural integrity of the wing to fuselage joint.

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