

Airworthiness Directive D-2005-414

Luftfahrt-Bundesamt

Airworthiness Directive Section Hermann-Blenk-Str. 26 38108 Braunschweig Federal Republic of Germany

Effective Date: 24. November 2005

Eurocopter Deutschland

Affected:

Kind of aeronautical product: Helicopter

Manufacturer: Eurocopter Deutschland, Ottobrunn, Germany

Type: EC 135 Models affected: all

Serial numbers affected: all, equipped with removable and/or fixed part of emergency flotation system

version I

German Type Certificate No.: 3061

Subject:

Landing Gear – Emergency Flotation System – Assembly of new removable parts of the emergency flotation system version II.

Reason:

The Luftfahrt-Bundesamt which is responsible for ECD development is of the opinion that the removable part of the ECD emergency flotation system version I does no longer meet its requirements because of the increased admissible maximum take-off weight of the EC135 models.

Due to this reason all removable parts of the emergency flotation system version I must be replaced with the removable parts of emergency flotation system version II which also includes all optional pieces of equipment that have become incompatible after retrofitting.

Action:

Remove removable part of emergency flotation system version I. Install removable parts of emergency flotation system version II. Install all components relevant for the emergency flotation system version II.

The actions must be performed in accordance with the instructions of the referenced Service Bulletin.

Compliance:

The action must be done within the next 4 weeks.

Technical publication of the manufacturer:

Eurocopter Deutschland EC135 Alert Service Bulletin No. EC135-32A-010 dated 13. September 2004 which becomes herewith part of this AD and must be obtained from Messrs.:

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Holders of affected aircraft registered in Germany have to observe the following:

Action has to be accomplished by the owner of the aircraft or an approved service station and to be checked and entered in the log book by a licensed inspector.

As a result of the a.m. deficiencies, the airworthiness of the aircraft is affected to such an extent that after the expiry of the a.m. dates the aircraft may be operated only after proper accomplishment of the prescribed actions. In the

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interest of aviation safety outweighing the interest of the receiver in a postponement of the prescribed actions, the immediate compliance with this AD is to be directed.

An appeal to this notice may be raised within a period of one month following notification. Appeals are to be raised with the Luftfahrt-Bundesamt, Hermann-Blenk-Str. 26, 38108 Braunschweig, in writing or for the purpose of drawing up minutes.

EASA-Approval

Approved by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) under approval number 2005-6414 on 24 November 2005.