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LUFTDYKTIGHETSPÅBUD (LDP)

TILBEHØR

CAPEWELL-1

Med hjemmel i lov av 11. juni 1993 nr. 101 om luftfart, kap. XV § 15-4 jf. kap. IV § 4-1 og Samferdselsdepartementets bemyndigelse av 25. mars 1994, fastsetter Luftfartstilsynet følgende forskrift om luftdyktighet.

2003-064 KONTROLL AV FALLSKJERM

Påbudet gjelder:

Fallskjermer med Capewell utløserpinne som beskrevet i vedlagte kopi av DGAC AD U2003-300(A).

Påbudet omfatter:

Utfør tiltak som beskrevet i vedlagte kopi av DGAC AD U2003-300(A).

Tid for utførelse:

Til de tider som er beskrevet i vedlagte kopi av DGAC AD U2003-300(A).

Referanse:

DGAC AD U2003-300(A).

Gyldighetsdato:

2003-08-18.

TRANSLATION (in case of difficulty, refer to French text)

EMERGENCY AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE (CNU) RELEASED BY DIRECTION GENERALE DE L'AVIATION CIVILE (FRANCE).

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No U2003-300A) - CAPEWELL - Emergency or reserve parachutes.

SUBJECT : Checking of ripcord pins (ATA

1. APPLICABILITY

Harness-Container manufactured in France or of foreign origin in use in France, equipped with ripcord pins manufactured by CAPEWELL between November 28, 2001 and July 15, 2003.

For the purpose of this AD concerned Harness-Container means :

- harness-container explicitly declared as affected in a Vendor Service Bulletin, or
- harness-container not explicitly declared unaffected in Vendor Service Bulletin, or
- harness-container equipped with an handle/ripcord/pin package from unknown origin, or
- harness-container having its handle/ripcord/pin assembly been replaced by an equipment with CAPEWELL pins and ripcords manufactured between November 28, 2001 and July 15, 2003

2. REASON

Several ruptures of CAPEWELL parachutes metallic ripcord pins have been reported.

If undetected, this failure can either lead to an unpredictable opening of the canopy, or prevent its opening when pulling the release handle.

The affected pins have been manufactured between November 28th, 2001 and 15 July 15th, 2003.

4. MANDATORY ACTION AND COMPLIANCE TIME:

To ensure integrity and reliability of the voluntary opening and avoid an un-commanded opening of the canopy, do the following on each concerned harness container before next use from the effective date of this AD, unless accomplished previously:

- a) Have Tests 1 ("Ripcord Pin Field Test") or Test 2("Ripcord Pin Test for Repack") performed by qualified personal as described in CAPEWELL Service Bulletin CW03-01.
- b) Report to the DGAC all pin rupture, bending or surface anomalies discovered during testing.

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CAPEWELL Service Bulletin CW03-01 is available on CAPEWELL site under « Mandatory test required for ripcord pins » : <http://www.capewell.com>

Reference : Service Bulletin CW03-01.

EFFECTIVE DATE : upon receipt, from August 06th, 2003.