BUREAU VERITAS

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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Inspections and/or modifications described below are mandatory. No person may operate a product to which this Airworthiness Directive applies except in accordance with the requirements of this Airworthiness Directive.

Translation of "Consigne de Navigabilité" Réf.: 83-75-33(B) In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AEROSPATIALE HELICOPTERS AS 350 ALL TYPES (ECUREUIL AND ASTAR)

TAIL ROTOR

RETIRING FROM OPERATION AND REPLACING STAINLESS STEEL LEADING EDGES

The present Aiworthiness intruction applies to tail rotor assemblies P/N 350A.12.0030.01 to .05 from S/N 979 (inc) to 1150 (inc) excepting S/N 997, 998, 999, 1004,1010, 1014, 1016, 1021, 1022,1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1028, 1029, 1033, 1044, 1136 which have been already reconditioned.

Further to an incident in operation which revealed a poor bonding of stainless steel leading edges (which defect canot be shown with certainly by taping inspection) following instruction become mandatory:

- Retire subject rotors from operation before MAY 31st 1983.

NOTE: It will be possible to operate these rotors again after replacing the stainless steel leaging edges by AEROSPATIALE or AS authorized repair station. This operation will be identified by reference to AEROSPATIALE service bulletin AS 350 n° 01.10 on the teil rotor log card.

Ref.: SB AEROSPATIALE AS 350 n° 01.10 and approved subsequent amendements.

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