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'

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In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AEROSPATIALE AS 350 helicopters all versions

Tail rotor drive shaft bearings

The present Airworthiness Directive applies to AEROSPATIALE AS 350 helicopters versions B, D, B1, B2, L1 and AVEX equipped with FAFNIR tail rotor drive shaft bearings P/N P.9107.NPP7 not marked "X" on sealing flanges and installed on those helicopters which were acceptance tested by AEROŠPATIALE Marignane:

- between May 15, 1991 and July 20, 1991, prior to May 15, 1991 and which have logged less than 100 operating hours.

Further to some reports of extensive damage to FAFNIR tail rotor drive bearings P/N P.9107.NPP7, the following measure is rendered mandatory at the effective date of the present Airworthiness Directive:

at the latest, during the check after the last flight of the day, check the bearings according to the procedure given in paragraph BB of AEROSPATIALE Telex Service N° 01-34.

Ref.: AEROSPATIALE Telex Service N° 01-34

The present AD was the subject of a Telegraphic communication to the affected operators on July 24, 1991.

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 29, 1991

July 31, 1991

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