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No person may operate an aircraft to which an Airworthiness Directive applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that Airworthiness Directive, unless otherwise agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry.				
Corresponding foreign Airworthiness Directive(s): Not applicable		Airworthiness Directive(s) replaced: F-2004-170 original issue		
Person in charge of airworthiness: EUROCOPTER		Type(s): AS 350, AS 355, AS 332, SA 341/342 helicopters		
Type certificate(s) No. 84, 168, 56, 66 TCDS No 157, 168, 127, 136				
ATA chapter: 01, 25, 45	Subject: Equipments/Furnishings - Hoist hooks			

1. EFFECTIVITY:

Helicopters:

- AS 350 B, BA, B1, B2, B3, BB and D,
- AS 355 E, F, F1, F2 and N,
- AS 332 C, C1, L and L1,
- SA 341 G and SA 342 J,

equipped with BREEZE hoists fitted with hook assembly PN BL-7520-01, with hook PN BL-7520.

The affected hook is not fitted with a tongue locking system.

2. REASONS:


This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued further to a case of incorrect positioning of the strap on the hook of the hoist during a hoisting mission, which led to distortion of the tongue and caused the stretcher to drop.

Revision 1 of this AD covers the conversion of the Alert Telexes into Alert Service Bulletins bearing the same reference numbers, listed below, with no change to the technical content.

3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIMES:

The following actions must be taken as from the effective date of the original issue of this AD:

- 3.1. Prior to each hoist operation, comply with the operational procedure and the restriction prohibiting the use of straps as described in § 2.A. of the referenced EUROCOPTER Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) corresponding to the type of aircraft.
- 3.2. No later than within the next 2 months, comply with the instructions specified in § 2.B. of the referenced ASB corresponding to the type of aircraft.

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4. REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:

EUROCOPTER AS 350 Alert Service Bulletin No. 01.00.56
EUROCOPTER AS 355 Alert Service Bulletin No. 01.00.50
EUROCOPTER AS 332 Alert Service Bulletin No. 01.00.70
EUROCOPTER SA 341/342 Alert Service Bulletin No. 01.33
(Any subsequent approved revision of these ASBs is acceptable).

5. EFFECTIVE DATES:

Original issue : November 06, 2004
Revision 1 : March 26, 2005.

6. REMARK:

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7. APPROVAL:

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