

HELICOPTERS DIVISION

TECHNICAL INFORMATION LETTER

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To: Leonardo Helicopters products

Owners / Operators / Service Centres

SUBJECT: New Noga Light Ltd NL-93 Night Vision Goggles -

Replacement

Helicopters Affected: All A109/AW109, A119/AW119, AW139, AW169 and AW189

Helicopters

Dear Customer,

With the present letter Leonardo Helicopters (LH) wishes to inform its Community about the Safety Information Bulletin (SIB 2021-04) issued by European Union Safety Agency (EASA) on New Noga Light Ltd NL-93 Night Vision Goggles (NVG).

The company New Noga Light Ltd was acquired by Meprolight Ltd in 2015. Since then, the company discontinued the production of the NL-93 model and started to produce a new NVG type, named Binimon (A). Continued support for the NL-93 in-service was expected to be provided by Meprolight.

EASA has been made aware that operators using the NL-93 NVG, when returning these NVG to Meprolight for scheduled maintenance or repair, are receiving in return Binimon (A) NVG instead. Meprolight claims that the Binimon (A) is essentially the same as the NL-93, except for the commercial designation.

At this stage, EASA has insufficient evidence to allow the authorisation of the Binimon (A) NVG onboard of any NVIS certified helicopter, since compliance with the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics DO-275 requirements for these NVG has not been demonstrated. However, this is a prerequisite indicated in the Acceptable Means of Compliance Miscellaneous Guidance 16 included in Book 2 of Certification Specifications CS-27 and CS-29.

LH recommends all operators to use only NVG compatible devices, as specified in the dedicated section of the applicable RFM. It is reminded that only the NVG(s) listed in the RFM Limitations Section ensure the continued validity of the NVIS capability of a respectively certified helicopter when operated with NVG.

Should you need any additional information, do not hesitate to refer to the point of contact provided with the Customer Support & Training Worldwide Directory, available on Leonardo Customer Portal at this <u>link</u>.

Yours Sincerely,

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