

Airworthiness Directive Cancellation Notice

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Design Approval Holder's Name: Type/Model designation(s):

AIRBUS S.A.S. A320 aeroplanes

Effective Date: 04 August 2022

TCDS Number(s): EASA.A.064

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Cancellation: This Notice cancels DGAC France AD 91-153-018 dated 10 July 1991.

ATA 25 - CANCELLED: Equipment / Furnishings - Overwing Escape Slide - Inspection

Manufacturer(s):

Airbus, formerly Airbus Industrie

Applicability:

Airbus A320-211, A320-212 and A320-231 aeroplanes, manufacturer serial numbers (MSN) 002 to 162 inclusive, MSN 167 and MSN 171 to 174 inclusive.

Definitions:

For the purpose of this AD, the following definitions apply:

The AOT: Airbus Industrie All Operators Telex (AOT) 25-02 dated 16 May 1991.

Reason:

During functional tests on two aeroplanes, overwing escape slides failed to deploy. Subsequent investigation determined that the actuating cables were disconnected at the cable joint just forward of the inflation gas bottles.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could prevent the deployment of the escape slides when required in case of emergency, possibly resulting in injury to aeroplane occupants.

To address this potential unsafe condition, Airbus Industrie issued the AOT, as defined in this AD, and DGAC France issued AD 91-153-018 to require a one-time inspection (within 50 flight hours) of the right-hand and left-hand overwing slide flexible control cables to check and, depending on



findings, correct the connection with the inflation bottle actuating cables in accordance with the instructions of the AOT.

Since that AD was issued, affected slides have been overhauled (dismantled and maintained) every 3 calendar years. No new occurrences have been reported of incorrect cable installations. It has also been determined that existing Aircraft Maintenance Manual and Maintenance Review Board Report tasks are adequate to prevent new occurrences.

For the reasons described above, this Notice cancels DGAC France AD 91-153-018.

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):

None.

Ref. Publications:

Airbus Industrie AOT 25-02 dated 16 May 1991.

Remarks:

- 1. This AD-CN was posted on 27 June 2022 as PAD 22-084-CN for consultation until 25 July 2022. No comments were received during the consultation period.
- 2. Enquiries regarding this AD-CN should be referred to the EASA Safety Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu.
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