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EMERGENCY AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES TO BE PUBLISHED ONLINE

The UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) will begin publishing Emergency Airworthiness Directives (EADs) on its website from 31st March 2009. The new method of alerting aircraft owners, operators and maintenance organisations will replace the traditional post and fax distribution system of EADs. The online system will allow quick and easy access to vital safety information.

Organisations and individuals with a responsibility for monitoring continuing airworthiness information are required to register at the CAA website to receive email notification as and when a new EAD is published. EADs will remain on the website www.caa.co.uk/eads for a period of two months.

EAD email alerts can be signed up for at www.caa.co.uk then by clicking publications > subscriptions > new user subscription registrations > Emergency Airworthiness Directive.

The CAA has notified ICAO member states, key figures in the UK aviation industry and General Aviation associations of the change.

Notes to editors

1. CAA and EASA airworthiness directives for UK products and EASA directives for non-EU products will continue to be published in CAP 747 which is amended monthly. Non-emergency airworthiness directives awaiting incorporation into CAP 747 between amendments will continue to be published at www.caa.co.uk/ads

2. The CAA is the UK's specialist aviation regulator. Its activities include: making sure that the aviation industry meets the highest technical and operational safety standards; preventing holidaymakers from being stranded abroad or losing money because of tour operator insolvency; planning and regulating all UK airspace; and regulating airports, air traffic services and airlines and providing advice on aviation policy from an economic standpoint.