

EASA Certification Information

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Subject: Withdrawal of TURBOMECA support for the BASTAN VI C1 turboprop

engine

Background:

The BASTAN VI C1 engine is not approved under an EASA engine TC¹. It was approved originally under DGAC France TC No. 31 for the Nord 262 aircraft, for which the most recent TC holder was Airbus. A request by Airbus to surrender the Nord 262 TC was accepted by EASA, and the TC was revoked on 7 January 2009 (EASA Certification Information 2009-02).

Notwithstanding the absence of an EASA engine TC, TURBOMECA S.A., 64511 Bordes Cedex, France, the designer of the BASTAN VI C1 engine, has, until now, provided a level of support for the engine commensurate with that normally provided by a TC-holder.

Following the surrender of the Nord 262 aircraft TC, TURBOMECA has informed EASA that, to the best of its belief, there are no longer any BASTAN VI C1 engines in operation, and that consequently it intends to withdraw support for these engines.

EASA is issuing this Certification Information because the perception may exist that TURBOMECA is the EASA TC-holder for the BASTAN VI C1 engine, and because withdrawal of support by TURBOMECA may have the same consequences for owners and operators of aircraft equipped with these engines as surrender of an engine TC.

EASA hereby asks you to communicate the aforementioned information to any natural or legal person to whom this withdrawal of TURBOMECA support could be of direct and individual concern as well as to other possible interested persons. When doing so, EASA also asks you to inform them about the possibility, until 19 June 2009, of commenting on the above.

A list of the individuals directly concerned and other possible interested persons should be sent to EASA.

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 $^{^{1}}$ The BASTAN VI C1 is approved by the FAA under engine TC E4EU.