

EASA Certification Information

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Subject: Withdrawal of RATIER-FIGEAC support for the FH146 propeller

Background:

The RATIER-FIGEAC FH146 propeller is not approved under an EASA propeller 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 A request by Airbus to surrender the Nord 262 TC was accepted by EASA, and the TC was revoked on 7 January 2009 (EASA Certification Information 2009-02).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 propeller TC, RATIER-FIGEAC, 46101 Figeac Cedex, France, the designer of the FH146 propeller, was providing a level of support for the propeller commensurate with that normally provided by a TC-holder.

Following the surrender of the Nord 262 aircraft TC, RATIER-FIGEAC has informed EASA that it intends to withdraw support for the FH146 propellers.

EASA is issuing this Certification Information because the perception may exist that RATIER-FIGEAC is the EASA TC-holder for the FH146 propeller, and because withdrawal of support by RATIER-FIGEAC may have the same consequences for owners and operators of aircraft equipped with these propellers as surrender of a propeller TC.

EASA hereby asks you to communicate the aforementioned information to any natural or legal person to whom this withdrawal of RATIER-FIGEAC 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 <u>26 March 2010</u>, of commenting on the above.

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

Contact: Any request, query or comment should be sent, by 26 March 2010, to:

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¹ The FH146 is approved by the FAA under propeller TC P1EU.