



EASA Certification Information

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Subject: **Withdrawal of TURBOMECA support for ARTOUSTE II B, B1, C, C1, and C2 engines, installed in EUROCOPTER SE3130 and SE313 B ALOUETTE II helicopters**

Background: ARTOUSTE II B, B1, C, C1, and C2, engines are not approved under an EASA engine TC. They were approved originally under a DGAC France Aircraft TC, issued to SUD AVIATION and subsequently transferred to AEROSPATIALE and then to EUROCOPTER, for the SE3130 and SE313 B ALOUETTE II helicopters (see DGAC France TCDS Number 24).

Nevertheless, TURBOMECA S.A., 64511 Bordes Cedex, France, the designer of the ARTOUSTE II B, B1, C, C1, and C2 engines, has, until now, provided a level of support for these engines commensurate with that normally provided by a TC-holder.

TURBOMECA has recently informed EASA that, to the best of its belief, there are no longer any ARTOUSTE II B, B1, C, C1, or C2 engines in operation, and that consequently it intends to withdraw support for these engines. TURBOMECA will continue to support the ARTOUSTE II C5 and C6 engines.

EASA is issuing this Certification Information because the perception may exist that TURBOMECA is the EASA TC-holder for the ARTOUSTE II B, B1, C, C1, and C2 engines, and because withdrawal of support by TURBOMECA may have the same consequences for owners and operators of helicopters 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 10th August 2008**, 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 10th August 2008** to:

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