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Sent by email to:

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Subject: Your request on access to documents

Reference: your email to EASA, dated 10.10.2014

Date: 03. NOV. 2014

Dear Dr. Naylor,

I refer to your email of 10.10.2014, received on 13.10.2014, in which you apply for access to documents in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145 of 31 May 2001, p. 43).

In your email, you request all reports, including safety assessments, incident and accident reports, correspondence and the final approval documents relating to a new nose landing gear assembly Dwg. No. SG0300N, which was approved by EASA as a minor change (approval No. 10048185) dated 18.02.2014.

The scope of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 was extended to documents held by the European Aviation Safety Agency by Article 58 para. 1 of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency and repealing Council Directive 91/670/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 and Directive 2004/36/EC (OJ L 79 of 19.3.2008. p.1).

I can inform you that the Agency does not hold any safety assessment relating to the referred Minor Change. However, we can provide you with some documents relating to your request (as attachments to the response), namely:

- Att. 1- the Minor Change S-Z-0018 application form.
- Att. 2- the EASA Approval No. 10048185 of the Minor Change S-Z-0018.
- Att. 3- the Master Document List of S-Z-0018.
- Att. 4- for occurrences, an extract of the CAW meeting report relating to the relevant occurrences concerning the Nose Landing Gear (other occurrences are omitted).

I would also like to use this opportunity to provide you with some additional information, which may be of use to you. After the first occurrence with the Nose Landing Gear (NLG) happened in May 2013,





the Czech Sport Aircraft (CSA) decided to introduce in October 2013 a solution for the original NLG assembly SG0240N by issuing the safety bulletin No.SB-CR-016 (available under this link: http://www.czechsportaircraft.com/sportcruiser-1.html) which defined shorter maintenance checks of NLG to prevent new occurrences. However, in order to have a more permanent and systematic solution, the CSA decided to design a new NLG assembly with reinforced design to prevent these occurrences completely.

CSA submitted an application for a Minor Change in September 2013. The new NLG assembly SG300N was approved by EASA in February 2014.

After implementing the serial production this new NLG assembly has been introduced by SB-CR-021 (also available under the link above) in July 2014. By the actual date, both technical solutions are approved but of course the original one gives a little bit of user discomfort. For the occurrences we register a total of 3 for NLG to date on PS-28 Cruiser or SportCruiser.

I hope the documents and the information above will be of use to you. I would also like to inform you that you have the right to request the Agency to reconsider its decision not to disclose all the documents by making a confirmatory application. In such case, you should send your justified confirmatory application in writing to the Executive Director of the Agency (Postfach 10 12 53, 50452 Cologne, Germany). Please note that you have 15 working days from receipt of this letter in which to make the confirmatory application. Any confirmatory application received beyond this deadline cannot be accepted.

Within 15 working days of receipt of your request, the Executive Director will inform you regarding the outcome of the re-examination of your confirmatory application, either by granting you access to the document[s], or by confirming the refusal. In the latter case, he will also inform you of any further appeal routes you may take.

Yours sincerely,

F. MANUHUTU

