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Helicopter Operations Over a Hostile Environment – Revocation of Safety Directive SD-2013/002

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All AOC Operators of Eurocopter AS332 and EC225 Helicopters
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	Not primarily affected

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Safety Directive SD-2013/002 promulgated the Operational Directive issued by the UK CAA on 16 July 2013 and was applicable to operators conducting public transport helicopter operations or commercial air transport operations over a hostile environment using Eurocopter AS332 or EC225 helicopters.
- 1.2 The Directive was made in the continuing interests of safe operations following two accidents involving Eurocopter EC225 helicopters that were required to make emergency water landings. Investigation into these events continues but the circumstances are now better understood and significant changes to mitigate the likelihood of recurrence have been introduced.
- 1.3 Following compliance with the appropriate elements of the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) [Airworthiness Directive \(AD\) 2014-0078](#) dated 25 March 2014, it is considered that the requirement for an associated Safety Directive is no longer necessary.

2 Scope

- 2.1 Safety Directive SD-2013/002 is revoked with immediate effect.

3 Queries

- 3.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance from AOC holders as a result of this communication should be addressed to the assigned Flight Operations Inspector in the first instance.
- 3.2 Otherwise, queries should be addressed to the FOD.Admin@caa.co.uk e-mail address.

4 Cancellation

- 4.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 31 October 2014.