

Safety Regulation Group
Applications and Certification Section

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LETTER TO OWNERS/OPERATORS NO 2461
WESTLAND GAZELLE AH Mk 1, HT Mk 2, HT Mk 3 and HT Mk 4 HELICOPTERS
SALVAGED SPARE PARTS AND COMPONENTS FOR USE ON PERMIT TO FLY EX
MILITARY GAZELLE HELICOPTERS

This LTO provides advisory information for owners/operators purchasing spare parts and components for ex Military Gazelle helicopters, which are not directly from the original equipment manufacturer or known reputable distributors.

There are several 'Permit to Fly' ex Military Gazelle helicopters which have been involved in accidents/incidents where subsequently the title to salvage has been passed from the insured owner to other persons. This salvage may be offered for sale either as a complete aircraft, or as separate spare parts in an 'as is/where is' condition. BCAR A8-20, Appendix 3, Paragraph 2.4, describes the requirements for spares procurement for ex military aircraft. Airworthiness Notice 97 also addresses the return to service of aircraft items recovered from aircraft involved in accidents/incidents. While some items may be totally unaffected by the accident/incident which caused the helicopter to be declared as salvage, it is essential to obtain clear evidence that this is the case. If such evidence cannot be obtained, the item may not be returned to service.

Owners of ex Military Gazelle helicopters are strongly advised to read and understand the referenced documents which can be found on the CAA website. To access this information go to: www.caa.co.uk/publications/search.asp

To find BCAR A8-20 Appendix 3, Paragraph 2.4, enter **CAP 553**, click on **GO**, then click on **Details** and then on **View File**.

To find Airworthiness Notice 97 enter **CAP 455**, click on **GO**, then click on **Details** and then on **View File**.

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