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LETTER TO OWNERS/OPERATORS NO 2841
VICTA, GLOS AND AESL AIRTOURERS
AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

Recent investigation of an occurrence involving a Victa Airtourer aircraft has indicated a misunderstanding of the applicability of Airworthiness Directives (ADs) for Airtourer aircraft. The CAA have revised CAP 747 'Mandatory Requirements for Airworthiness' to clarify which Airworthiness Authority is responsible for each Airtourer aircraft type. However, there still appear to be problems concerning compliance with the applicable ADs. This Letter to Owners/Operators has been issued to clarify the situation.

The following Airtourer aircraft types are registered in the UK:

Victa Airtourer 100
Victa Airtourer 100 (Modified)
Victa Airtourer 115
Glos Airtourer Series 115
Glos Airtourer 150
Glos Airtourer Super 150
AESL Airtourer 115 (Modified)

For each aircraft type, compliance with the Airworthiness Directives of the state of design and any UK CAA Additional Airworthiness directives is required.

For Victa Airtourer 100, Victa Airtourer 100 (Modified) and Victa Airtourer 115 aircraft, Australia is the state of design and therefore compliance with Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Airworthiness Directives is required. Copies of ADs may be obtained from the CASA Website at the following address: www.casa.gov.au.

For Glos Airtourer Series 115, Glos Airtourer 150, Glos Airtourer Super 150 and AESL Airtourer 115 (Modified) aircraft, New Zealand is the state of design for the aircraft and therefore compliance with New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority Airworthiness Directives is required. Copies of ADs may be obtained from the New Zealand CAA Website at the following address: www.caa.govt.nz.

UK CAA Additional Airworthiness Directives may be found in Section 3, Part 3 of CAP 747 which is available on the CAA website at the following address:
http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?categoryid=33&pagetype=65&applicationid=11&mode=detail&id=1331.

Please note that CAP 474 'Foreign Airworthiness Directives' is no longer updated by the CAA. CAP 474 does not include complete listings for Airtourer aircraft and should therefore not be used as a reference document for these aircraft.

It is recommended that you check the compliance status of your aircraft as a matter of priority.

Enquiries regarding this LTO should be referred to Jane Barratt, Certification and Approvals Department at the address below:

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